

11 Lion Street, Built 1862-70 by Darius Hart  
Plat 1, Lot 395

*Lot No. 198 on Benoni Lockwood's Map of the Village of East Greenwich, 1836 (EG Plan #5)*

*While this property appears on the 1870 Beers Atlas, labeled "D. Hart", the first mention of this property in the East Greenwich Land Records is the 1877 deed from Hannah B. [Hart] Mitchell, wife of George C. Mitchell, to her brother Ephraim B. Hart for her share of 11 Lion St. and 12 Lion St. that they inherited from their father Darius Hart as specified in his will, signed in 1874 (see below).*

*The only other Hart in the land records at this time period is Calista E. Hart, of Smithfield, RI, who received a quitclaim deed to the lands of Darius Allen in East Greenwich and other towns from Allen Briggs in 1864 (17:246); however this land appears to be a 50 acre farm, which Darius Allen purchased from Sarah Hopkins in 1846 (14:526). Calista E. Hart (c. 1820-1888) and her husband Wellington S. Hart (c. 1820-1889), were buried in North Smithfield Historic cemetery No. 3. While she appears to be related to Darius Allen, these Harts don't appear to be closely related to Darius Hart.*

*Darius Hart may have inherited the property, but one way or another, the house was clearly built prior to 1870.*

*Vol. 15, Page 335 [this refers to 12 Lion St.]*

*Borrower: Darius Hart of East Greenwich*

*Loaner: [his brother] Daniel T. Hart formerly of Cranston, but now of Providence*

*Land and a dwelling house was transferred due to 2 defaulted mortgages dated 30 March 1849, recorded in EG Mortgage Books 4:459 and 4:460*

*Signed & Acknowledged: 4 Sept. 1851; Recorded: 11 Sept. 1851*

*Redeemed: 30 May 1853*

*Description: A certain lot of land [Lot No. 201] with a dwelling house; Bounded: West on a street (Lion St.); North on Lot No. 202 (sic); East on Lot No. 208; and South by Lot No. 200 (sic) [lot 202 was actually to the south, and 200 to the north.] this is now 12 Lion St. AP 1, Lot 125.*

*NOTE: the two mortgages dated 30 March 1849, and recorded at 4:459 and 4:460 were paid in full on 30 May 1853, and declared null and void; as a result, this deed was considered "redeemed" by Darius Hart. Both mortgages listed 12 Lion St. as collateral.*

*Darius Hart, b. Middletown RI 25 Sept. 1806, d. 22 Dec. 1875, in 70<sup>th</sup> year (EG38N-99);  
son of David B. & Elizabeth (Sherman) Hart*

*Hannah [Bowen] Hart, 1<sup>st</sup> wife of Darius, b. Richmond, NH, 18 June 1809, d. 15 June 1857,  
in 48<sup>th</sup> yr (EG38N-98) [mother of all 7 of his children]*

*Mary (Reynolds) Hart, 2<sup>nd</sup> wife of Darius, b. North Kingstown, 1819*

*Lucretia C. [Rose] Hart, 3<sup>rd</sup> wife of Darius, b. North Kingstown, 23 Jan. 1822, d. 1 Sept. 1875 in  
54<sup>th</sup> yr (EG38N-100)*

*1862 Walling Atlas shows no street*

*1870 Beers Atlas shows this house labeled "D. Hart"*

*Probate Vol. 9, Page 23*

*Darius Hart*

*Will signed: 20 Nov. 1874*

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Probated: 29 Jan. 1876

Devises: After the death of my wife Lucretia C. Hart, all my real property to be shared equally between my son Ephraim B. Hart and my daughter Hannah B. Mitchell, wife of George C. Mitchell.

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Seller: George C. Mitchell & Hannah B. [Hart] Mitchell his wife, in her right

Buyer: [her brother] Ephraim B. Hart of Fall River MA

Tax Stamps: none

Sale Price: \$1,400.

Signed, Acknowledged & Recorded: 29 June 1877

Description: The undivided half part of two certain Lots of Land with all the buildings:

*FIRST LOT [Lot No. 201]: Bounded: West on a street (Lion St.); North on Lot No. 202 (sic); East on Lot No. 208; and South on Lot No. 200 (sic); this is now 12 Lion St. AP 1, Lot 125.*

*SECOND LOT [Lot 198]: Bounded: East on "said Street" (Lion Street); South on land of John Lyon; West on the Rail Road; and North on land of Martin Galvin*

*Being all our right, title and interest in the real estate of Darius Hart late of EG deceased and given to us in the last will and testament of said Darius Hart.*

