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BROCKTON CITY HALL

**“Built in part as a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic and
Civil War Veterans”**

Site of the Twelfth District Centre School

The city and town halls of the United States not only house local government, but serve as landmarks that help define a community's history and tradition. Historic Brockton City Hall is one such location. Brockton City Hall is located on School Street in downtown Brockton and is a nationally recognized architectural gem. It was constructed under the direction of architect Wesley Lyng Minor primarily in the Victorian Romanesque style.

Brockton City Hall was dedicated in 1894. It was built on the site of the Twelfth District Centre School, built in 1797, which was at that time the North Parish of Bridgewater. Brockton City Hall's main corridor and rotunda were built as memorials to local Civil War veterans and are decorated with plaques and paintings of significant Civil War battle scenes. They attract Civil War enthusiasts from around the country. Brockton City Hall is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The surrounding Brockton City Hall Plaza, which includes a memorial statue to fallen firefighters, has evolved into the site for many of Brockton's numerous ethnic and cultural events.

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