Meetinghouses of Early New England Appendixes B–G, with Source Notes

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Appendix B

*Chronological checklist of meetinghouses in New England and Long Island, 1622–1830*

Entry date indicates year of the raising of the frame or completion of the exterior covering.

Town name in capital letters indicates the meetinghouse is still standing.

Sinnott types 2, 3, and 4 refer, respectively, to second-period (2), Federal-period (3), and Greek-revival-period (4) structures as outlined in Edmund W. Sinnott’s *Meetinghouse and Church in Early New England*.

Roman numerals indicate sequence within a town or parish.

Dimensions are given in feet.

A “Separate church” identifies a religious society, usually Congregational or Baptist, formed without legislative, municipal, or parish permission.

1622

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1637
Plymouth, Mass., I. Bell. Hurd, History of Plymouth County, 175; Plymouth Church Records (introduction).

1638
Dedham, Mass., I. 36 x 20, 12 posts. Daubed, thatched; pyramid, bell 1651. Early Records of the Town, 3:48; two men, Joseph Kingsbury and Anthony Fisher, were a committee to “contrive the Fabrick of a meeting house.” Winslow, Meetinghouse Hill, 42.

1639

1640
Boston, Mass., II. (First Church, “Old Meeting House”). Clapboards, shingles. Cost: £1,000. Gallery. 2nd
gallery 1675? Platform 1699. Donnelly, *New England Meeting Houses*, 110, 128; Winthrop,


Counties*, 49.


Enlarged to 70 x 30? Kelly, *Early Connecticut Meetinghouses*, 2:303–4; *Quarter Millennial
Anniversary*, 57.

1641

Lambert, *History of the Colony of New Haven*, 104 (who says 40 x 40).

1642


Sudbury, Mass. (First Parish or Wayland), I. 30 x 20, 8 posts. Framed. Builder: John Rutter. Hudson,
*Annals of Sudbury*, 40.

118.


1643


1644


1645


1646


1647


1649

Meeting Houses, 114, 123.

1650
Boston, Mass. (Second Church or North), I. Burned 1676. Donnelly, New England Meeting Houses, 110; Ware, Two Discourses, 45.

1651

1652

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1654

1655
Scott, “Early Houses of Martha’s Vineyard.”

1656
Sandwich, Mass., II. *Notes on the History*, 4.

1657

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1667


Killingworth, Conn. (First Parish or Clinton), I. Donnelly, *New England Meeting Houses*, 125.


1668

Fairfield, Conn., II. Bell 1685. Donnelly, *New England Meeting Houses*, 112; Schenck, *History of
Fairfield, 1:229.
Lyme, Conn. (Johnny Cake Hill), I. Log tradition. Cary, Memorial Discourse, 4.

1669

1670

1671
Bridgehampton, L.I., I. Thompson, History of Long Island, 214.
Brookhaven, L.I., I. 28 x 28 (or 26 x 30), 10 posts. Builder: Nathaniel Morton (or Nortens). Donnelly, New England Meeting Houses, 110; Records of the Town of Brookhaven, 26–27.
Kittery, Maine (The Point), I. Stackpole, Old Kittery; Donnelly, New England Meeting Houses, 113.


1672


1673


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1678
Norwalk, Conn., II. 40 x 40, 16 posts. Roof like that in Fairfield. Hall, *Ancient Historical Records*, 71.
1679


Sherburne, Mass. (Sherborn), I. Biglow, History of Sherburne, 36–42.

Swansea, Mass. (Baptist), II. 40 x 22, 16 posts. Moved to north Swansea in 1700. Wright, History of Swansea, 103; Bicknell, History of Barrington, 201; Hurd History of Bristol County, 667; Tustin, Discourse, 98, 99.

1680

Edgartown, Mass., III. 20 x 20, 10 posts. “four cross galleries.” Banks, History of Martha’s Vineyard, 2:140.

Groton, Mass., II. Butler, History of Groton, 143.


Middleborough, Mass., I. First Church in Middleborough, 5.

Scituate, Mass. (Second or South Parish), II. Hurd, History of Plymouth County, 427; Deane, History of Scituate, 36.


Suffield, Conn., I. Trumbull, Memorial History of Hartford County, 2:390–91; Sheldon, Documentary History of Suffield, 18.

Westerly, R.I. (Seventh-Day Baptist). Best, The Town That Saved a State, 130; Denison, Westerly, 60.

1681

Barnstable, Mass., II. Freeman, History of Cape Cod, 2: 275.


1682


1683


1684
Greenwich, Conn. I. Mead, History of the Town of Greenwich, 69.

1685

1686
Windsor, Conn., II. 50 x 40. 2 tiers of galleries. Dormer windows. Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 2:304; Stiles, History of Ancient Windsor, 360.

1687
Lyme, Conn., II. 40 x 26, 14½ posts. Cary, Memorial Discourse, 4; Lyme Records, 19–46.

1688

1689
Newbury, Mass. (Second or West Parish), I. 30 x 30. Coffin, History of Newbury, 152; Currier, History of
Newbury, 347.

1690
Chilmark, Mass. (Abel’s Hill), I. Date approximate. Sold ca. 1724. Scott, *Early Houses of Martha’s Vineyard,* fig. 56.

1691

1692

1693
Oyster Bay, L.I. (Quaker), II. *Oyster Bay Town Records,* 687.

1694

Flushing, L.I. (Quaker), I. Waller, History of the Town of Flushing, 84.


1695

Danbury, Conn., I. 40 x 30. Bicentennial, First Congregational Church, Danbury, 19.


Stratfield, Conn. (Bridgeport), I. Orcutt, History of Stratford and Bridgeport, 475.

Watertown, Mass., III. Donnelly, New England Meeting Houses, 118; Watertown Records, 4 February 1696.


1696


1697


Framingham, Mass., I. 40 x 30. Enlarged to 40 x 40 1715. Temple, History of Framingham, 144–45; Manual, Framingham Church, 21.


Little Compton, R.I. One Hundred Seventy-Fifth Anniversary, 12.


Dartmouth, Mass. (Apponegansett) (Quaker). 35 x 30, 14 posts. Hurd, History of Bristol County, 203; Lowry, “Quakers and Their Meeting House at Apponegansett.”


Kittery, Maine (Second or North Parish or Long Reach). 35 x 20, 16 posts. Made into a school. Stackpole, Old Kittery, 187.

Kittery, Maine (The Point). Stackpole, Old Kittery, 187.


Newport, R.I. (Anglican), I (Trinity). 54 x 28 (probably). Isham, Trinity Church, 6–7; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 186.

Newport, R.I. (Baptist), II. Repaired 1783. Johnson, Rhode Island Baptists, 121.


1700


Middleborough, Mass., II. 36 x 30, 16 posts. 2 ridge poles, 4 gables. 1½ tiers. Pitched roof 1745. *First Church in Middleborough*, 5.


1701


Berwick, Maine, II. 40 x 30. Stackpole, *Old Kittery*, 197; *Berwick Register*, 49.


West Springfield, Mass., I. 42 x 42. Turret 92 ft. 3 roofs, each one smaller. Builder: John Allys.


1703


1704


1705


1706


East Haven, Conn., I. 26 x 16, 17 posts; or 20 x 16, 7 posts. Kelly, *Early Connecticut Meetinghouses*,
Enfield, Conn., II. 40 x 40 or 38 x 38. Turret and belfry. Manual, Enfield, 302.


Lebanon, Conn., I. 36 x 26 to 36 x 36, 16 posts. Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 1:263; Nichols, Historical Sermon, 10.


Medfield, Mass., II. Hurd, History of Norfolk County, 443.

NORTH PEMBROKE, MASS. (Quaker). 28 x 28. Built in Scituate. Large single porch with 2 doors. Rose, Colonial Houses of Worship, 208; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 201.

1707


1708


Dorchester, Mass. (Second Parish or Canton), I. 30 x 30. Hurd, History of Norfolk County, 932–33.


1709


1710


Brookhaven, L.I., II. Thompson, *History of Long Island*, 270.


Shurtleff, *History of the Town of Revere*, 421.


1711


Norwich, Conn., III. 50 x 50 or 50 x 45. Builder: John Elderkin II. Caulkins, *History of Norwich*, 282–83;


Salem, Mass. (Middle Parish or Peabody), I. 51 x 38, 24 posts. Turret. 2 tiers of galleries. Enlarged twice

1712


West Hartford, Conn. (Fourth Parish in Hartford). Hall, *History of West Hartford*, 75.

1713


1714


1715


1716


1717

Dartmouth, Mass. (Acoaxet) (Quaker). Lowry, “Quakers and Their Meeting House at Apponegansett.”


North Haven, Conn., I. 40 x 30. Thorpe, North Haven Annals, 145; Stiles, Itineraries, 149.

Norwich, Conn. (Franklin or West Farms), I. Builder: J. Elderkin II. One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary, Franklin, 25–26; Caulkins, History of Norwich, 284.


Salem, Mass. (Second or East Parish), I. 60 x 40. Central belfry. Enlarged 14 ft., steeple, porch added 1770. Hurd, History of Essex County, 42; Bentley, Diary, xli.


Wallingford, Conn., II. 68 x 52. 2 tiers of galleries. Steeple voted 1716, built 1728. Perkins, Historical Sketches, Meriden, 34–36; Davis, History of Wallingford, 121; Stiles, Itineraries, 136.

1718


Bridgewater, Mass. (Second Parish or Bridgewater), I. 43 x 38, 18 posts. Hurd, History of Plymouth County, 775.


Groton, Conn. (Baptist), I. Stark, *Groton*, 137.


1719


Barnstable, Mass. (Second or East Parish; Cobb’s Hill), I. Enlarged 15 ft., belfry, single porch added 1756. Trayser, *Barnstable*, 57.


Danbury, Conn., II. 50 x 35. Enlarged 1745. *Bicentennial, First Congregational Church*, 131.


1720


Fairfield, Conn. (Machamux) (Green’s Farms or West Parish), I. 36 x 36, 16 posts. Schenck, *History of Fairfield*, 2:54.


1721


Newton, Mass., III. 57 x 45, 25 posts. First Church, Newton, Commemorative Services, 157; Smith, *History of Newton*, 222.
Windham, Conn. (Second or Canada Society), I. Larned, *History of Windham County*, 1:98.
Wrentham, Mass., II. 40 x 38, posts for 2 tiers. Hurd, *History of Norfolk County*, 646.
Yarmouth, Mass. (Second or East Parish or Dennis), I. Enlarged to 65 x 50 1761. 2-story single porch on south side. *Celebration of 250th Anniversary*, 41; Freeman, *History of Cape Cod*, 2:212.

1722

1723
Bells.”


Lisbon, Conn. (Third Parish in Norwich or Newent), I. Bishop, *Historical Sketch*, 20.


North Branford, Conn. 40 x 30. Galleries. History of the North Branford Congregational Church.


1724


Little Compton, R.I., II. 42 x 38, 20 posts. *One Hundred Seventy-Fifth Anniversary*, 12.


1725


1726


1727

Columbia, Conn. (Second Parish in Lebanon or Lebanon Crank), I. Galleries. *One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary*, 31.


North Yarmouth, Maine, I. 50 x 40, 22 posts. Single porch, steeple, and vane added when enlarged 40 ft. in 1762. Clayton, *History of Cumberland County*, 412; Rowe, *Ancient North Yarmouth*, 120, says it was 54 x 45, 26 posts. Cut in half, each piece moved 14 feet.


1728


Haddam, Conn. (Second or East Parish), II. 55 x 44. Kelly, *Early Connecticut Meetinghouses*, 1:120.


Milford, Conn., II. 85 x 54. 2 tiers of galleries; 3 tiers of windows. Steeple 95 ft. Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 1:309; Mitchell, History of New Haven County, 289, says 80 x 65; Lambert, History of the Colony of New Haven, 105 who says 80 x 65). First Church, Proceedings at the Celebration, 105, 163.


Pembroke, Mass., II. 50 x 40, 22 posts. Enlarged 1764. Hurd, History of Plymouth County, 236.


1729


Boston, Mass. (Irish or Presbyterian), I. Converted barn. Drake, History and Antiquities, 576.


Newbury, Mass. (Second or West Parish; Pipe Stave Hill), II. 50 x 38, 20 posts. Hurd, History of Essex County, 1862.


