

Basic Detail Report

Title Plan of the Town of New Haven With all the Buildings in 1748

Date 1806

Primary Maker Thomas Kensett

Medium Engraving; black printer's ink and watercolor on paper, lined with linen

Description Map of the city of New Haven, extending from the road to Ditch

Corner to the north, Mill Lane to the east, the harbor to the south and west. With

the exception of Mill Lane, none of the streets are named. Houses of varying

sizes are depicted on the map, along with the name and profession of the owner

or occupant. Only those houses given the code "r" or "b" (for red and blue,

respectively) have been colored. In the center is the town green, with a grammar

school, county house, court house, and a building that is labeled as the "goal,"

although this may be a misspelling of "gaol." There is a cemetery depicted in the

green, a church that was built in 1668, an unlabeled building, and three canons.

Also located in the green on the map is the eight-point compass and north

arrow, oriented toward the top right corner of the map. Across from the green is

Yale College at the top and "2 Trees Planted in 1686" at the right. In the harbor,

several ships are sailing and are docked. The borders of the map are decorative,

with a geometric pattern, and the list of First Grantees on the right side is in the

shape of a scroll, at the top of which is a leafy branch that appears similar to a

palm frond, and at the bottom of which is what appears to be an olive branch.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 26 3/4 x 19 1/2in. (67.9 x 49.5cm) Sheet (height x width): 28 5/8 x 20 3/8in. (72.7 x 51.8cm) Mount (height x width): 28 5/8 x 20 3/8in. (72.7 x 51.8cm)