



This 1890 Edward Hubbell photograph shows the Congregational Church, now the Meeting House, before it was painted white. In front, to the left, is the first “Liberty” pole, erected for the nation’s centennial in 1876. That pole blew down in a windstorm in 1892, and was replaced by two wooden poles joined like a ship’s mast in a similar fashion as the first flagpole. —From *Newtown* by Dan Cruson



This Edward Hubbell photo from 1890 shows Taunton Lake as late-Victorian-era vacationers would have experienced it. Most of Newtown had been cleared of trees by the first half of the 19th Century. Today, Newtown has more forest land than there has been since the American Revolution. —From *Newtown* by Dan Cruson