*1879 Bailey & Hazen Birds Eye View shows this house*

*1884 Sanborn Atlas, and later editions, show this house*

*1895 Everts & Richards Atlas shows this house*

Vol. 24, Page 42

Seller: Darius A. Hart of Davisville, North Kingstown

Buyer: Eunice A. Hart of North Kingstown

Tax Stamps: none

Sale Price: \$10.00

Signed & Acknowledged: 15 Jan. 1906; Recorded: 25 Jan. 1906

Description: "all lands tenements, easements and hereditaments, lying and scituate in the town of EG, and coming to me as one of the heirs of Ephraim B. Hart late of EG deceased

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Sellers: Reuben A. B. Hart of East Greenwich, Ephraim LeRoy hart of Providence and Varrano V. Hart of North Kingstown, as heirs of Ephraim B. Hart

Buyer: Eunice A. Hart, wife of Darius A. Hart of North Kingstown

Tax Stamps: none

Sale Price: \$10.00

Signed, Acknowledged & Recorded: 5 April 1906

Description: The undivided three-fourths part of a certain lot of land with a dwelling house; Bounded: East on Lion St; South on land formerly of John Lyon, but now of John F. Galvin; West by the Rail Road; and North by land formerly of Martin Galvin, but now of John F. Galvin; said lot having been delivered to Ephraim B. Hart by deed recorded 19:311

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Seller: Eunice A. Hart of Cranston

Buyer: my husband Darius A. Hart of Cranston

Tax Stamps: none

Sale Price: \$10.00

Signed, Acknowledged & Recorded: 7 May 1910

Description: Same as 22:340 and 24:42

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Seller: Darius A. Hart of Providence

Buyer: Louis & Crestina Maddalena of East Greenwich

Tax Stamps: [stamp has no value witten within it]

Sale Price: "\$10.00"

Signed: 10 May 1919

Description: Same as 22:424

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Seller: Louis & Cristina Maddalena of East Greenwich

Buyer: John E. Summers of East Greenwich

Tax Stamps: none

Sale Price: \$10.00

Signed, Acknowledged & Recorded: 15 Dec. 1924

Description: Same as 26:197

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Seller: John E. Summers of East Greenwich, unmarried

Buyer: Lodovico & Crestina Maddalena of East Greenwich

Tax Stamps: none

Sale Price: \$10.00

Signed, Acknowledged & Recorded: 15 Dec. 1924

Description: same

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Seller: Lodovico & Crestina Maddalena of East Greenwich

Buyer: Harold L. Maddalena and Vincent R. Mulhearn both of East Greenwich

Tax Stamps: \$26.40

Sale Price:

Signed & Acknowledged: 23 June 1958; Recorded: 24 June 1958

Description: Three certain lots of land:

*FIRST LOT: a certain lot of land with buildings; Bounded: South on King St.; East on land of David W. Hunt; North on land of Emily McEwen; and West on land of Nathaniel H. Cole*

*SECOND LOT: A certain lot of land with buildings; Bounded: East on Marlborough St.; South by land of Maria Johnson; West by land of Teresa O'Donnell; and North by King St.*

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THIRD LOT: A certain lot of land with buildings; Bounded: South by land of the Grantors, 65 ft; West by the Rail Road, 70 ft.; North by land of Mary Ambolosi, 46 ft.; and East by Lion St., 81 ft. *This is the northern part of the lot, with the southern part being retained by the grantors. The southern part is now 15 Lion St. (AP 1, Lot 134)*

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Seller: Vincent R. & Gloria E. Mulhearn of East Greenwich

Buyer: Harold L. Maddalena of East Greenwich & Blaise Pinto of Warwick

Quitclaim Deed

Tax Stamps: none

Sale Price: consideration paid

Signed & Acknowledged: 29 Dec. 1960; Recorded: 14 April 1961 (sic)

Description: same

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Seller: Blaise & Janet C. Pinto of Warwick

Buyer: Harold L. Maddalena of East Greenwich

Quitclaim Deed

Tax Stamps: none

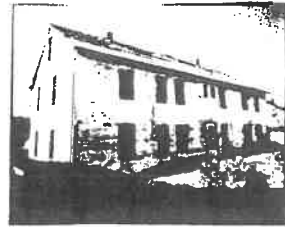
Sale Price: consideration paid

Signed & Acknowledged: 25 Dec. 1981; Recorded: 30 Dec. 1981

Description: Same as 37:22

HISTORIC BUILDING DATA SHEET  
East Greenwich Department of Planning  
File#        Plat 1 Lot 395 Map#  
Address 11 Lion Street  
Owner Harold L. Maddalena  
          15 Lion Street, East Greenwich  
Present Use:  
other - vacant/storage  
  
Neighborhood Land Use:  
residential

PHOTO:



Period/Style: Early Victorian

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Description: Stories: 2 1/3  
Roof: flank gable

