

**A HISTORY OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN  
WOODBURY AND SOUTHBURY WHICH MAY HAVE  
DETERMINED WHERE SOUTH BRITAIN  
RESIDENTS WORSHIPPED**

**1673**

**Pomperaug Plantation (Ancient Woodbury) first settled. Encompassed all or parts of Woodbury, Southbury, Roxbury, Bethlehem, Washington, Oxford, and Middlebury.**

**1680'S**

**The first meeting house was built in Woodbury about 100 yds. north of the Curtis House and on the same side of the road. (See sketch #1)**

**1730**

**The Woodbury Ecclesiastical Society began to discuss plans to build a new meeting house to be situated on the present soldiers memorial green above the Hollow Rd.. The building was eventually erected in 1746-47. (See sketch #2)**

**Society members living to the south objected to continuing to travel that far. They petitioned the state to form a second society called Southbury.**

**1733**

**The Southbury Society built its first meeting house (see sketch #3) across the road from where the White Oak schoolhouse now stands. The old red schoolhouse, built in 1840, on Maint St. North, was used for many years as an antique shop.**

**1760**

**The Southbury Society voted to build a new meeting house to be situated near the present intersection of Main St. North and Old Field Hill Rd. (near Old Field Condominiums). The building was eventually erected in 1768. (See sketch #4)**

**1766**

**Southbury Society members living in South Britain claimed that a traveling hardship existed due to “the mountain” between the two locations. They petitioned the state and were granted their own society.**

**1770**

**Although work had commenced several years earlier and the building was still not entirely finished, services were held in the first South Britain meeting house. This ended a ninety year history of having to travel many miles to attend meeting house services.**

**1825**

**The first meeting house was taken down and the present building, which sits about 16 ft. more northerly, was erected. Many materials from the old building were salvaged and reused in the new one.**

**Sources: Stiles Book  
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