



### The Burdick-Gould House

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Do you know why the Burdick Gould House in East Greenwich is historic? It is located on 80 Rector Street and was the first house in our town to have a telephone. The house was built in 1885.

The Burdick Gould House got its name because Daniel Potter Burdick built the house and lived there for a few years. He was born in East Greenwich on July 21, 1853. Then Emerson Almon Gould bought the house in 1899 and his family remained there for 81 years.

The Burdick Gould House was built in French Mansard style. It has three floors and two chimneys, but no fireplaces. The house contains a porch in the front with a blue roof to keep spiders away. The deck boards, front porch, outside stairs, and most of the doors are original. There is a narrow butler's pantry, an old stove, and original moldings inside.

Daniel Potter Burdick sold the house to Emerson A. Gould. Emerson was born on June 18, 1849 and owned a grocery store on Main Street called E.A. Goulds. His authentic grocer's certificate still hangs in the kitchen of the Burdick-Gould House today. Mr. Gould was also a member of the school community, and his name can be found on a plaque at Eldredge School.

Emerson Gould had three children named Julia, Raymond, and one who died at birth. Raymond Keyes Gould was born on May 24, 1888. Julia Stacy Gould was born on April 2, 1894. She taught singing lessons to people in EG right at her house. The present owners of the house still honor Julia by keeping an old-fashioned piano in the room where she originally gave these lessons. Sadly, Emerson Gould died on July 19, 1929 at the age of 85.

The Gould family lived in the house for 81 years until Raymond's goddaughter sold the house to Gerald and Janice Maranda in 1980. The Maranda's lived in the Burdick-Gould House for two years and sold it to the MacGunnigles in 1982. Only a few years later, David and Kim Balkcom bought the Burdick-Gould House and are still living there today. It still has original artifacts from long ago. For example, the original doorbell continues to be used and makes a funny sound. We learned so much about this historic house and are so glad we got to share this information with you.