Walls: clapboard

Foundation: height-low, stone

Alterations: minor  
Rare bldg. x        Typical of its area

Negative #KSCS 5-3,4

Known As:Hart's Block

Architect: unknown

Date & Sources: c. 1870, title  
                  search and maps

Original Owner:Darius Hart

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE: Hart's Block, presumably built as a tenement building by Darius Hart, is a well-preserved example of vernacular architecture. An unusually large building for the neighborhood, it is seven bays wide on the east flank and nine bays wide on the west, two bays deep and has symmetrical facades with center entries on either flank. There is an internal chimney centered on both the north and south halves of the structure. The building is finished in a classically-inspired vernacular mode with corner boards, frieze boards, watertable and an identical, plainly-framed, doorway with a four-panel door flanked by four-pane sidelights with paneled bases in the center of the east and west facades. The house has boxed eaves rather than the customary box cornice. The windows have plain frames with projecting sills and no caps; most have 2/2 doublehung sash though some 6/6 sash has survived. There is a pair of small 1/1 windows over the eastern entry. The interior is finished with plain baseboards and doorways, with four-panel doors. Some rooms, which have served as kitchens, have matchboard wainscotting that was probably added at the turn of the century.

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: Darius Hart acquired several tracts of open land on Ropewalk Hill by the 1860s and erected this building and his residence on the east side of Lion Street (12 Lion Street) by 1870. Hart's Block was apparently designed as a lodging house, a purpose it fulfilled into the mid-20th century.

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REFERENCES:

East Greenwich Land Evidences

Book	Page	Date
19	311	1877

D.G. Beers, Atlas of the State of Rhode Island, 1870.

Personal Communication from Margaret and Christiana Hay, 4/1986

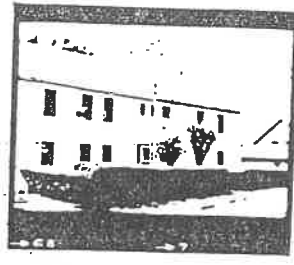
Surveyor REG  
Supervisor RCY  
Date 6/23/86

HISTORIC BUILDING DATA SHEET  
RHODE ISLAND STATEWIDE SURVEY

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PLAT 1 LOT 395 LUS \_\_\_\_\_

DRESS 11 Lion Street

OWNER Harold L. Maddalena  
15 Lion Street  
East Greenwich, RI



COUNTY

Kent

PRESENT USE:  
 I fam \_\_\_\_\_ 2 fam \_\_\_\_\_ multi   
 pub \_\_\_\_\_ comm \_\_\_\_\_ indus \_\_\_\_\_  
 reli \_\_\_\_\_ agr \_\_\_\_\_ mixed \_\_\_\_\_  
 other vacant

NEIGHBORHOOD LAND USE:  
 res  comm \_\_\_\_\_ indus \_\_\_\_\_  
 pub \_\_\_\_\_ agr \_\_\_\_\_ woods \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

PERIOD/STYLE: P C F GR  EV LV ET MT LT  
early Victorian

DESCRIPTION: Stories: 2  
 Roof: gable (flank  end \_\_\_\_\_ cross \_\_\_\_\_)  
 gambrel (flank \_\_\_\_\_ end \_\_\_\_\_ cross \_\_\_\_\_) hip \_\_\_\_\_  
 monitor \_\_\_\_\_ mansard \_\_\_\_\_ flat \_\_\_\_\_  
 er \_\_\_\_\_

Walls: clapboard  brick \_\_\_\_\_ stone \_\_\_\_\_  
 shingle \_\_\_\_\_ modern comp \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

Foundation: height low stone  brick \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

Alterations: good \_\_\_\_\_ poor \_\_\_\_\_ none   
 Rare bldg.  Typical of its area \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: This building is set at an angle with Lion Street; front central entrance, simple with sidelights; this entrance is replicated on the opposite facade as well; 3 bays of windows on either side of the entrance, 6/2 and 6/6 DHS.

The building is presently being used as storage space. No attention is being paid to its exterior, although it appears to be in good structural condition. This building is rare because of its size.

Notes: this building needs more research.

SURVEYOR CEQ AV Checked  
 SUPERVISOR MEE HV Checked

NEGATIVE NO. [K-EG-1-7] KEGL-D-6a

KNOWN AS unknown

ARCHITECT unknown

DATE & SOURCES c. 1840, by style

ORIGINAL USE residential

ORIGINAL OWNER unknown

HISTORY & SOURCES:

1855- vacant  
 1862- vacant  
 1870- D. Hart  
 1879- depicted

Henry F. Walling, Map of Rhode Island, 1855.  
 Henry F. Walling, Map of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations, 1862.  
 D.G. Beers, Atlas of the State of RI, 1870.  
 Bailey & Hazen, View of East Greenwich, 1879

Probably moved to the site.

CITY/TOWN

East Greenwich

ROAD

11 Lion Street

EVALUATION:			
Physical Condition			
structure	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3	2 0
grounds		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 0
neighborhood		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 0
Architectural value	38	30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20 10 0
Importance to neighborhood	14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10	5 0
Historical value	38	30	20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 0

MAP NO.

PKI 111

