

PLAN OF NEW HAVEN

TO THE
 Mayor Aldermen & Common Council

OF THE
 CITY OF NEW HAVEN

This Plan
 Is with all due Respect most humbly

DEDICATED
 By their most obedient
 Humble Servant
 Andrew Doolittle

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A Short Geographical Description of NEW HAVEN.

The City of New Haven lies at the head of a harbour, which is about four miles from Long Island Sound, in 41 degrees 54 minutes N. latitude, & 72° 32' W. longitude, and is the Seat of the State of Connecticut. It is built on a plain tract of land, which is about 2 miles from N. to S. & 3 miles from E. to W. and is covered by a fine Amphitheatre of hills on all sides, except the harbour. Some of these hills are very bold & majestic precipices, particularly the East & West Rocks, which are composed of upright columns of red sandstone rocks set one on the other to the height of 400 feet.

The City is divided into two parts, called the Old & the New Townships. The original, or Old Town was laid out in 1637, and contained 100 acres, each 28 rods on a side, & separated by streets 4 rods in breadth, running S. 32° W. & E. 32° E. The center square is called the Public Square, and is all round with two rows of trees, enclosed by a handkerchief, and is allowed to be the handsomest piece of ground of the kind in the United States. The surrounding squares, by an act of the Corporation, have been divided into four-squares each, with six tall trees running parallel with the original streets.

The New Township lies directly East of the Old, and extends to the East River. It is a beautiful level plain, laid out with convenient streets, crossing each other nearly at right angles. Beside these two divisions, there has lately been laid out, by the Honorable James Willoughby Esq^r, a tract on the North part of the Old town, containing 40 acres, and running on to North Pleasant, forming a number of handsome squares. There has also a tract been laid out on the West side of the town, commonly called the Centerpoint quarter, forming a number of convenient streets for building lots.

The Houses are in general two stories high, and built of wood, in a neat and handsomest style, but not expensive. However there are several built of brick, and these three stories high. Most of the buildings stand on the street forming the squares, but not in a direct line, many are included, so as to form handkerchief yards in front which the owners spare no pains in having neatly fenced and surrounded with ever-green & flower trees.

Almost every house is furnished with a piece of ground, sufficiently large for a good garden, many are large enough to contain most kinds of valuable fruit-trees suited to our climate. The inhabitants of New Haven pride themselves very much in the cultivation of their gardens. On the whole it may be said, that there are few places better supplied than New Haven, with every thing calculated to render life comfortable & agreeable.

The Buildings in this Plan are marked differently from what is customary, instead of giving the ground-plot, it was thought it would be more pleasing to have the elevation of the Front. In doing this care has been taken, not only to exhibit the proportions of each building, but likewise the most number of its doors & windows.

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S. E. View of NEW HAVEN from the E. Haven shore.

a. The Long Wharf. b. West Rock. c. East Rock. d. situation of the Village of Fairhaven. e. Steam boat Hotel.

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References.

- a. *Medical College*
- b. *Methodist Church*
- c. *State House*
- d. *African Church*
- e. *Tontine*
- f. *Eagle Bank*
- g. *Glebe Building*
- h. *County House & Jail*
- i. *New Haven Bank*
- j. *Baptist Church*
- k. *Post Office & Stage Ho.*



Scale of Rods.

