



### The East Greenwich Town Hall

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Did you know that the present Town Hall wasn't the first Town Hall in East Greenwich? The original Town Hall was built in 1885 by William Browning, Wanton Shippee, Thomas Fry, Samuel Knowles, and Thomas Reynolds. The building was designed by John B. Goodwin.

The original Town Hall is no longer standing, but was once located on 254 Main Street, where the Saku Rakura restaurant now stands today. It was a brown structure with granite steps, and a 70 foot tall clock tower. It would ring every day at 5:00 p.m. to remind children to start heading home for dinner. This building was important because it held important meetings where laws could be made for our town. Church services were also held

here for those in need of a place to worship. Unfortunately, the old Town Hall had to be torn down in 1964 because there was not enough money to maintain it.

When the first Kent County Courthouse moved to Warwick, the original Town Hall was moved into this building where it continues to be today. It is one of the largest buildings on Main Street and sits at the top of King Street. It is a yellow and white building with a clock tower and multiple windows. It is located on 125 Main Street in East Greenwich. There are still prisoner's cells in the basement where they used to wait before their trial. The jail was located just down King Street near the East Greenwich cove. The second floor contains a courtroom for small hearings and offices for town officials.

We are so lucky to have this historic building in our very own community. Maybe someday you can visit!