

**Connecticut Freedom Trail
Nomination Form
September 22, 2010**

SITE INFORMATION

***Type of Site (check one):**

- Underground Railroad
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 - Abolitionist
- Amistad
- Concept of Freedom
- Civil Rights Era
 - Military Sites
 - Women in Freedom
 - Connecticut Firsts

***Site Access (check one):**

- Open to Public
- Private Property

***Site Name:** Old Windham County Courthouse (Brooklyn Town Hall)

***Description:** The Brooklyn Town Hall was originally built in 1820 to serve as the Windham County Court House. The Prudence Crandall Trial was held here on August 23, 1833. She was in violation of the "Black Law" for running a school for African American students, but she pleaded "not guilty" in a stand against bigotry and discrimination. After purposely refusing to post bail to avoid being jailed before her trial, Crandall spent a night in a jail cell in the basement of the Court House. A daughter of George Benson volunteered to stay with her. The next day, George Benson and Samuel May paid the bond for her release.

***Address:** 4 Wolf Den Road

***City:** Brooklyn

State: CT

***Zip:** 06234