Voluntown, Conn. 30 x 26, 16 posts. Larned, *History of Windham County*, 1:300.


1730


Killingworth, Conn. (Clinton), II. Miller, *Historical Discourse*, 30.


Trumbull, Conn., I. Manual, Congregational Church, Trumbull, 5.

WESTWOOD, MASS. (Baptist) (Clapboardtrees Meeting House). Remodeled 1834. Rose, The Colonial Houses of Worship, 223; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 229.

Wilmington, Mass., I. 46 x 30, 20 posts. Simmons, History, unpaginated.

1731

Boston, Mass., I (Hollis Street). 60 x 40. Bell tower (base 11 x 11); spire. Burned 1787. Chaney, Hollis Street Church, 7; Drake, Old Landmarks, 415–16; Hollis Street Church Records, 4.


JAMESPORT, L.I. Wines and Roberts, Jamesport Meetinghouse.


1732
Plympton, Mass. (Second or South Parish or Carver), I. Cut in half, 15 ft. added 1768. South Plympton Precinct Book, 92.

1733


1734


Haverhill, Mass. (Third or West Parish). *Exercises Commemorative of the West Congregational Church.*


Malden, Mass. (South Parish or Everett). Hurd, *History of Essex County*, 3:579; Drake, *History of
Middlesex County, 1:428.

1735
Acton, Mass., I. 46 x 36, 21 posts. No steeple. Drake, History of Middlesex County, 1:200; Brief History of Acton, 13; Phalen, History of Acton, 34.
Berkley, Mass., I. 40 x 34, 18 posts. Hurd, History of Bristol County, 175.
Framingham, Mass., II. 55 x 42, 30 posts. 2 tiers of galleries. Temple, History of Framingham, 197; Manual, Framingham Church, 23–24.
Glastonbury, Conn., II. 56 x 44, 24 posts. Trumbull, Memorial History, 209.
Hempstead, L.I. (Anglican), II (St. George’s). Prime, History of Long Island, 284.
Sheffield, Mass., I. 54 x 35. History of Berkshire County, 543.

1736
Dedham, Mass. (South Parish or Norwood), I. Hurd, History of Norfolk County, 496.


1737


1738


Fairfield, Conn. (Green’s Farms or West Parish), II. Burned by British 1779. Schenck, History of Fairfield, 2:141.
Granby, Conn. (East Parish or Turkey Hills or Simsbury). Trumbull, Memorial History of Hartford County, 2:78.
Marshfield, Mass. (Second or North Parish). Richards, History of Marshfield, 1:93.
SALEM, N.H. 48 x 38, 22 posts. Became town house, moved. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 64;
Hurd, History of Rockingham and Strafford Counties, 470; Gilbert, History of Salem, 78–79.

1739
Bridgewater, Mass. (Fourth or North Parish or Brockton), I. Kingman, History of North Bridgewater, 92.
Franklin, Mass., I. Hurd, History of Norfolk County, 162.
Kent, Conn., I. 50 x 40, 23 posts. Atwater, History of Kent, 50.
Killingworth, Conn. (Second Society or Killingworth Farms), I. 58 x 38, posts 2 ft. shorter than those of the First Society. Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 2:149; Miller, Historical Discourse, 29–31.
Mattapoisett, Mass., I. Mattapoisett and Old Rochester, 77.
North Haven, Conn., II. 65 x 44. Steeple (square cap) 1798. Thorpe, North Haven Annals, 72, 80; Stiles, Itineraries, 149.
Union, Conn., I. 45 x 35. Lawson, History of Union, 61.

1740
Chester, Conn., I. “Chester Meeting House.”
Falmouth, Maine, II (“Old Jerusalem”). Enlarged 1759. Unattached belltower 1758. 120-ft. tower 1760.
Goold, Portland in the Past, 286–90; Willis, History of Portland, 358; King, First Church, appendix.
Goshen, Conn., I. 46 x 34, 20 posts. 2 galleries, one above the other. Powers, Address, 21; Hibbard, Historical Address, 8.
Littleton, Mass., II. 50 x 40, 23 posts. Drake, History of Middlesex County, 47.
Preston, Conn., II. 48 x 38, 22 posts. *First Congregational Church*, 15.


1741


Watertown, Conn. (Westbury), I. *History of Ancient Westbury*, 16.

1742


New Milford, Conn. (Quaker), I. Orcutt, *History of New Milford*, 177.


West Hartford, Conn. (Fourth Parish in Hartford), II. Hall, *History of West Hartford*, 75.

1743


Newburyport, Mass. (Separatist became Presbyterian), I. Hovey, *Historical Discourse*, 5.


Stonington, Conn. (Baptist). 40 x 30. *First Baptist Church*, 30.


1744


Chatham, Conn. (Middle Haddam). 44 x 36. Field, *Centennial Address*, 269.


1745


Middlefield, Conn. 40 x 40. Field, *Centennial Address*, 187.


Norwich, Conn. (Franklin or West Farms), II. *One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary*, 31.


1746


New Milford, Conn. (Anglican), I. Orcutt, *History of New Milford*, 177.


1747


Columbia, Conn. (Second Parish in Lebanon or Lebanon Crank), II. 64 x 46, 26 posts. Steeple 1792. *One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary*, 34, 35.


and Church, 220; Moody, Handbook, 90; Banks, History of York, 107–8.

1748

Canterbury, Conn. (Separate church). Bayles, History of Windham County: “Canterbury Connecticut Church History.”

Dorchester, Mass. (Second Parish or Canton), II. Hurd, History of Norfolk County, 937.


Gilead, Conn. (Second Parish or Hebron), I. 46 x 36, 22 posts. Mack, Historical Sketch, 10.


Rochester, Mass. (North Parish), I. Mattapoisett and Old Rochester, 80.


1749

Athol, Mass., II. Clarke, Centennial Discourse, 63.

Berwick, Maine (North Parish), I. Berwick Register, 50.

BOSTON, MASS. (Anglican), II (King’s Chapel). 71 x 60. Stone. Architect: Peter Harrison. Babcock, Christ Church, 33; Stiles, Itineraries, 98; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 222. (Stiles says 77 x 55.)

Bristol, Conn., I. 40 x 30. Peck, History of Bristol, 49.


1750

Berwick, Maine, III. 70 x 47. Belfry and tall spire. Stackpole, *Old Kittery and Her Families*, 197.


Middletown, Conn. (East Parish or Portland), II. 56 x 42. Field, *Centennial Address*, 256.
Northford, Conn. 50 x 40. Simonds, *History of Branford*, 79.
Wells, Maine (Second Parish or Kennebunk). 30 ft. long. Enlarged 12 ft. 1752. Single porch 1755.
    Architect: James Hubbard. Murphy, *Landing*, 5; Remich, *History of Kennebunk*, 309; Bourne,

1751

ABINGTON, CONN. 48 x 39. Remodeled 1802, 1834. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 169; Kelly,
    *Early Connecticut Meetinghouses*, 1:3; Larned, *History of Windham County*, 1:513; Hill,
    “Architectural Investigation,” 44.
Abington, Mass., II. 70 x 50, 26 posts. Side tower by 1796. Hurd, *History of Plymouth County*, 483;
Concord, N.H., II (“Old North”). 60 x 46, 28 posts. Spire 1783. Semicircle 1802. Burned 1870. Hurd,
    *History of Merrimack County*, 65; Reed and Thorne, *First Congregational Church*, 22; Walker,
Our Four Meeting Houses, 6–7.
Ipswich, Mass. (Second Parish, Chebacco, or Essex), III. Crowell, History of Essex, 171.

1752
Falmouth, Maine (Quaker), I. Clayton, History of Cumberland County, 274.
New Canaan, Conn., II. 50 x 40. Bell tower 1797. Hurd, History of Fairfield County, 437; One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary, 26; Readings in New Canaan History, 24.
New Milford, Conn., II. 60 x 44, 27 posts. Steeple 1754. Orcutt, History of New Milford, 180–84.
Reading, Mass. (Second or North Parish or Reading), I. 48 x 36. Flint, Historical Address and Poem, 23; Drake, Middlesex County, 2:259.
Saco, Maine. Ridlon, Saco Valley Settlements, 223.
Southampton, Mass., I. Wight, Some Old Time Meetinghouses, opp. 15.
Tiverton, R.I. (Baptist), I. Johnson, Rhode Island Baptists, 124.

1753
Barre, Mass., I. Thompson, Barre Centennial, 55.


Windham, Conn. (Second or Canada Society), II. Builder: Thomas Stedman (20 years old). Larned, *History of Windham County*, 1:552–53.


1754


Bellingham, Mass., II. Hurd, *History of Norfolk County*, 146.

Bridgewater, Mass. (Third Parish or East Bridgewater), II. 56 x 45, 22 posts. Hurd, *History of Plymouth County*, 841.


1755


New Britain, Conn., I. 45 x 35, 22 posts; revised to 80 x 64. Camp, History of New Britain, 125–27.

Nottingham, N.H., I. Cogswell, History of *Nottingham, Deerfield, and Northwood*, 117.


1756


New Shoreham, R.I. (Block Island) (First Baptist Church), I. Johnson, *Rhode Island Baptists*, 118; Livermore, *History of Block Island*, 208.


1757


Killingly, Conn. (South Parish). *History of Congregational Church, South Killingly*, 25.


North Bristol, Conn. Steiner, *History of Menunkatuck*, 364.


1758


Newcastle, Maine. *Town Register*.


1759


1760


SHEFFIELD, MASS., II. 60 x 41. Turned 1819. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 227; *Centennial Celebration*, 45.


1761


1762


Manchester, Conn. (Orford), I. Robbins and Dimock, *100th Anniversary*, 54.


1763


Braintree, Mass. (Third Parish or Randolph), II. 60 x 45. Twin porch 1796. Pattee, *History of Old
Braintree, 60; Proceedings of the First Congregational Church.
Canton, Conn., I. Dismantled 1814. Alvord and Gridley, Historical Sketch, 12.


Suffield, Conn. (Separatist). Trumbull, Memorial History of Hartford County, 2:393.


1764

Epsom, N.H. 50 x 40. Hurd, History of Merrimack County, 450.


Rindge, N.H., I. 50 x 40. Stearns, History of Rindge, 228.


1765


Hopkinton, N.H., I. 50 x 38, 22 posts. Burned 1789 following committee decision not to move it. Lord, *Life and Times in Hopkinton*, 49, 74.


Stafford, Conn. (Second or West Parish). Grobel, *History of the First Church of Stafford*, 35.


1766


New Milford, Conn. (Anglican), II. Orcutt, *History of New Milford*, 1771.

SHREWSBURY, MASS., II. 60 x 45, 27 posts. Builder: Daniel Hemenway. 3 porches. 1807 belfry.


1767


Woodbury, Conn. (Second Parish or Southbury), II. 60 x 45 (like Litchfield). Cothren, *History of Ancient Woodbury*, 228; Warren, “Southbury Meeting Houses.”

1768


Berwick, Maine (Baptist). *Berwick Register*, 51.


Falmouth, Maine (Quaker), II. 40 x 32. Clayton, *History of Cumberland County*, 274.


Middletown, Conn. (Separate church). Meetinghouse held in “the Chambers . . . all in one.” Stiles, *Itineraries*, 273.


1769


Dedham, Mass. (South or Norwood Parish), II. Hurd, *History of Norfolk County*, 48.


Goshen, Conn., II. 64 x 44. Hibbard, *Historical Address*, 8.


MENDON, MASS. (Third or South Precinct, now Millville) (Chestnut Hill Meeting House). 40 x 35. Hurd, *History of Worcester County*, 1:382; Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 63; “Of the Olden Time.”


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1770


Bristol, Conn., II. 65 x 45. Peck, *History of Bristol*, 55.


New Haven, Conn., I (Third Congregational or Fair Haven Church). 60 x 60. Taken from White Haven.
Reading, Mass. (Third or North Parish or North Reading). *Proceedings of the 250th Anniversary*, Redding, 263.
Westford, Mass., II. 60 x 45, to 63 x 44, 26 or 27 posts. Tower. Burned 1793. Builder: Samuel Hall.

1771

Deerfield, N.H. 65 x 45, 26 posts. (2 earlier frames dismantled). Cogswell, History of Nottingham, Deerfield, and Northwood, 267.


