

Southport Harbor Jetty



This early 1800's scene by John Warner Barber of the first jetty attempt is from his 1836 book *History and Antiquities of Every Town in Connecticut with Geographical Descriptions*. Townspeople had placed logs to block sand from drifting into the harbor from the barrier spit on the east side of the harbor's entrance.

The existing stone jetty seen below was authorized by the U.S. Congress in 1829; construction was completed by 1837. It's been repaired several times since but its basic structure and purpose remain unchanged from the early 19th century. Also unchanged are the natural littoral processes moving sand along the shore toward the harbor's navigation channel.

