

# John Warner Barber's Views of Connecticut Towns, 1834-36



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This charming volume is a collection of ink washes produced by engraver and historian John Warner Barber (1798-1885), each depicting a specific locale in a Connecticut town. Barber, possibly the first popular American historian, created these drawings in preparation for producing wood engravings to be included in his book Connecticut Historical Collections (1836), one of the first popular local histories in the US. In creating these drawings, Barber sought realism, but also to portray the beauty in rural nature and the peacefulness and harmony of life in small-town Connecticut. The drawings, most never published before, are accompanied by contemporary descriptions of the view and buildings, and the changes that have occurred there since the mid-nineteenth century.

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