

RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT, FOUNDED 1768

The map illustrates the town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, with its main street running north-south. Key landmarks include:

- Old Red Schoolhouse:** Built about 1750, Headquarters of the Connecticut Tercentenary Committee for Ridgefield.
- French House:** On Village Green, built by Dr. de Lamoignon, Commander French Forces.
- School House:** On the corner of Main Street and Church Street, built up from corners - 1797.
- State Seal:** Located in the top left corner, featuring a shield with a star and a banner below it reading "STATE SEAL".
- Ridgebury Inset:** A detailed view of the Ridgebury area, showing the intersection of roads and nearby landmarks like the French House and the Ridgebury Inn.
- Historical Notes:** Various dates and events are noted throughout the map, such as "In 1775, the British burned the schoolhouse" and "The first church was built in 1768".

The map also shows the surrounding landscape, including fields, woods, and a river. A compass rose indicates North and South, and a scale bar is provided for reference.

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Basic Detail Report

Primary Maker Robert Cooper Barr

Medium Lithography; black printer's ink on wove paper

Description Map of the town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, from Mamamasco Lake to the north, Main Street to the east, the road to New Canaan to the south, and West Lane and Barry Avenue to the west. The map traces the history of the town, with numbers and a date and/or numbers, a date, and a black square marking the site of a historic event or location. These numbers correspond with the key, printed on the back and on a separate sheet of paper. The routes of the British troops and General Washington during the American Revolution are shown with arrows and circles. Vignettes of historic houses and buildings appear around the sides of the map: Colonel Philip Burr Bradley's house; King and Dole's store; Peter Parley's house, built by Reverend Samuel G. Goodrich; the old red schoolhouse; the old meeting house; Keeler's Tavern; the oldest house in Ridgefield; and Old Stebbins house. At the top left are drawings of the Titicus cross roads, the sword presented to Jeremiah Keller by General Lafayette, the tablet commemorating the men who died in the Battle of Ridgefield in 1777, and the state seal. In the top right corner is an inset map of the road to Ridgebury, with Captain Henry Whitney's house in the bottom left corner and Barlow Mountain in the bottom right (the elevation is conveyed with hachure marks).

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 16 3/8 x 11 1/2in. (41.6 x 29.2cm) Sheet (height x width): 18 3/4 x 12 1/4in. (47.6 x 31.1cm)