KENNEBUNK, MAINE., II. 57 x 46. Enlarged 28 ft. 1803. Spire 1803. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 157; Historic Churches and Homes, 210–16.


Kent, Conn., II. 60 x 45, 26 posts. Steeple 1802. Atwater, History of Kent, 50.


Ridgefield, Conn., II. 58 x 40, 24 posts. Steeple. Teller, History of Ridgefield, 103.


Westerly, R.I. (Seventh-Day Baptist), III. Denison, Westerly, 60.


1772


Bluehill, Maine, I. Candage, Historical Sketches of Bluehill, 41–42.


BRISTOL, MAINE (Harrington meetinghouse). Moved twice. Sinnott: type 2, modified. Town Register, 184; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 217; Wainwright, “Colonial Meetinghouses”; Smith, Beacon Guide, 42.
BRISTOL, MAINE (Walpole meetinghouse). *Town Register*, 184; Wainwright, “Colonial Meetinghouses”

Bristol, Maine (Broadcove Parish or Bremen). *Town Register*, 184.


Stiles says 60 x 40 “now building” (1772), Stiles, *Diary*, 1:287.


Watertown, Conn. (Westbury), II. Steeple 100 ft. high. *History of Ancient Westbury*, 17.


1773


Bristol, N.H. (Bridgewater), I. 35 x 35. 1 story. Musgrove, History of Bristol, 43.
Conway, N.H. Ridlon, Saco Valley Settlements, 243–44.
Hanover, N.H. Burned 1797. Childs, Hanover, 207.
Moultonborough, N.H. History of Carroll County, 407.
Sanford, History of Raynham, 29.
Rutland, Vt. (Congregational, 30 families). Smith and Rann, History of Rutland County, 363.
SANDOWN, N.H. 50 x 44 or 54 x 48. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 54; Winchester, “The Meeting House”; Speare, Colonial Meeting-Houses, 9.
Centennial Celebration, 10–11; Wilton Town Records, 71; Livermore and Putnam, History of Wilton, 130–31; Clark, Meetinghouse Tragedy, 22.
1774


N.H. Division of Historical Resources.


Meredith, N.H., I. 40 x 32, 8 posts. Mary Butler Chapter, DAR, *Old Meredith*, 5.


Stafford, Conn., II. Grobel, First Church of Stafford.


Wells, Vt., I. Smith and Rann, History of Rutland County, 856.

Windham, Conn. (Third or Scotland Parish), II. Builder: Elisha Lillie. Larned, History of Windham County, 2:56–57; Stiles, Itineraries, 279.


Worthington, Conn., I. Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 1:245.

1775


Charlton, Mass., I. Dodge, Historical Sketch, 27.


1776


1777


1778


Fryeburg, Maine. 54 x 42. Gallery. Barrows, *History of Fryeburg*, 83.


1779


Tinmouth, Vt., II. £400 for new meetinghouse. Smith and Rann, *History of Rutland County*, 821.


Connecticut Valley, 1:413.

Windham, Maine (Quaker). Clayton, History of Cumberland County, 401.

Windsor, Mass. 50 x 40, 20 posts. Burned same year. History of Berkshire County, 656.


1780


Cogswell, History of Northwood, 546.


Reading, Vt. Log tradition. Aldrich and Holmes, History of Windsor County, 388.

ROCHESTER, N.H., II. Remodeled 19th century. McDuffee, History of Rochester, 100; Hurd, History of Rockingham and Strafford Counties, 728; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 233.


1781


Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 233.


1782


1783


1784


Amesbury, Mass. (Second or West Parish), II. Merrill, *History of Amesbury*, 303.
Barkhamsted, Conn. 50 x 40, 24 posts. Lee, *Centennial Celebration*, 54.
Bristol, R.I., II. Lane, *Historical Sketches*, 89.
New Milford, Conn. (Quaker), II. Orcutt, *History of New Milford*, 177.
Tiverton, R.I. (Baptist), II. Johnson, *Rhode Island Baptists*, 124.

1785
Danby, Vt. (Quaker), I. Smith and Rann, *History of Rutland County*, 590.

MILTON, MASS., IV. 66 x 52. Turned and enlarged 1835. Hurd, History of Norfolk County, 751; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 168; Teele, History of Milton, 284.


Pawlet, Vt. Replaced because too small. Smith and Rann, History of Rutland County, 712.

PHILLIPSTON, MASS., I. 50 x 40. Modified. History of Worcester County, 1:217–18; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 167.


Stratford, Conn., IV. New Jersey Gazette, 25 July 1785; Orcutt, History of Stratford and Bridgeport, 411.


Weare, N.H. 56 x 42. Gallery. Little, History of Weare, 298.


Winchester, Conn., II. 46 x 56 to 50 x 40 to 54 x 40. Boyd, Annals of Winchester, 168–69.

WOODBURY, CONN. (Anglican) (St. Paul’s). 55 x 35. Bell tower. Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 2:315 (says 43 x 320; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 216.

1786

ADAMS, MASS. (East Hoosac) (Quaker). 2 side-by-side doors on long side. Rose, Colonial Houses of Worship, 231. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 221.


Danbury, Conn., III. 60 x 45. Spire 130 ft. high. Bicentennial, First Congregational Church, 13.


JAMESTOWN, R.I. (Quaker), III. 26 x 20. 1 story. Watson, History of Jamestown, 76. Sinnott,
**Meetinghouse and Church,** 235, says 1765.


1787

Amherst, Mass., II. 65 ft. long. Belfry on west side 1791. *Historical Review, First Church of Amherst,* 50–51.


Pittsfield, N.H. Hurd, *History of Merrimack County,* 593.


THETFORD, VT. Sinnott: type 2 made 3. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 239.


1788


Andover, Mass. (South Parish), III. 70 x 54. 3 porches. Builder: Moody Spofford.


Barre, Mass., II. 68 x 54. Thompson, Barre Centennial, 99.


Chester, Vt. (South Parish). Aldrich and Holmes, History of Windsor County, 674.


Falmouth, Maine (Portland; Second Parish). Clayton, History of Cumberland County, 173.

Gardiner, Maine. Hanson, History of Gardiner, 264.


Hancock, N.H., I. 54 x 42, 25½ posts. Twin porch? Hayward, History of Hancock, 103.

Haverhill, N.H. (Horse Meadow; First Parish). 50 x 40 to 30 x 36. Dismantled 1882. Became barn.


Petersham, Mass., II. Willson, Address Delivered, 65.

SOUTHAMPTON, MASS. Belfry 1822. Turned 1840. History of the Connecticut Valley, 1:309; Wight, Some Old Time Meeting Houses, opp. 15; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 227.

Stoddard, N.H. Twin porch? Unused after 1838, converted to dwelling house. Gould, History of Stoddard,


1789


Fairfield, Conn. (Green’s Farms or West Parish), III. Replaced one burned by British.

Greenfarmchurch.org/history.


Gray, Maine, II. Clayton, *History of Cumberland County*, 300.


HOPKINTON, N.H., II. 62 x 46. Twin porch 12 ft. sq. Middle belfry added 1809–1811. Turned 1829.

Hurd, *History of Merrimack County*, 399; Lord, *Life and Times in Hopkinton*, 76, 106–7;

Wainwright, “Colonial Meetinghouses.”


County, 443; Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 225.


Wells, Vt. “build a church thirty-six feet in length by one story and a half high.” Never finished inside.


1790


Castleton, Vt. 50 x 40. “side to the street . . . square pews . . . doors either end.” Smith and Rann, *History of Rutland County*, 545.


DARTMOUTH, MASS. (Quaker), II (Apponegansett meetinghouse). Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 222; Lowry, “Quakers and Their Meeting House at Apponegansett.”


Groton, Conn. (Baptist), II. Stark, *Groton*, 137.


Weathersfield, Vt. History of Windsor County, 703, 707.


1791


1792


EAST PLYMOUTH, CONN. (Anglican). Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 213.
Hartford, Conn. (Anglican), I (Christ Church). 90 x 44. Steeple fell when raised. Sold and moved 1829.
Holyoke, Mass. (Congregational and Baptist), I. Moved 1796. Copeland, History of Hampden County, 88.
OXFORD, MASS. (Universalist). 46 x 43. “with porch or tower.” Tuscan order. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 226; Daniels, History of the Town of Oxford, 89.
SANDWICH, N.H. (Baptist). Turned 1847. History of Carroll County, 696; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 233.
North Yarmouth, Maine (Second Parish). Clayton, History of Cumberland County, 267; Rowe, Ancient North Yarmouth, 140–41.
1793


1794


NEW SALEM, MASS., II. Sinnott: “late example” of type 2. Packard, *History of the Churches and Ministers in Franklin County*, 275; *History of the Connecticut Valley*, 2:669; Sinnott,
Meetinghouse and Church, 225.

1795


CHESTER, CONN. (Fourth Parish in Saybrook), II. Town house 1847, then theater. “Chester Meeting House.”


READFIELD, Maine (Methodist). Dragged by 50 yoke of oxen to present location. Butler, History of Farmington, 142.


Suffield, Conn. (Second Parish or Ireland Plaine), II. Trumbull, Memorial History of Hartford County, 2:391–92.


THOMASTON, MAINE (Baptist). Eaton, History of Thomaston, 226.


WARDSBORO, VT. (Baptist). Moved 1834. Town hall and church. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 239.

Waterbury, Conn. (Anglican), II (St. John’s, formerly St. James’s). Torn down 1888. Anderson, Town and City of Waterbury, 2:57.


Wintonbury, Conn. (Bloomfield) (Baptist). Small Stiles, History of Ancient Windsor, 376.
1796

Barnstable, Mass. (Centerville). 46 x 38, 21 posts. 3 doors. Trayser, Barnstable, 66; Freeman, History of Cape Cod, 2: 330.


DIGHTON, MASS. (Baptist or Elder Goff meetinghouse). Plain. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 223.

FALMOUTH, MASS. (West Parish) (Congregational). Moved 1857. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 223.

FOSTER CENTER, R.I. (Baptist). Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 64; Matthews, Churches of Foster, 20.

Hallowell, Maine (“Old South Church”). Nason, Old Hallowell, chap. 12.


Methuen, Mass., II. “plan of the . . . lower Parish of Bradford.” Howe, Historical Sketch, 14; Bentley, Diary (1796), 2:179.


Newburyport, Mass. (Harris Street) (Presbyterian), I. Currier, History of Newburyport, 284.


Stratfield, Conn. (Baptist), I. Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 2:225, Orcutt, History of Stratford and Bridgeport, 548.


Thomaston, Maine. 50 x 50. 2 porches in front? Hand-suspended sounding board. Eaton, History of Thomaston, 202; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 219.


Tyringham, Mass., II. History of Berkshire County, 610.


1797


Hanover, N.H., II. Childs, *Hanover*, 207.


1798


Palmer, Mass., II. Voted 50 x 40 (Twin porch); built 46 x 45. Porch at west end. Temple, *History of Palmer*, 213.

77, 215.


WINDSOR, VT., II (“Old South”). Pediment and bell tower. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 89; *History of Windsor County*, 323.

1799


Sterling, Mass., II. 75 x 70 or 60 x 55. 2 angels. Burned 1842. *History of Worcester County*, 2:344–45; *One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary, Sterling*, 34–35.


1800


BARRINGTON, R.I. Built by lottery. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 172; Bicknell, *History of*
Barrington, 439.
Winsted, Conn., II. Bulfinch type plan. Copied by Otis, Mass., 1813. *History of Litchfield County*, 212;

1801


Cavendish, Vt. 55 x 45. *History of Windsor County*, 507.


1802


Bath, N.H., II. 54 x 42, to 58 x 47. Builder: “Mr. Sargent.” Sutherland, *Address*, 55–56.

221.


Hollis (Little Falls), Maine. 2 meetinghouses voted. Ridlon, *Saco Valley Settlements*, 231.


WINDHAM, VT. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 239.


1803


Nottingham, N.H., II. Cogswell, *History of Nottingham*, 118.

ROXBURY, MASS., V. 68 x 81. Painted and ornamented. Drake, *Town of Roxbury*, 288; Sinnott,

    *Meetinghouse and Church*, 95; Bentley, *Diary*, 31 October 1804.

