

## SOUTHBURY HISTORICAL DATES

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Note: The term "bury" means, habitation or dwelling place

- 1673- First settlers came to Southbury area from Stratford
- 1681- The first meeting house was built in the Woodbury area below drum rock
- 1690- "Muster Days" was established. Two days of military training
- 1704- The "stone house" at Transylvania was built as a fortification from the indians
- 1731- The Southbury Ecclesiastical Society was established
- 1733- The first Southbury meeting house was built just south of the King's Land
- 1739- The Bethlehem ecclesiastical society was established
- 1743- The Roxbury ecclesiastical society was established
- 1758- Pootatuck indians relinquish their village but retain hunting rights
- 1759- Mitchells buy remainder of indian village
- 1761- Southbury Ecc. Soc. grants S. Britain Soc. winter preaching privilages
- 1766- Ct. Gen. Assembly approves South Britain Ecc. Society
- 1768- Second Southbury meeting house built along Main St. N., near the junction with Old Field Hill Rd.
- 1770- First S. Britain meeting house finished enough for first meetings
- 1775- There were about 10,000 residents in the area of Ancient Woodbury
- 1778- Shadrak Osborne hid a large supply of pork from the British army in an area, later to be known as Pork Hollow
- 1780- George Washington passed through Southbury on his way to meet with Rochambeau in Newport, Ri.
- 1781- Rochambeau marched his army through Southbury on his way to Yorktown, Va. where he joined with Washington to defeat the British army under Cornwallis
- 1784- The Ct. legislature abolished slavery

- 1787- The societies of Southbury and South Britain were incorporated into the town of Southbury
- 1789- The Bullet Hill schoolhouse was built
- 1791- The first town library was established in the home of Benjamin Downs in South Britain (brick house south of the general store)
- 1808- "White Oak" tree fell; a piece has been saved at the Old Town Hall Museum  
- Businesses are flourishing in S. Britain and Southford
- 1825- Second S. Britain Church built 16 ft. north of first one. Known as the Presbyterian Congregational Society of South Britain at that time.
- 1832- The Methodist Church was built directly across the street from the South Britain Church. They had been meeting on Georges Hill Rd. There is a cemetery in the location at the south east corner of N. Georges Hill and Georges Hill roads.
- 1840- White Oak schoolhouse built
- 1844- Present (3rd) Southbury Meeting House built  
- South Britain schoolhouse built ?
- 1873- First Southbury town hall built. The present Old Town Hall Museum
- 1884- The first Southbury Sacred Heart Church was built adjacent to the White Oak schoolhouse. The property is now used for a Catholic cemetery