The Newtown School & Community Association

The School's History

1860 | 1870 | 1880 | 1890 | 1900 | 1910 | 1920 | 1930 | 1940 | 1950 | 1960 | 1970

Civil War begins (1863)

Emancipation Proclamation (1863)

Civil War ends (1865)

Congress passes the Reconstruction Act of 1867

Virginia constitution establishes system of free public schools (1869)

Congress passes Civil Rights Act of 1875

East Elkton school opens

Supreme Court overturns Civil Rights Act of 1875; laws appear across southern states re-inforcing segregation (1883)

Florida passes segregation laws for public facilities; other states follow with the rise of "*Jim Crow*" laws

Supreme Court supports "Jim Crow" laws in *Plessy v. Ferguson* - separate but equal (1896)

An additional classroom is added to accommodate the growing community (1911)

Newtown (East Elkton) school opens in new location (1921)

Supreme Court overturns *Plessy v. Ferguson* in landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954)

Several schools in Virgnia are closed due to Massive Resistance (1958)

Newtown (East Elkton) School closes (1965)

Congress passes Civil Rights Act of 1965; De-segregat ion of Virginia schools ordered