Saco, Maine (Pepperellborough). Builder: Bradbury Johnson. Lithograph drawn by Charles H. Granger,


1804

Arlington, Mass., II. 70 x 56, 30 posts. Builder: Andrew Palmer. Torn down 1840. Cutter and Cutter,


Colchester, Vt. Schoolhouse, then barn, then stone schoolhouse. Child, *Gazetteer of Chittenden County*, 192.


1805


Danby, Vt. (Quaker), II. Smith and Rann, *History of Rutland County*, 590.


Middletown, Conn. (Methodist), I. 42 x 32. Field, *Centennial Address*, 182.

Newton, Mass., IV. First Church, Newton, *Commemorative Services*, 157.


1806


BLOOMFIELD, CONN. (Anglican) (St. Andrew’s). “Pews made of panels from earlier ones.” 


Brunswick, Maine, II. Builder: Samuel Melcher. North gallery reserved for Bowdoin College students.


1807


Salem, Mass. (Freewill Baptist). Emerson, *Anniversary Sermon*.


1808

BETHANY, CONN. (Anglican) (Christ Church). 48 x 36, then 48 “proportioned” to Waterbury.


Washington and Kent Counties, 1182; Fuller, History of Warwick, 322–24.

HADLEY, MASS., III. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 224.

JAMAICA, VT. Sinnott: type 3. Town meetings once held “below.” Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 238.

JEFFERSON, MAINE (Baptist). Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 218.

NEWTOWN, CONN., II. 60 x 40. Belfry and cupola. Builder: Isaac Scudder. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 214.


Preston, Conn., III. First Congregational Church, 15.

STOUGHTON, MASS. Cupola, belfry, dome. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 228.

Stratford, N.H. Moved 1820 to central location. Thompson, History of Stratford, 173.

WESTWOOD, MASS. Builder: Benjamin Robbins. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 229.


1809


ASHBY, MASS., II. Drake, History of Middlesex County, 1:226; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 221.

Boston, Mass. (Irish or Presbyterian), III. Gothic revival. Drake, History and Antiquities of Boston, 576.

BOSTON, MASS. (Congregational) (Park Street Church). Brick. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 222; Keith and Warren, “Peter Banner.”

FREETOWN, MASS. (Assonet) (Congregational), II (North Church). Sinnott: type 3. Hurd, History of Bristol County, 297; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 221.


MANCHESTER, MASS., IV. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 225.

Middletown, Conn. (Baptist), I. 53 x 38. Field, Centennial Address, 180.


NANTUCKET, MASS. (Unitarian). 3-story porch and bell tower (like Bedford). Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 225; Farnham, Brief Historical Data, opp. 86, 121; Starbuck, History of Nantucket, 558.
Otis, Mass., I. Burned shortly after it was raised. Field, *History of the County of Berkshire*, 318.

1810

1811
WHITING, VT. Committee member went to Boston for advice. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 239.

1812
Brookhaven, L.I., III. Thompson, History of Long Island, 270.
Chatham, Conn. Field, Centennial Address, 269.
EAST BLACKSTONE, MASS. (Quaker). Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 223.
LYME, CONN. (Congregational) (Grassy Hill). Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 214.
Lynn, Mass. (Methodist), II. Lewis, History of Lynn, 378; Benes, New England Prospect, 68 (shows illustration).
Mt. Holly, Vt. (Baptist). Large gallery and pulpit and sounding board. Smith and Rann, History of Rutland County, 682.
Poultney, Vt. Smith and Rann, History of Rutland County, 781.
PRESTON, CONN. (Baptist). Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 215.
Westhampton, Mass., II. Johnson, Historic Hampshire, 311.
Wilmington, Mass., III. 56 x 49. Porch 8 x 31. Simmons, History, unpaginated.

1813
Great Barrington, Mass., II. Conn, *Congregational Church of Great Barrington*, inside front cover.


1814


CANTON, CONN., II. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 212.


CHAPLIN, CONN. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 212.


1815


WASHINGTON, VT. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 239.

1816


New Sharon, Maine. Parker, History of Farmington, 106.
NORTH WOODBURY, CONN., I. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 214.
SOUTH BARNSTEAD, N.H. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 234.
Wickford, R.I. (Baptist). 50 x 40. Cole, History of Washington and Kent Counties, 468; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 236.

1817
BLUE HILL, MAINE (Baptist). Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 217.
Dartmouth, Mass. (New Bedford), II. 48 x 60. 7-ft. portico. Hurd, History of Bristol County, 76.
EAST HARPSWELL, MAINE (Baptist). No galleries. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 217.
KILLINGWORTH FARMS, CONN. (Killingworth), II. Architect: Ithiel Town (probable). Kelly, Early Connecticut Meeting Houses, 1:250; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 213.
NORWICH, VT. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 238.
Searsport, Maine (Second Congregational). Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 219.
SOUTH DARTMOUTH, MASS. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 227.
WEST TOWNESEND, VT. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 239.
WOODBURY, CONN. Designer: Harman Stoddard. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 216.

1818
BELFAST, MAINE. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 217; Williamson, History of Belfast, 260–61.


1819


BRISTOL, VT. (Baptist). Sinnott *Meetinghouse and Church*, 237.


DEDHAM, MASS. (Congregational) (Allin Church). Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 222.


HAMDEN, Conn. (Anglican) (Grace Church). Architect: David Hoadley? Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 213.


LINCOLNVILLE, MAINE. Plain. No belfry. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 218.


SOUTH DARTMOUTH, MASS. (Quaker). Organ. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 227. (“Smith Neck”?)

WARREN, CONN., II. 56 x 42. “taking of Seven feet for a steeple.” Builder: James Jennings. Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 2:247; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 216.

1820

ACWORTH, N.H. (Quaker). 2 doors, “the women’s wider.” Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 230.


HAVERHILL, MASS. Brick. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 224.

KINGSTON, R.I. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 236; Cole, History of Washington and Kent Counties, 554.

Marlborough, Vt., II. Newton, History of Marlborough.


NORTH BUXTON, MAINE. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 218.

Pittsfield, Vt. Cost: $1,000. Smith and Rann, History of Rutland County, 724.


Southampton, L.I., IV. Thompson, History of Long Island, 214.

SOUTH DEERFIELD, MASS. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 227.

UNITY, N.H. (Quaker). “Two doors, wider one for women.” Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 234.

WINDSOR, VT. (Anglican). Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 239.

1821


Scituate, R.I. (Baptist) II. Beaman, *Historical Address*, 47.


1822


New Britain, Conn., II. (Old North Church). *South Congregational Church*, 3.


1823


BLANDFORD, MASS., II. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 222.


SWANTON, VT. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 239.


1824


WINTHROPE, MAINE (South Parish), III. 3 accidental deaths at raising. Thurston, *Brief History of Winthrop*, 138.

1825


SOUTH WINDHAM, VT. Brick. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 238.

STOCKBRIDGE, MASS. (Interlaken). Brick. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 224.


Winthrop, Maine (Methodist). Thurston, Brief History, 126.

1826

AMESBURY, MASS. (Unitarian became Congregational). Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 221.

AMHERST, MASS. (Johnson Chapel, Amherst College). Brick. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 221.

ANDOVER, MASS. (West Parish) (Congregational). Stone (granite). Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 221.


BELGRADE, MAINE (Baptist) (“Old South Church”). Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 217.

BELLINGHAM, MASS. (Baptist), II. “Three round-topped doors.” Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 221.

BERLIN, MASS., II. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 222.


CHICOPEE, MASS. (Second, formerly Fifth Parish in Springfield), II. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 222.

DIGHTON, MASS. (Congregational). Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 223.

Farmington Falls, Maine (Union). Parker, History of Farmington, 56.

GILMANTON, N.H., II. Round-topped windows. Lancaster, History of Gilmanton, 196; Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 231.


KENNEBUNK, MAINE (Union). Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 218.


LEICESTER, VT. Design adopted from St. Albans, Vt. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 238.

MANOMET, MASS. (Second Congregational Church of Plymouth). Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church,


WESTHAMPTON, MASS., III. *Memorial of the Reunion*, 80.


1827


HUBBARDSTON, MASS. (Evangelical). Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 224; Stowe, *History of*
Hubbardston, 128.


TRURO, MASS. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 228.


1828


EAST LONGMEADOW, MASS. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 223.


HOLDEN, MAINE. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 218.


Middletown, Conn. (Methodist), II. 75 x 55, 30 posts. Field, *Centennial Address*, 182.


1829


EASTFORD, CONN., II. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 212.


LYNDON, VT. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 238.


WESTMINSTER, VT. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 239.

1830

ANNISQUAM, MASS. Sinnott, *Meetinghouse and Church*, 221.


Appendix C

*Pinnacles, pyramids, and spires, 1651–1709*

This information is gathered from New England town and parish records, indentures, contracts, invoices, and contemporary images.


1652 Sudbury, Mass., II. Raised 1653. 40 x 24, 12 posts. “& pinacles both at each end & each gable wth a clear story.” Donnelly, *New England Meeting Houses*, 49; Donnelly, “New England Pyramids,” 77.


1682 Simsbury, Conn., I. Raised 1683. 28 x 24, 14 posts. From an indenture with Thomas Barber: “put up Flue Boards at each end, and piramides also.” Donnelly, *New England Meeting Houses*, 50, 128; Donnelly, “New England Pyramids,” 76.


1709 Norwalk, Conn., I. Raised 1659. Samuel Keeler Jr. to build belfry, “and at ye top of ye turret a good sufficient cedar stump to fix a weathercock on, if ye town see cause; or a pinnicle.” Hall, *Ancient Historical Records of Norwalk*, 104.
Appendix D

*Enlargements of meetinghouses in New England by cutting the frame, 1723–1824*


1759 Falmouth, Maine. 1740 meetinghouse (Old Jerusalem) enlarged by sawing “through on both sides of the pulpit and each end was moved from the pulpit twelve feet,” creating 28 new pews on lower floor. Goold, *Portland in the Past*, 289.


1762 North Yarmouth, Maine. 1727 meetinghouse, 50 x 40, cut in the middle and the western half moved 40 ft. to create a building 45 x 94. One source says 28 ft. 28 pews added. Mason, “Old Meeting-House of
North Yarmouth,” 176; Clayton, History of Cumberland Co., 412.

1764 Hanover, Mass. (Central Meeting House). Town voted to open its 1728 meetinghouse “in two parts and put in a new piece in the middle 13 feet or 15 feet in length”; subsequently voted for a new meetinghouse, 62 x 43, 22 posts. Briggs, Church and Cemetery Records, 8.


1768 Plympton, Mass. (Second or South Parish or Carver). Town voted “to cut the [1732] meeting house in two in the middle of the broad alley and put in fifteen feet.” South Plympton Precinct Book, 92.

1768 West Tisbury, Mass. Town voted to cut the 1733 meetinghouse in the middle and enlarge it by 15 ft., and enlarge it an additional 2 ft. on the back. Banks, History of Martha’s Vineyard, 2:87.


1769 Killingly, Conn. (Second, North, or Thompson Parish). 1729 meetinghouse cut into two parts and enlarged 14 ft. Manual of the Congregational Church at Thompson, 13.

1769 Sherburne, Mass. 1723 meetinghouse enlarged by 20 ft.; town voted “that the Peace be put in the middle.” Another description: “this was done by sawing the house in two in the middle, moving the western half to the distance desired, and connecting the two parts together by a new piece.” Biglow, History of Sherburne, 43; Drake, History of Middlesex County, 2:292.

1770 Salem, Mass. (Second or East Parish). 1717 meetinghouse enlarged by inserting 14 ft. in the center. Hurd, History of Essex County, 1:42.


1772 Woburn, Mass. Town voted to “open the [1748] Meeting House in said Parish, and move to the West eighteen feet & a half; and move the Pulpit to the middle of the House on the North Side.” Sewall, History of Woburn, 341.
1773 Chatham, Mass. 1730 meetinghouse enlarged “east and west” by the addition of 17 ft. and a 9 x 10 porch. Smith, *History of Chatham*, 333.

1775 Watertown, Mass. 1723 meetinghouse enlarged (before 1775) by extending the pulpit side about 18 ft., adding 16 pews and creating a structure like a lean-to on the pulpit side. Robinson and Wheeler, *Great Little Watertown*, opp. 66.


