



The Amazing Varnum Armory by Cyrus Davoudi and PJ Casey

The Varnum Armory is located at 6 Main Street in East Greenwich. It was built in 1913 by the Varnum Continentals and was completed in 1914. The Varnum Armory was built to protect the town of East Greenwich from British attack.

The Varnum Armory was named after James Mitchell Varnum. James Mitchell Varnum was born on December 17, 1748 in Dracut, Massachusetts. He was a Kentish Guard and a general who fought in the Revolutionary War. He fought from 1777 until 1789. He was also a well-respected lawyer in our town. James Mitchell Varnum was an excellent reader and could recite Shakespeare, Pope, and Addison. In fact, he loved to do it! James was very athletic and loved games. He liked taking tests and exercised a lot. People thought he was a handsome, charming young man and everyone who knew him, adored him. After the Revolutionary War, James Mitchell Varnum became President of the Rhode Island Society of the Cincinnati from 1786 until his

death in 1789. He also represented Rhode Island in the Continental Congress from 1780-1781 and in 1787.

The Varnum Armory is a big, red brick fort that has two cannons outside. It overlooks the bay and was built in Medieval Style. Many meetings were held at the Armory. It is now a museum for old war antiques. It contains military uniforms, weapons, photographs, paintings, and manuals. The Varnum Armory is one of the oldest buildings still standing in East Greenwich.