

THE WAVERLY TOWN HALL

The Waverly Town Hall is a late 19th century Classical Revival style brick building, located at the corner of Greenmount Avenue and 31st Street in Waverly. The site of the Waverly Town Hall was sold in 1869 to the Huntington Company of Waverly, who intended to build a public hall on the property. The Hall was constructed circa 1873 for a cost of \$12,000.

The Town Hall appears on the 1877 Hopkins Map of Waverly, on the north side of the street from the North Baltimore Railroad Depot and south of a large property owned by Jacob Aull. Its location along what was then York Road placed it on a primary transportation corridor and a block north of the toll gate.

The building served as a community meeting place, a center of commerce, a social hub, and a post office for the Waverly Community in the late 19th and 20th centuries. The Waverly Town Hall quickly became a center for civic engagement, drawing the City's leading political figures and hosting debates over significant issues facing the Waverly community and the surrounding area.

The Waverly Town Hall was located along a streetcar line before the turn of the century, and its proximity to local transportation routes and other Waverly institutions made the Waverly Town Hall a significant gathering place for the community.

The citizens of Waverly utilized the Town Hall as a place for civic engagement and debate of important issues impacting the area. In the 1870s and 1880s, rallies and public meetings were held at the Waverly Hall to address the annexation of "the Belt" area, including Waverly, into Baltimore City from Baltimore County.

When the Waverly Hall was not being used for political and civic meetings, it was an important gathering place for a variety of groups.

The Hall was also an important place of business in Waverly. The storefronts on the first story housed a post office, a cigar factory and store, a drug store, a restaurant and a beauty shop.

Since its construction in 1873, the setting of the Waverly Town Hall has changed dramatically. The Waverly community transitioned from a Victorian Village in Baltimore County, to an urban Baltimore City community along a major transportation route. In 1973, the state senate recognized the 100 year anniversary of the Waverly Town Hall and praised the accomplishments of the community over the century. The Town Hall's role in shaping the political, civic, commercial and social landscape of the Waverly Community and the surrounding area makes it a significant place that contributes to the history of city.