1782 Lynnfield, Mass. Town voted to enlarge its 1715 meetinghouse by cutting it into two pieces and adding 14 ft. Bentley, *Diary*, says in 1813 that it was enlarged. MacKenzie, “First Parish Meetinghouse,” 105; Bentley, *Diary*, 24 May 1813, 4:171.


1795 Dorchester, Mass. 1743 meetinghouse enlarged “by first dividing it along the ridge pole, and moving off one half 14 ft., and then building an addition in the middle; after which the tower and steeple were moved, standing, seven feet, to bring it to the center of the end.” Harris, *Valedictory Sermon*, 29.


1801 Newburyport, Mass. 1756 Presbyterian meetinghouse was “cut open with the purpose of enlarging it. It was open exactly in front of the front gallery.” Bentley, *Diary*, 12 September 1801, 2:387.

1804 Sandwich, Mass. 1703 meetinghouse enlarged 15 ft. a second time, this time in width. Another source says: “deepened by another 12½ feet, through moving the entire north wall with pulpit and pews
that much father north. The front roof and ridge from the belltower remained in place, so that the back roof slope became flatter.” *Notes on the History of the First Parish Church, Sandwich*, 5; Lovell, *Sandwich*, chap. 17.

Appendix E

Citations of exterior painting, 1678–1828

When the color vote, application, or purchase is unknown, the meetinghouse date is indicated with an asterisk (*).

Abington, Mass. 1764. “Colored” white; paint analysis: sandstone or light yellow on the corner boards, doors a rich green. Hill, “Meeting House at Abington,” 47.


Amesbury, Mass. 1788. “The West Parish meeting house... was painted this year, and it required 33 2-3 bushels of flax seed to make the ‘oyl.’” Merrill, History of Amesbury, 304.

Arlington, Mass. 1795. “paint the outside... the same color as Mr. Thomas Russells.” Cutter and Cutter, History of Arlington, 108.


Ashburnham, Mass. 1798. Voted that “the color should be pea green”: reconsidered earlier vote and decided on “white.” Stearns, History of Ashburnham, 296.


Barnstead Parade, N.H. 1799. “The body... was painted yellow; the roof red.” Adams, History of Barnstead from Its First Settlement, 52.

Bedford, Mass. 1780. “covered with a coating of ‘Bedford Yellow,’ a sort of mineral paint found in the town”; beginning of the nineteenth century described as being “dark, dirty yellow.” Brown, History of the Town of Bedford, 13, 54. Described in 1868 by Rev. William A. Stearns as “dark, dirty yellow” when he recalled the meetinghouse at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

Bedford, N.H. 1762. “finished mixing 40 pounds of paint for the Meeting house.” Patten, Diary, 12 October 1762 (116).


Bethany, Conn. 1774. “that the meetinghouse be colored blue, and the windows white”; shortly thereafter vote changed to “white.” Sharpe, Bethany Sketches and Records, 7.
Bluehill, Maine. 1793. “that the body of the meeting house be painted a yellow stone color and the roof to be painted with oil, turpentine and Spanish brown.” Candage, Historical Sketches of Bluehill, 44.


Boxborough, Mass. 1784. “get the outside of the meeting-house painted.” Hager, Boxborough, 40.


Bradford, Mass. (East Parish). 1822. Moved “to have the meeting-house painted twice over with good white lead and linseed oil with colouring so as to make it a handsome stone colour. The windows and frames to be white.” Transcription of records of the East Parish in Bradford, Mass. 123. Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Mass., kindly provided by Gregory H. Laing.

Braintree, Mass. (Randolph). 1796. “Voted, to build two porches to the meeting-house . . . both to be finished off and painted handsomely.” Proceedings of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the First Congregational Church, Randolph, 75.

Branford, Conn. 1797. “painted, or whitewashed, both inside and out, and the roof . . . coated ‘with Spanish Brown laid on with Linseed oil.’” Simonds, History of the First Church and Society of Branford, 121.


Bridgewater, Mass. (South Parish). 1773. “paint the outside . . . as much as has been painted before.” Hurd, History of Plymouth County, 776.


Brimfield, Mass. 1761. “to color the outside of the meeting-house.” Hyde, Historical Celebration of the Town of Brimfield, 121.


Brookfield, Conn. 1769. “oyl and culler the windows and doors, and corner-boards.” Hurd, History of
Fairfield County, 171.


Brooklyn, Conn. 1788. Voted in September $100 “to be paid in Flaxseed or any other Material proper for Painting & Repairing the Meeting-house”; voted in November to paint the exterior “of a light Stone colour.” Kelly, *Early Connecticut Meetinghouses*, 1:40.


Burrillville, R.I. (Quaker). 1791* “only a modest brown coat upon the exterior.” Keach, *Burrillville As It Was and As It Is*, 107.


Canaan, N.H. 1794. “that the sides and wall of the house be colored a stone couler, the roof Spanish Brown, and the doors a sky blue.” Wallace, *History of Canaan*, 149.


Chatham, Mass. 1773. “To paint . . . the frunt and the two Gable Ends . . . a Stone Couler and the Porch,
back side and all over the Roofe with Spanish Brown.” Smith, *History of Chatham*, 333.


Columbia, Conn. (Second Parish in Lebanon or Lebanon Crank). 1753. “Collour the Meeting House sky colLOUR.” *One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Organization of the Congregational Church in Columbia*, 35.


Cummington, Mass. 1806. “voted to paint the meeting house anew, and to paint it white.” *History of the Connecticut Valley*, 447.


Deerfield, Mass. 1791. £40 “raised to paint the house”; “remembered by the old folks as being yellow, when taken down in 1824.” Sheldon, *History of Deerfield*, 1:477.


Dudley, Mass. 1768. Warrant “to See if the Town will agree to Cholour the body of our meeting house”;

“Voted to Cholour our meeting house with an orange Cholour.” *Dudley Town Records*, 112–13.

Dunbarton, N.H. 1789. “The outside of said house to be painted with a good stone color.” Stark, *History
of Dunbarton, 156.


East Hampton, L.I. 1801. Subscription circulated to paint the meetinghouse “light Red or Peach Bloe.” Goodwin, East Hartford, 130.


East Plymouth, Conn. (St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church). 1791? “an original coat of red” under the present white. Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 1:xlvii.


Exeter, N.H. 1762. “that it be painted according to custom.” Bell, History of Exeter, 188.


Gardner, Mass. Circa 1788. “That the color, for the meeting-house, the ground work, to be a stone color the window frames and sashes, and weather-boards and girt, be white, the doors green.” Herrick, History of Gardner, 476.

Gilead, Conn. (Second Parish or Hebron). 1749. Society voted to paint the meetinghouse “sky color.” Mack, Historical Sketch of the Congregational Church in Gilead, 10.

Gilsum, N.H. 1791. Outside to be “a Bright Orring, Only the doors . . . Stone Gray the gets and Cornishes and windows . . . white.” Hayward, Address Delivered at the Centennial Celebration, 19.

Goshen, Conn. 1770. “voted that the committee paint the body of the [meeting]house white, also paint the roof.” Records of the Meetings of the First Ecclesiastical Society of Goshen, in Goshen Town Records, 1:183. Transcribed by Lewis Mills Norton, Goshen Town Hall, Goshen, Conn.

Goshen, Conn. 1771. “voted that the body of the new meeting house be made a spruce yellow.” Records of the Meetings of the First Ecclesiastical Society of Goshen, in Goshen Town Records, 1:184.


Groton, Mass. Circa 1800. Meetinghouse described in the beginning of the nineteenth century as “straw, trimmed with white”; traces of yellow paint under more recent white found on the late-eighteenth century steeple finial from the 1755 meetinghouse. Quotation from Drake, History of Middlesex County, 1:464; Benes and Zimmerman, New England Meeting House and Church, 133.
Guilford, Conn. 1787. Permission given “to any person or persons to color the walls of the meeting house & steeple white provided they will do it on their own cost.” Kelly, *Early Connecticut Meetinghouses*, 1:173.


Hadley, Mass. 1771. “vote in March, 1771, to color the meeting-house. . . . It was colored.” Judd, *History of Hadley*, 314.

Hampton, Conn. 1768. “to color the same [meetinghouse] something like the color of Pomfret meeting house.” Bayles, *History of Windham County*, 384.

Hampton, Conn. 1805. Meetinghouse to be painted “on the roof and back side red, the foreside & ends Stone yellow, the window frames white, the door & bottom boards of a chocolate color.” Kelly, *Early Connecticut Meetinghouses*, 1:188.


Hancock, N.H. 1806. Voted to paint the meetinghouse “white.” Hayward, *History of Hancock*, 135.


Hanover, Mass. 1789. Voted to paint the meetinghouse “stone yellow, the roof spanish brown, and the corner boards and window frames and sashes white.” Barry, *Historical Sketch of the Town of Hanover*, 68.


Harwich, Mass. (Second or South Parish). 1792. New meetinghouse to be painted “above the jets red”; “foreside porch, the two ends with yellow oker”; back side “red as the roof”; “the jets, corner boards, weather boards, window frames, door casings, and window sashes with white lead”; “ground boards and doors . . . of a chocolate color.” Paine, *History of Harwich*, 251.

Hatfield, Mass. 1793. “entered Hatfield, whose M. House benefitted by changing a red paint for a more ornamental.” Bentley, *Diary*, 19 August 1793 (2:56).


Hawley, Mass. 1798. “to raise fifty pounds to paint the meeting house”; “painted yellow.” Johnson,
History of the Town of Hawley, 10.

Hingham, Mass. 1682. Joshua Lincoln paid for “collering the casements and other wood-work.”


Huntington, Conn. 1783. (St. Paul’s Church). “voted to pay Andrew Shelton ‘four shillings a Day for . . . Colloring the Church.’” Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 1:237.

Ipswich, Mass. 1755. Thomas Lawlor paid for “priming painting & Gilden the Inside Doars & Casing of the outside of the first parrish . . . 52 ½ lb of White & Stone Collor . . . 1 Gallon ½ of Boyld oyl . . . 1 quart & a pint [boiled oil] . . . 1 Do. [quart and a pint] Turpentine . . . 6 ½ lb of Chocolate . . . 3 pints of Boyld Oyl turpentine.” Thomas Lawlor account, 19 September 1755, First Church in Ipswich and Ipswich Museum.


Ipswich, Mass. 1764. “Dummer Jewett . . . provided white lead and oil for painting the meeting house of the First Parish in July.” Waters, Ipswich in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, 2:265.


Lehtinen and Lehtinen, History of Jaffrey, 192–94.

Keene, N.H. 1786.* “painted white, or light yellow, with green doors.” Proper, History of the First Congregational Church, 40.

Kensington, Conn. 1789. “To paint the meeting house, the body thereof and the roof”; remembered as “dull yellow.” Two Hundredth Anniversary, Kensington Congregational Church, 47.


Kent, Conn. 1773. “voted that we will color the new meeting house a dark green colour.” Congregational Church Records of Kent, vol. 5, 1741–1915, 20 December 1772, Connecticut State Library.
Information courtesy of Russell B. Handsman, 6 July 1979.

Kent, Conn. 1790. “voted to new paint the meeting house . . . with white lead and spanish white.”

Killingly, Conn. (Second, North, or Thompson Parish). 1769. “that the cullering of the body of our meeting house shall be like Pomfret, and the Roff shall be cullured Read.” Larned, History of Windham County, 2:81.


Lebanon, Conn. 1758. “to new Clapboard the west end of sd House . . . & To Collour the same with the Colour of the Tower.” Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 1:265.

Leominster, Mass. 1753. “to finish the outside of the meeting-house and to color it.” Stebbins, Centennial Discourse, Leominster, 19.

Lexington, Mass. 1794. To decide “whether it should be painted ‘pea-green’ or some other color.”

Lexington, Mass. 1795. “The former House had two galleries, without a steeple & was painted yellow.
The present House is ornamented with a Steeple, & is painted green. . . . The Sashes & Corners of the House are painted white.” Bentley, Diary, 14 July 1795 (2:147).

Litchfield, Conn. 1772. Tax levied for “colouring the house.” Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 1:278.

Litchfield, Conn. 1790. “to paint the meeting house and the roof if the Comte think it proper.” Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 1:278.

Littleton, N.H. 1815. Meetinghouse received a “coat of white paint.” Jackson, History of Littleton, 1:236.

Lyme, Conn. 1817? Meetinghouse to be painted “with a bright straw color or white.” Buggeln, Temples of Grace, 259n17.

