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Hefflon House
48 Main Street

This c. 1800 ½ cape with additions has Dentic molding, a Dutch door, and 6 over 9 pane windows. It remained in the Hefflon family until the 1920s.

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Burns and Young
50 Main Street

The Burns and Young market, located in this 1905 building, was one of the major stops on the New London/New Haven Trolley.

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Ingham House
56 Main Street

This c. 1890 house was built for Horace Archer and was later the home of Robert Burns, who was associated with the Burns and Young Store. It is distinctive in its design with angled corners and a multi-hipped roof.

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Elihu Ingham House
65 Main Street

This c. 1795 house is one of the few original buildings on Main Street remaining from the 18th century in the commercial section of town. It was built for Elihu Ingham (1783-1837) and was used as a residence until the 1960s.

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Humphrey Pratt Tavern
287 Main Street

This c. 1785 structure remained in the same family until 1943. It was a stage stop on the run between New Haven and Boston and served as the first Post Office. The ballroom in the ell has a spring floor to facilitate dancing.

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Old Buckingham House
412 Main Street

Long known as The Old Buckingham House, this c. 1671 house was once the home of Thomas Buckingham, one of Yale's original founders. It is believed to be the site of the first Yale commencement in 1702.

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John Shipman House
322 Main Street

John Shipman (1792-1857), a merchant and a veteran of the War of 1812, owned this c. 1836 house. Since he had no children of his own, he left the house to his nieces and nephews who sold it shortly after his death.

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Deacon Timothy Pratt
325 Main Street

This c. 1745 house was the home of Timothy Pratt, Sr. (1716-1753), a carpenter and deacon in the Congregational Church. It is thought to have served as a private school in the 1890s and it was later known as Treadway House.

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Samuel Hart Pratt House
334 Main Street

This well-preserved 1870s house with a gable-end-orientation and a wraparound veranda was the home of Samuel Hart Pratt (1843-1924) and is known as the Chapman house named for Samuel's daughter, Edith Pratt Chapman.

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P. L. Shepard House
341 Main Street

This building dates from the 1770s and was purchased in 1867 by Rev. Peter Shepard (1825-1912). He and his wife opened a boarding school here in 1865, naming it the Seabury Institute after the first U.S. Episcopal Bishop.

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W. E. Clark House
365 Main Street

This house appears on the 1874 map as the home of William E. Clark (1840-1900), the son of William J. Clark. The overhang of the roof and the exposed rafters in the overhang are a decided trademark of the stick style construction of that period.

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W. J. Clark House
369 Main Street

This c. 1840 house was built for William J. Clark (1812-1889), by his brothers-in-law, Rufus Clark Denison, and Rufus Clark Shepard. In 1870 the remains of Lady Fenwick were taken to this house after being exhumed at Saybrook Point to make room for the railroad.

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Justin B. Holman House
381 Main Street

This house was built as the home of Justin B. Holman in 1871. Mr. Holman served as the conductor on the Valley Branch of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad for over thirty years, beginning with the first train to Saybrook Point on July 31, 1871.

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George W. Denison House
385 Main Street

George W. Denison (1839-1909) acquired the land from his uncle, John F. Bushnell, in 1872 and built the house around 1873. While replacing wiring in the central hallway in 2017 the owners found a worn 19th century shoe placed there to ward off evil spirits.

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Samuel Hart House
395 Main Street

Built c. 1773 by Samuel Hart, son of Rev. William Hart. The center chimney construction is typical of the colonial era. Some interior rooms have original paneled walls.

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John Shipman House
404 Main Street

A plaque identifies this as the home of John Shipman (1748-1817). The map drawn by Harriet Chapman Chesebrough shows a house with his name on this site in 1788. The architecture, exclusive of the dormer remodeling, indicates a c. 1687 construction.

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William B. Tully House
488 Main Street

This c. 1870 house was owned by William Buckingham Tully (1839-1880), publisher of the Saybrook News. He donated several artifacts to the Historical Society, such as the Cromwellian Sealskin Chair and the Gilliam Saybrook Chest located at the Gen. William Hart House.

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Samuel Eliot House
500 Main Street

Lore says this house was built c. 1737 by Samuel Eliot but records indicate it was built by his brother, Dr. Augustus Eliot. Sold to Capt. Samuel Lord in 1749, it remained in this family until 1890. Owners include Capt. David Newell, a ship captain killed by slaves in 1819.

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Edgar Dickinson House
24 North Cove Road

The house was purchased by Edgar Dickinson (1838-1912) in 1869 from his nephew and he lived there until his death. Richard Dickinson (1695-1749), Edgar's great grandfather, bought the land in 1728.

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Robert Bull House
55 North Cove Road

Also known as "the House on the Bend," it was built on land acquired by Robert Bull (1624-1688) in the 1670s. It is the oldest house in the North Cove Historic District. Likely re-modeled around 1740, as that is when the earliest gambrel roofs began to appear.

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Capt. John Dolbeare
70 North Cove Road

This house was built by Captain John Dolbeare (1819-1888) around 1855. Captain Dolbeare was a fisherman and seined shad in the Spring. The house was enlarged and remodeled in 1931, at which time the two-story colonnade on the west gable end was most likely added.

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John Ingraham House
91 North Cove Road

The main block of the house is thought to have been built in 1734 by John Ingraham (1679-1750). The house has later additions at its western end.

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Asa Kirtland House
100 North Cove Road

Asa Kirtland (1778-1861) built this house about 1805. Asa and his brother, John, sold to their younger brother, Bushnell, the land on which he built his house next door.

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Bushnell Kirtland House 110 North Cove Road

This house, built c. 1810, has a Federal-style central bay with a Palladian window and an elaborate entry. The house was built by Bushnell Kirtland, a shipbuilder. His brother, Asa Kirtland, built house at 100 North Cove Road in 1805.

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Capt. J. Ingraham House
122 North Cove Road

This house was built c. 1810 as the home of Captain John Ingraham, a sea captain. The current Colonial Revival front portico was added when the house was renovated and restored in 1941.

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John Bushnell House
141 North Cove Road

The original house was built in 1790 by John Bushnell. It was owned by Edward Ingraham in the mid-19th century. The house burned in 1915 and was reconstructed by Edward's wife, Amelia Ingraham.

DID YOU KNOW?

Yale University called Old Saybrook its first home.

Originally known as the "Collegiate School," Yale technically got its start with one student trained in the home of Rector Abraham Pier-son of Killingworth (now Clinton). Shortly after, it moved to its first official site in Saybrook. Nathaniel Lynde deeded a building and 10 acres of land in Saybrook to the Collegiate School in 1707.

Although the deed to the Collegiate School required the institution to remain in Saybrook, in 1716 the trustees voted to move the school. A number of local communities bid for the rights to host it, but New Haven outbid them all, and despite Saybrook's residents taking to the streets in protest, the Collegiate School moved to New Haven.

See number 18 on the map.

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