Madison, Conn. 1742. “to collour our new meeting-house a lead collour.” Gallup, Historical Discourse Congregational Church, Madison, 24.

Malden, Mass. 1728. Contract with Aaron Cleveland “to colour the outside said House as followeth with a lead colour. Viz., the Steeple and Galleries and all the Mundillions and the fatheers Weather Boards and Window frames with the cases Troughs & Trunks with the Shells over each Door all the above mentioned particulars to be of a lead colour.” Watkins, “Malden’s Old Meetinghouses,” 39.

Manchester, Conn. (Orford Parish). Before 1794. “Voted, . . . the red paint covered on the front side of

Mansfield, Mass. 1788. “voted to build and sell four pews in meeting-house, and with the proceeds to paint the house.” Hurd, *History of Bristol County*, 440.

Marblehead, Mass. Well after 1715. “Externally the church was painted of a clapboard color.” *Bicentennial of the First Congregational Church, Marblehead*, 54.


New Britain, Conn. 1755. “Whether they would culler the Meeting House, viz: the Windows and
coverings and Doors, &c. Voted in ye affirmative, Mr. Joseph Clark was chosen to procure coloring stuff and culler the Meeting house, agreeable to vote above.” Camp, History of New Britain, 127.


Newburyport, Mass. (First Society). 1820. Account for “two coats of stone color paint.” Bills for painting the church were found “some years ago [previous to 1933] in the copper ball on top of the spire.” Atkinson, History of the First Religious Society in Newburyport, 78.

New Haven, Conn. (White Haven Society). 1761. “This Society being Senceable yt ye meeting house wants Colouring . . . if there be money Subscribed Sufficient . . . that ye Same be paid to the Society Comtt to be by them Laid out for the purposes aforesd.” Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 2:33.


New Ipswich, N.H. 1812.* “originally painted cream-color . . . when . . . necessary to apply a new coat, the dirty and dismal coating of yellow ochre was put upon it. . . . It has now stood thirty-eight years.” Gould and Kidder, History of New Ipswich, 162.

New London, Conn. 1788. “Paint the Outside and inside twice over with such colours as the Society shall direct.” Blake, Later History of the First Church of Christ, New London, 217.

New Preston, Conn. 1771. “that we couller ye Meeting House on ye oute Side with White Lead and Oyle.” Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 1:xlvii.

Newtown, Conn. 1762. “And ye society voted to go on and finish ye steeple and culler ye house . . . according to ye proposal.” Johnson, Newtown’s History, 37.

Newtown, Conn. 1781. Committee “to procure flax seed to exchange for oil to paint the meeting house”; “new painting of ye outside of ye same [meetinghouse].” Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 2:62; new painting: Johnson, Newtown’s History, 38.

Newtown, Conn. 1781? “that the Meeting House should be colored tan with cornice, pilasters, windows and door frames dark brown.” Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary Year, 1714–1964, Newtown,
Norfolk, Conn. 1761. “received the coat of peach blow pink paint.” Potter, *Church of Christ Congregational, Norfolk*, 13.


Norwalk, Conn. 1771. “to colour ye sd house.” Hall, *Ancient Historical Records of Norwalk*, 162.

Norwich, Conn. 1752. Entries in treasurer’s accounts for “pigments, such as white lead, Spanish white, ‘lamblack’ and ‘yellow oaker.’” Kelly, *Early Connecticut Meetinghouses*, 2:112.


Petersham, Mass. 1738. Thomas Dick paid “for coloring the meeting-house.” Wilson, *Address Delivered*
Pomfret, Conn. 1762. “voted that the new meeting-house should be colored on the outside of an orange color—the doors and bottom boards of a chocolate color—windows, jets, corner boards and weather boards, colored white.” One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary, First Church in Pomfret, 43–44.

Pomfret, Conn. 1773. “Voted to new color the meeting house.” One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary, First Church in Pomfret, 44–45.

Princeton, Mass. 1770. “to paint the meeting house, provided Mr. Moses Gill finds paint.” Hanaford, History of Princeton, 86.

Providence, R.I. (First Baptist Church). 1774 “paint the roof with Tar & Spanish Brown.” Isham, Meetinghouse of the First Baptist Church, 26.

Reading, Mass. (Wakefield). 1768. Voted “not to paint the clapboards, or do the roof with rosin, tar, and pitch.” Hamilton, Commemorative Address Wakefield, 28.


Rindge, N.H. Before 1839. Watercolor map shows yellow meetinghouse (built in 1796) with red roof. Map painted by Mary Parker Kimball before the meetinghouse was altered in 1839. Benes and Zimmerman, New England Meeting House and Church, 22, 125.


Roxbury, Conn. 1794. “voted to give its new building three coats of paint: white on the building’s facades and red on the roof.” Buggeln, Temples of Grace, 259n17.


Shirley, Mass. 1795. “the Meeting house . . . beautifully painted white on the sides & even over the roof. The doors were green.” Bentley, *Diary*, 14 July 1795 (2:150).


Shrewsbury, Mass. 1808. “to paint & . . . Repair the Meeting house”: To 29 ½ Gal. of Linseed Oil . . . 32 Gal. Of fish Oil . . . 2–3 grs of white lead . . . 20 wt. of Spruce Yellow, & small paints . . . William Rice Acct. of Painting & graining doors.” Statement from the committee appointed by the Town of Shrewsbury “to paint & otherwise Repair the Meeting house,” 4 March 1808. Transcription kindly provided by Henry J. Harlow, 26 September 1978. Author’s archives.


Stockbridge, Mass. 1784.* “house was white without.” Jones, *Stockbridge Past and Present*, 185.


Surry, N.H. 1789. “the outside of said Meeting house is to be glaised and painted like Keene meetinghouse.” Kingsbury, *History of Surry*, 174–75.


Tewksbury, Mass. 1791. “voted to repaint the meeting house and to inquire of the painter what ‘coller is the most durable to paint the meeting-house’ . . . proved to be stone color.” Pride, ed. *Tewksbury*, 68.


Townsend, Mass. 1771. “the window, and door frames, and the doors, were painted on the outside during the summer of 1771”; paint analysis from clapboarding in 1978 revealed dirty orange or dark yellow under twelve layers of whites and creams. Sawtelle, *History of Townsend*, 143; color analysis by the author, 1978.


Trumbull, Conn. 1773. “coller the outside and finish the inside of said meeting-house.” Beach, *Trumbull: Church and Town*, 45.


 Westbrook, Conn. 1763. “to paint the clapboards sky colour, and the doors and sash white.” *First Church of Christ, Saybrook*, 123.

Westford, Mass. 1793. “Voted to Culler the meeting-house this season and make it neer the Culler of
Chelmsford meeting-house. Voted the ruf of the meeting house be tard or Cullered as the Committee think best”; “The Meeting House soon presented, painted white.” Votes: Hodgman, *History of Westford*, 151. Description: Bentley, *Diary*, 19 August 1793 (2:42).


Wilmington, Mass. 1765. “When it was finished, in 1765, . . . painted in light yellow.” Simmons, *History, Yearbook and Church Directory*.


Wolcott, Conn. 1794. “that the body of the house be painted white and the roof red.” Orcutt, *History of Wolcott*, 67.

Woodbury, Conn. 1789. Meetinghouse to be painted “up to the square . . . the same color it was before.” Kelly, *Early Connecticut Meetinghouses*, 2:320.

Woodbury, Conn. 1790. “that the color of the meeting house be near the color of Mr. Timy Tomlinsons except it be a little more greenish as it.” Kelly, *Early Connecticut Meetinghouses*, 2:320. See also Cothern, *History of Ancient Woodbury*, 3:1575.

Woodstock, Conn. 1790. Meeting warned to vote if they would “also new color the outside.” Larned, *History of Windham County*, 2:367.

Woodstock, Conn. 1795. Money from sale and rent of pews allocated “for the expense of Painting the Meeting House white”; roof to be painted also. Kelly, *Early Connecticut Meetinghouses*, 2:331.

Woodstock, Conn. 1821. “to paint the meeting house white to prime with French Yellow & boiled oil; also to paint the roof.” Kelly, *Early Connecticut Meetinghouses*, 332.

Woodstock, Vt. 1808. “painted outside and within . . . the outside of the body of the house being painted
white”; called the “White Meeting House” or the “Old White.” Dana, *History of Woodstock*, 439.


Yarmouth, Mass. 1768. “lower room of the porch . . . to be sealed with planed boards, and the doors to be with handsome wainscot work, and colored in chocolate color.” Dodge, *History of the First Congregational Church*, 34.
Appendix F

Citations of interior painting, 1656–1817

When the coloring date is unknown, the date of the meetinghouse is given and indicated with an asterisk.


Andover (South or Second Parish). 1793. Bentley: Inscribed over the pulpit, “Holiness becomes thy house O Lord, Forever”; “I. H. S.” painted on the front of the pulpit. Bentley, Diary, 23 April 1793 (2:16); 24 April 1793 (2:19).

Arlington, Mass. 1775. In 1813 Bentley remembered that during the British occupation of Boston the pulpit of the first meetinghouse was painted “of a chocolate colour.” Bentley, Diary, 19 December 1814 (4:221).


Barkhamsted, Conn. 1784.* Pulpit and gallery front blue or lead colored paint. Lee, Barkhamsted, 54.

Barnstead Parade, N.H. 1799. “The sounding board was like the pulpit, a clay color.” Adams, History of Barnstead, 52–53.

Bedford, N.H. 1767. Paint pulpit “the same color as Rev. Mr. McGregor’s pulpit is, in Londonderry.” History of Bedford, 328.


Bluehill, Maine. 1798. “Voted, that the Pulpit pillars, posts and front of the Gallery be painted.” Candage, Historical Sketches of Bluehill, 47.

Boston (King’s Chapel). 1713. “Voted that the Pillers, Capitalls, and Cornish of the Church be painted wainscott Colur.” Greenwood, History of King’s Chapel, 153.

Boston (Christ Church). 1727. Ropes painted “supporting the brass branches or chandeliers, —‘prussian blue picked in with vermillion’”; cherubs’ heads and “fusthoons” on the panels; “painting and
gilding of the tables of the law.” Babcock, *Christ Church, Salem Street, Boston*, 127.

Boston (Christ Church). 1736. Backdrop of the organ loft “bright red,” gilding. Babcock, *Christ Church, Salem Street, Boston*, 244.


Branford, Conn. 1797. Painted or whitewashed inside and out. Simonds, *History of the First Church and Society of Branford*, 121.

Bridgewater, Mass. (South Parish). 1773. Voted to paint “the canopy, pulpit, the front work of the galleries, the pillars under the galleries, the posts and braces.” Hurd, *History of Plymouth County*, 776.

Brooklyn, Conn. 1772. Voted “to leave it with the Society and Building Committees, with the Painter to determine what colour the insid of the Meeting-house and Pulpit shall be.” Kelly, *Early Connecticut Meetinghouses*, 1:40.

Burrillville, R.I. 1770?* Probably painted in early nineteenth century. Above the pulpit “a painting representing cherubim, but a most rude and shabby daub.” Keach, *Burrillville As It Was and As It Is*, 34.


Gilead, Conn. 1761. Pulpit, breastwork, canopy, pillars “light red slightly striped with white.” Mack,
Historical Sketch, 13.

Gilsum, N.H. 1791. “Inside to Be a Stone Gray only the Canopy to Be a Prussian Blue.” Hayward, Address Delivered at the Centennial Celebration of the Congregational Church, 19.

Greenwich, Conn. (Second Parish). 1716.* Pulpit “bluish color.” Linsley, Commemorative Discourse, Second Congregational Church, 10.


Hanover, N.H. 1794. Voted, “so much of the inside as is usual to be painted in well finished meeting houses.” Chase, History of Dartmouth College and the Town of Hanover, 2:10.


Hatfield, Mass. 1750.* Possibly painted after 1779 or 1793; building survived until 1982. Canopy and probably the pulpit: robin’s egg blue. Paint residue photographed by the author in 1982; meetinghouse now demolished.

Haverhill, Mass. 1734.* Nineteenth-century reminiscence: Faces of two cherubs (one with blue eyes, the other with brown) painted on either side of the pulpit window. One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the West Congregational Church, 12.

Henniker, N.H. 1787.* Gilt acorn finial from the sounding board. Survival, Collection of the Town of Henniker, N.H.


Holliston, Mass. 1787. The inside to be a “stone color.” Hurd, History of Middlesex County, 439.

Holland, Mass. 1794. “brest work pillers and Pulpit, to be coulloured a good hansome pee green.” Lovering, History of Holland, 189.

Ipswich, Mass. (South Parish). 1747. “unpretentious pine pulpit, painted white, at the north end.” Waters,

Ipswich, Mass. (First Parish). 1755. “Painting & Gilding the inside doors & Casing of the outside” (white, stone color, chocolate) by Thomas Lawlor. Thomas Lawlor’s Account, 19 September 1755, Archives of the First Parish, Ipswich, Mass.


Kensington, Conn. 1793. To “give liberty to have the meeting house painted withinside . . . provided it be done without charge to the society.” Two Hundredth Anniversary, Kensington Congregational Church, 47.


Lexington, Mass. 1763. “to coulior ye meeting house att ye back of the Pulpit the same couliour the Pulpit is coulioured.” Hudson, *History of Lexington*, 77.


Litchfield, Conn. Circa 1762. Two pilaster capitals with rose motif, painted or dyed red; fragment of carved vine from the pulpit of the 1762 meetinghouse. Benes, “Sky Colors and Scattered Clouds,” 64; Collection of the Litchfield Historical Society, Litchfield, Conn.


Marblehead, Mass. After 1780. Below the canopy a “frieze . . . on which a blue or black ground were 13 gilt stars.” Bicentennial of the First Congregational Church, Marblehead, 53.

Marlborough, Conn. 1789. “inside of the house and the outside doors were painted.” Hall, Report of the Celebration, 18.


Middletown, Vt. 1794. Canopy, turned pillars under the galleries, and breastwork “shall be painted blue.” Frisbie, History of Middletown, 92.


Newbury, Vt. 1790.* Reminiscence: “The sounding board with the ornament on its top decorated with red white and blue and gold stripes.” Wells, History of Newbury, 137.

Newburyport, Mass. (St. Paul’s). 1801. Bentley: “On the front Gallery there is a tribute of respect to Timothy Dexter . . . Over the altar & above the bread & Commandments is a spread eagle holding the Bible & the Common Prayer. . . . Walls as high as the Arch are covered with paper & painted blue”; pews, “faint green with caps of orange colour. The arches are pure white as are the paintings of the gallery.” Bentley, Diary, 2 October 1801 (2:395).

New Haven, Conn. 1761. “ye Pulpit to be finished & Coloured, and the breast work of ye gallery, and Pillars to be Coloured . . . if there be money.” Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 2:33.

New Ipswich, N.H. 1770. Vote to paint the interior; gallery breastwork, cornice, and posts “poppy-red and grained in imitation of marble or mahogany . . . curious gilded canopy.” Kidder and Gould, History of New Ipswich, 149, 153.

New London, Conn. 1788. “Paint the Outside and inside twice over with such colours as the Society shall direct except the ceiling under the windows the inside of the pews below and above.” Blake, Later History of the First Church of Christ, New London, 217.


Newtown, Conn. 1762. “ye society voted to go on and finish ye steeple and culler ye house and ye pulpit according to ye proposal.” Johnson, *Newtown’s History*, 37.


Portsmouth, N.H. 1806. “walls and ceilings tinted with indigo blue wash; the seats painted green; and the high pulpit decorated with splendid crimson silk draperies.” Hazlett, *History of Rockingham County*, 163.

Providence, Mass. 1796.* Reminiscence: “it is said that back of the pulpit there were some paintings ‘supposed to represent angel faces,’ and over the window caps on each side, was a figure, of a cherub perhaps.” Blake, *History of Princeton*, 164.


Sandown, N.H. 1773.* Survival: Pulpit and gallery front, “cedar-grained”; “Two sets of pilasters on the pulpit and the columns which support the galleries are veined in dark blue on an oyster white ground.” Winchester, “The Meeting House at Sandown,” 336.

Shirley, Mass. (Shaker) 1795. Bentley: “Within the wood work is painted of a deep blue, & the seats are of a chocolate colour.” Bentley, *Diary*, 14 July 1795 (2:150).

Shrewsbury, Mass. 1766.* Canopy finial base dark green, leaves dark and light green, inside leaves white, red interior; underside rosette from canopy has red petals, green pointed leaves, gold background, white and gray circles. Collection of the Shrewsbury Historical Society, Shrewsbury, Mass.


Sterling, Mass. Circa 1800. Two angels painted on wall behind pulpit, singing “Glory to God in the highest” and “On earth peace and goo[d] will to men.” *One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary, Sterling*, 35.

Stockbridge, Mass. 1784.* “unpainted,” except high pew, pulpit and canopy. Jones, *Stockbridge Past and
Present, 185.


Wells, Maine. (Second Parish). 1774.* “The front part of the galleries was painted . . . the pulpit . . . the deacon’s seat, just under it . . . and the pew of Dimon Hubbard.” Bourne, *History of Wells and Kennebunk*, 624.

Westborough, Mass. (First Precinct). 1754. Refused to paint the breastwork of the galleries; voted to paint the pulpit. DeForest, *History of Westborough*, 139.


Wilmington, Mass. 1766. “to paint the breast-works of the galleries, the pillars and the pulpit.” Simmons, *History, Yearbook, and Church Directory*.

Wilmington, Mass. 1767. Second vote to paint the gallery breastwork, pillars, and pulpit; between 1767 and 1813. Interior the “dull red of old mahogany”; pulpit “nicely grained in imitation of mahogany”; “sounding-board . . . a very light red.” Simmons, *History, Yearbook, and Church Directory*.


Worcester, Mass. 1733. “that the front of the gallery, the pulpit, and pillars, be colored and varnished.” Smalley, *Worcester Pulpit*, 27.

Yarmouth, Mass. Enlarged 1768. Sounding board to be “colored with a fashionable color, with a deacon
seat and communion table . . . colored fashionably also, and they are to be in the form and fashion as Barnstable East Precinct have their’s in.” Dodge, *History of the First Congregational Church, Yarmouth*, 33.
Appendix G

Meetinghouse replications in New England, 1647–1828

Listed chronologically by town or parish vote to copy the dimensions, design features, or colors of their own or other meetinghouses.

Date in parentheses indicates construction date of the prototype.

Measure of miles indicates distance to prototype in another community (0 indicates that the prototype is within the community).


1654 Sudbury, Mass. “to appoint a man to remove the pulpit and the deacons’ seat out of the old meeting house into the new” (1642); “to build seats after the same fashion as in the old meeting house” (1642): 0. Hudson, *History of Sudbury*, 190.


1678 Norwalk, Conn. Roof “to be built after the manner of Faierfield meeting house” (1668): 9 miles. Hall, *Ancient Historical Records*, 71.


1680 Hingham, Mass. Three men “to view some other meeting houses in some other Townes . . . they may better inform themselves . . . how big a house may be suteable”: within 10 miles. Hingham Town Meeting Records, 2:93, courtesy of Robert B. St. George.

1681 Norwalk, Conn. To remove the “deske, and seates, and planke[s] of the ould meeting house [1659] to the new”: 0. Hall, *Ancient Historical Records of Norwalk*, 76.

1684 Windsor, Conn. “the form of the house according to the Meeting House at Springfield” (1677): 19


1689 Marlborough, Mass. Its old meetinghouse and pulpit “were improved in the meeting-house, for carrying on the finishing of that” (1677): 0. Hudson, *History of the Town of Marlborough*, 88.

1692 Manchester, Mass. “roof . . . to be of the same form of Beverly [1682] or Wenham [1663]”: 7 miles (Beverly); 8 miles (Wenham). *Early Records of the Town of Manchester*, 44–45.


1695 Rowley, Mass. Committee to view Wenham (1663) and Beverly (1682) and report on size: 10 miles (Wenham); 13 miles (Beverly). Jewett and Jewett, *Rowley, Massachusetts*, 106.


1702 Topsfield, Mass. “ye Town did agree yt ye seats shall be plased after ye maner as thay be placed in Rowley meeting house and ye five seates before ye Pulpit is to be sixteen foot long” (1697): 8 miles. Dow, *Town Records of Topsfield*, 1:119.

1703 Springfield, Mass. (Second or West Parish). “that the Meeting-House be seated In form according to the middle of the east side Meeting-House, proportionate according to the room” (1677): 5 miles. *History of the Connecticut Valley*, 907.

1703 Topsfield, Mass. “that the new Meeting House should be Seated after the maner as Ipswich new
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meeting House is seated leavening no room for Puese except Mr Capens Pue” (1699): 7 miles. Dow, *Town Records of Topsfield*, 1:129.

1707 Narragansett, R.I. (St. Paul’s Church). Meetinghouse to resemble first King’s Chapel (Boston) according to “contract” (1688): 72 miles. Dorsey, *Early English Churches in America*, 166.


1713 Brookline, Mass. To have the same dimensions as meetinghouse in Roxbury (1674): 3 miles. Hurd, *History of Norfolk County*, 807.

1713 East Windsor, Conn. “roof of the new meeting house shall be as this is” (1695): 0. Stiles, *History of Ancient Windsor*, 1:232.


1714 Middletown Upper Houses, Conn. (North or Cromwell Parish). To finish the meetinghouse “after same manner the meeting house in South Society, that is the two ends of it” (Middletown [First], 1679): 3 miles. Adams, *Middletown Upper Houses*, 31.

1715 Framingham, Mass. Roof to be “the same form and workmanship” as that in Marlborough (1688): 8 miles; “a good floor, a table, and . . . seats . . . as in Sudbury meeting house” (1688): 7 miles. Temple, *History of Framingham*, 144–45.


1719 East Haven, Conn. “the pulpit and seats shall be in the form of Branford meeting house” (1699): 5 miles. Havens, *Stone Meeting House*, 21.


1721 Amesbury, Mass. (Second, East, or Jamaco Parish). Meetinghouse to have same dimensions as


1725 Sudbury, Mass. (Wayland). Committee to “make it as near as they can like the new house in the West Precinct [Sudbury, Second Parish]” and have same number of pews but “handsomer” steps (1724): 4 miles. Drake, *History of Middlesex County*, 2:469.


1731 Sturbridge, Mass. “to be finished according to articles drawn to finish the meeting house at Hassanamisco [Grafton]” (1730): 24 miles. *History of Worcester County*, 2:364.

1734 Andover, Mass. (Second or South Parish). To build new meetinghouse “after the same form and fashion as the old” (1709): 0. Bailey, *Historical Sketches of Andover*, 442.


1737 Columbia, Conn. (Second Parish in Lebanon or Lebanon Crank). Voted to follow “the rule by which . . . Old Society” sings: 5 miles. *One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Organization of the Congregational Church in Columbia*, 49.

1738 Becket, Mass. Meetinghouse (built 1761) to be finished “as well as the Meeting House in Grafton” (1730): 87 miles. Archer, *Bicentennial History of Becket*, 35.


1741 Wilton, Conn. (Second Parish in Norwalk). Meetinghouse to be finished on the “former model” of


1749 Berwick, Maine (North Parish). Meetinghouse to be “the same size” as Berwick South Parish (1702): 8 miles. Mitchell and Campbell, *Berwick Register*, 50.

1749 Woodstock, Conn. (Second Parish). “Build the two fore-seats like those in the first parish . . . and have as many pews as in the first parish” (1720): 4 miles. Larned, *History of Windham County*, 1:498.


1761 Bridgewater, Mass. (Fourth or North Parish). Pews to be sold according to the layout of those of South Parish in Bridgewater (1759); meetinghouse to have “the same Demenshons of the South Meeting House, in Bridgewater”: 5 miles. Hurd, *History of Plymouth County*, 565.


1765 Southbury, Conn. (Second Parish in Woodbury). “that we will build the house according to the Dimensions of Litchfield present Meeting House in bigness and Form” (1762): 19 miles. Warren, “The First Two Southbury Meeting Houses, Part 2,” 25.

1766 Boston. New Brick Church. Deacons’ seat “as lately been done at Mr. Cooper’s and Old North churches” (about 1764): 1 mile. Robbins, *History of the Second Church in Boston*, 316.

1767 Bedford, N.H. Pulpit to be painted “same color the Rev. Mr. McGregor’s . . . in Londonderry” (1721): 16 miles. *History of Bedford*, 328.

1767 Deerfield, Mass. “Erect a Steeple . . . in the same proportion as the Steeple of Northfield Meeting house is to the body of that house” (1762): 16 miles. Sheldon, *History of Deerfield*, 1:474.


1768 Ashford, Conn. Pews to be “as like the pews in the meeting house at Union” (1739): 11 miles. Larned, *History of Windham County*, 2:25.


1768 Salisbury, N.H. Meetinghouse to have “the same bigness” as Second Parish in Kingston (1738): 55 miles; “the pulpit to be of the same size as the one at Hawke [Danville]” (1755): 50 miles. Dearborn, *History of Salisbury*, 132.

1768 Yarmouth, Mass. “a new sounding-board, with iron-work thereto that is needful and fashionable, and colored a fashionable color, with a deacon seat and communion table, they being fashionable and colored fashionably also, and they are to be in the same form and fashion as Barnstable East Precinct have their’s in.” (1756): 3 miles. Dodge, *History of the First Congregational Church, Yarmouth*, 33.
1769 Killingly, Conn. (Second, North, or Thompson Parish). “that the cullering of the body of our meeting house should be like Pomfret” (1762): 8 miles. Larned, *History of Windham County*, 2:81.

1770 Westford, Mass. To “build the pews . . . and seats and alleys . . . as they are in Medford” (1769): 22 miles. Hodgman, *History of Westford*, 100.


1773 Needham, Mass. Committee to view “One or more of the meeting Houses in the Neighboring Towns”: 5 miles. Clarke, *History of Needham*, 201.


1774 Jaffrey, N.H. Meetinghouse exterior to be “Collored like Rindge” and have a “Pulpit like that in Rindge” (1764): 5 miles. Cutter, *History of Jaffrey*, 60.

1774 Providence, R.I. (First Baptist) Committee “to view the different churches and meeting-houses there, and to make a memorandum of their several dimensions and forms of architecture” in Boston: 42 miles. Isham, *Meeting House*, xvi.


1774 Sandown, N.H. Meetinghouse to be “the color of Chester” (1774): 5 miles. Little, *American Decorative Wall Painting*, 12.


1777 Loudon, N.H. Meetinghouse to have “the same size of the Epsom house” (1764): 9 miles. Hurd, *History of Merrimack County*, 490.

1778 Eastford, Conn. To build meetinghouse “of equal bigness with Woodstock’s West Society’s” (1743): 5 miles. Larned, *History of Windham County*, 2:34.


1781 Hubbardston, Mass. Pulpit to be “the fashion of the Pulpit in the old Rutland meeting house” (1759): 9 miles; Pulpit to be “equal” to that in First Parish in Shrewsbury (1766): 21 miles. Stowe, *History of Hubbardston*, 125.

1781 Temple, N.H. “to color ye Meeting-house, in its several parts, agreeable to Wilton meeting-house colours, or as near as may be” (1773): 7 miles. Blood, *History of Temple*, 135.

1781 Walpole, Mass. Meetinghouse to have “a plan that was drawn of Mansfield Meeting House” (1764): 9 miles. Lewis, *History of Walpole*, 128.

1783 Pittsfield, N.H. Meetinghouse to be the “same bigness of Hampton Falls” (1780): 40 miles. Hurd, *History of Merrimack County*, 593.


1785 Weymouth, Mass. (Second or South Parish). Pulpit, canopy, and deacons’ seat “to be Executed in the same manner they are in the Revd Mr. Taft’s Meeting house [Braintree First Parish, now
Quincy]; front of the gallery “to be finished like the front of the gallery of Rev Mr Tafts Meetinghouse” (1732): 7 miles; “Pulpit window to be cased like the pulpit window in Mr. Wibard’s Meeting-house [Braintree Third Parish, now Randolph]” (1763): 8 miles. Contract, Records of the South Precinct, 1785, 22.

1786 Bow, N.H. Meetinghouse to be “as large as Mr. Colbies” in Pembroke (1759): 12 miles. Hurd, History of Merrimack County, 272.

1786 Milford, N.H. “to accept the plan of the porches of the Temple meeting-house” (1781): 11 miles. Ramsdell, History of Milford, 64.


1787 Andover, Mass. (South Parish). Meetinghouse to be “modeled after that in the North Parish” (1753) and to have “ground pinnings as good as” those of the North Parish: 3 miles. Mooar, Historical Manual, 32.

1787 Rockingham, Vt. To be “as large as Charlestown [N.H.] Meeting House, as to the square of it” (1767): 10 miles. Hayes, History of Rockingham, 143.


1787 Wolfeborough, N.H. Plan to be like the meetinghouse in Middleton with . . . amendments” (1787): 11 miles. Parker, History of Wolfeborough, 256.

1788 Hancock, N.H. “to be in all parts both as to size and goodness equal to the frame of Packerfield [Nelson]” (1776): 11 miles. Hayward, History of Hancock, 103.


1789 Surry, N.H. “That the whole of Said House be finished in the same form and as Near Like Keen Meetinghouse as the Bigness of Said house will admit of . . .”; glazing, exterior paint, pulpit window, canopy, and painting and numbering of pews like Keene (1786): 7 miles. Kingsbury, History of Surry, 174–75.

1789 Wilton, Conn. To be built “upon the construction of the Norwalk meeting-house” (1783): 6 miles. Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 2:298.

1790 Woodbury, Conn. “that the color of the meeting house be near the color of mr. Timy Tomlinsons” (1790): 1 mile. Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 2:320. See also Cothren, History of Ancient Woodbury, 3:1575.


1792 Canaan, N.H. “painting of the outside is to be done in the same manner and exactly like the lower meeting house in Salisbury as to color” (1791): 28 miles; “The pews are to be made and placed according to the plan by which they are sold, and the inside work to be . . . in every respect equal to the upper meeting house in Salisbury” (1791): 25 miles. Wallace, *History of Canaan*, 146.


1793 Westford, Mass. “to Culler the meeting-house . . . neer the Culler of Chelmsford”; to build a belfree . . . in the same form as Chelmsford” (1792): 5 miles. Hodgman, *History of Westford*, 151.


1794 Richmond, Mass. Meetinghouse to be built “similar to the large meeting house in Pittsfield” (1790): 9 miles. Annin, *Richmond*, 62.


1794 Westford, Mass. “Pulpit, canopy, and Dean Seete be nearly in the form that Chelmsford meeting house is” (1792): 5 miles. Hodgman, History of Westford, 152.

1794 Windsor, Conn. To contract with Ebenezer Clark, who designed Pittsfield; To build square tower and cupola “from plans . . . from the meeting-house in Pittsfield” (1790): 57 miles. Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 2:308; Quarter Millennial Anniversary, 70.

1795 Arlington, Mass. “To paint the outside . . . the same color as Mr. Thomas Russell’s” (unknown, probably domestic): unknown distance.

1796 Barnstable (Centerville), Mass. Meetinghouse to be painted “in the manner as the house is that stands near Jabez Howes in Yarmouth”: 9 miles. Trayser, Barnstable, 74–75.

1796 Candia, N.H. To send John Lane, who added the steeple, “to Chester to view the meeting house” (1774): 10 miles. Moore, History of Candia, 62.

1796 Fitchburg, Mass. “to model meetinghouse after the one in Leominster” (1774 twin porch): 6 miles; to model the meetinghouse after the one . . . at Ashburnham” (1791 three porches): 7 miles. Torrey, History of the Town of Fitchburg, 117.


1796 Methuen, Mass. Meetinghouse to be “upon the plan of the new Meeting House lately finished in the lower Parish of Bradford” (Second Parish or Groveland) (1790): 11 miles. Bentley, Diary, 19 April 1796 (2:179).

1796 Middletown, Vt. Meetinghouse to be “painted equal to Graham’s old house [domestic], in Rutland and the joiner work shall be equal to that of the west parish meeting house in Rutland” (1789): 30 miles. Frisbie, History of Middletown, 92.

1797 Hinsdale, Mass. Exterior to be similar to Chester (1793): 16 miles; interior to be similar to Pittsfield (1790): 9 miles. Commemoration of the Centennial of the Congregational Church, Hinsdale, 34. See also Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 92.


1798 Salisbury, Conn. To “be modeled after the recently erected meetinghouse at Richmond, Massachusetts” (1794): 31 miles. Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 2:176.

1798 Warren, N.H. Meetinghouse to be the same size as Rumney (1795): 13 miles. Little, History of Warren, 358.

Hollis, 245.


1802 Milford, N.H. Belfry to be “similar to that in Francestown” (1801): 15 miles. Ramsdell, *History of Milford*, 64.


1803 Westfield, Mass. “the dimensions of the meeting-house when built be the same of that procured from Mr. Bulfinch of Boston” (designed 1789): 97 miles. Lockwood, *Westfield*, 2:235. Citation courtesy of Kevin Sweeney.

1804 Canterbury, Conn. Rustication and ornaments “to be the same as the new meeting house in Norwich Town”; “the steple end to be the whol width same as Norwich Town Meeting house” (1801): 13 miles. Kelly, *Early Connecticut Meetinghouses*, 1:61.


1809 Lyme, N.H. “Order and stile of both the inside and outside work of the church be according to the plan on which the meeting house at Dartmouth College in Hanover was built” (1795): 11 miles. Cole, *Patterns and Pieces*, 308.


1810 Northampton, Mass. Meetinghouse to be built “After a plan drawn by Mr. Asher Benjamin” (cost of plan, $45.00) (1809); contract to build “in a manner equal to that of Mr. Emerson’s meeting house in Boston” (1808): 93 miles. Plan by Benjamin: First Parish, Northampton, 21, 29; equal to Mr. Emerson’s: 25.

1811 Whiting, Vt. Committee member to go to Boston for advice (1811): 172 miles. Sinnott, Meetinghouse and Church, 239.

1812 Troy, N.H. Committee “to go to Templeton [Mass.] and to examine a model house . . . just completed” (1811); to ask a committee to draw a plan of a meetinghouse they had seen at Templeton: 19 miles. Caverly, History of Troy, 131; Stone, History of Troy, 133.

1812 Wilmington, Mass. Committee to “view the neighboring meeting house lately built in order of drawing a plan of said house” (possibly Carlisle) (1811): 12 miles. Simmons, History, Yearbook and Church Directory, unpagedinated.

1813 Medway, Mass. Meetinghouse to be built with minor changes “after the plan of the new meeting-house then building in West Medway” (1813): 2 miles. Jameson, History of Medway, 113.

1813 New Haven, Conn. (First Church of Christ, Congregational). Two men to look at Northampton “with a view of ascertaining . . . that work” (1811): 76 miles; to hire “Mr. Benjamin” of Boston to design new meetinghouse: 137 miles. Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 2:12–13.

1813 Otis, Mass. Meetinghouse to be of “the same construction as the one in Winsted, Conn.” (1800): 25 miles. Field, History of the County of Berkshire, 261–62.


1817 Dublin, N.H. Meetinghouse to be “after the plan of Ashby, or Fitzwilliam” (1816): 12 miles. Mason, History of Dublin, 205.


1819 Hancock, N.H. Meetinghouse to be “nearly the size, construction, and form of the Congregational meeting house in Dublin” (1818): 8 miles. Hayward, History of Hancock, 143.

1820 Derby, Conn. Ornamentation of “the exterior of sd Building Steeple Belfry & Lantern shall be modern & conformed . . . to the style adopted in finishing the same parts of a Meeting House in . . . Warren built by Jennings” (1819): 36 miles. Kelly, Early Connecticut Meetinghouses, 1:97.


1822 Sullivan, N.H. “to paint the meetinghouse like the one in Keene” (1786): 6 miles. Seward, History of Sullivan, 1:394.
1825 South Britain, Conn. To have “slips,” “Globe arch,” galleries, windows, and steeple-end pulpit as at Derby (1819): 16 miles; to have cornices “in Ionic order or like those in Warren”; “steeple inclosed like that in Warren” (1819): 22 miles. Kelly, *Early Connecticut Meetinghouses*, 2:204.


1828 Southington, Conn. Meetinghouse to have “the same size and dimensions and after a plan similar to the new Congregational meeting house lately erected in Cheshire” (1826): 7 miles. Kelly, *Early Connecticut Meetinghouses*, 2:220.