

This carefully drawn view of the Capitol shows the building as completed by architects Benjamin Henry Latrobe and Charles Bulfinch. The image is by Augustus Köllner, a German-born lithographer and painter who immigrated to America around 1839. Köllner was considered one of the premier artists working in Philadelphia during the city's commercial lithography boom. During that time, he traveled throughout much of the country, producing watercolor images that he later translated into attractive hand-colored lithographs. This print of the Capitol is from *Views of American Cities*, a series of 54 engravings produced by Köllner and published between 1848 and 1851. The series also included images of the original Senate Chamber (38.00964.001, p. 16) and the Old Hall of the House of Representatives. The views were expertly rendered and highly accurate, and thus are important historical documents of 19th-century America. The artist also was known for his military figures, drawings of horses and cattle, and illustrations for children's books. 🌀



Washington / Capitol (East View.)

Deroy after Augustus Theodore Frederick Adam Köllner
 Goupil, Vibert & Co., 1848
 Lithograph, hand-colored
 18 ½ x 18 ¾ inches (47.0 x 46.7 cm)
 Cat. no. 38.00951.001



Le Capitole a Washington.

E. Lechard
 Delamain, ca. 1850
 Steel engraving, black and white
 6 1/16 x 8 inches (15.4 x 20.3 cm)
 Cat. no. 38.00469.001



A View of the City of Washington, D.C., [sic] from the Capitol.

Schenck after John R. Chapin
Gleason's Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion, 1851
 Wood engraving, hand-colored
 6 1/4 x 9 3/8 inches (15.9 x 23.8 cm)
 Cat. no. 38.00083.002



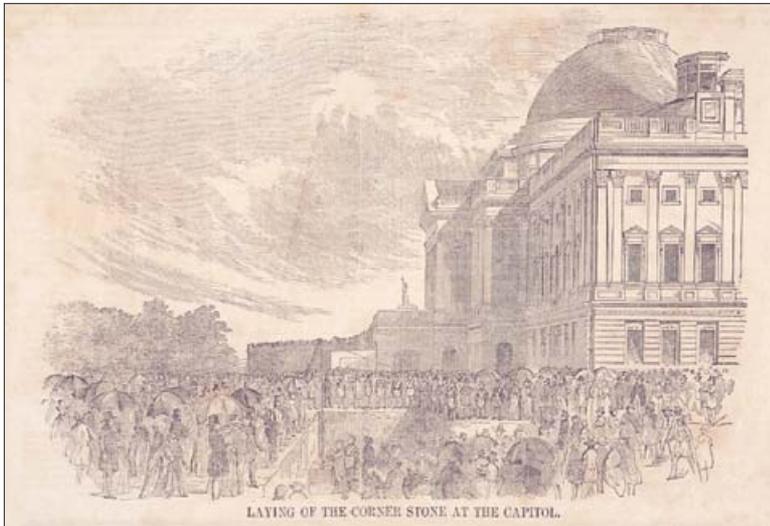
Representation of the United States Capitol, at Washington, with the New Wings.

Unidentified
Gleason's Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion, 1851
 Wood engraving, hand-colored
 5 3/4 x 9 3/16 inches (14.6 x 23.3 cm)
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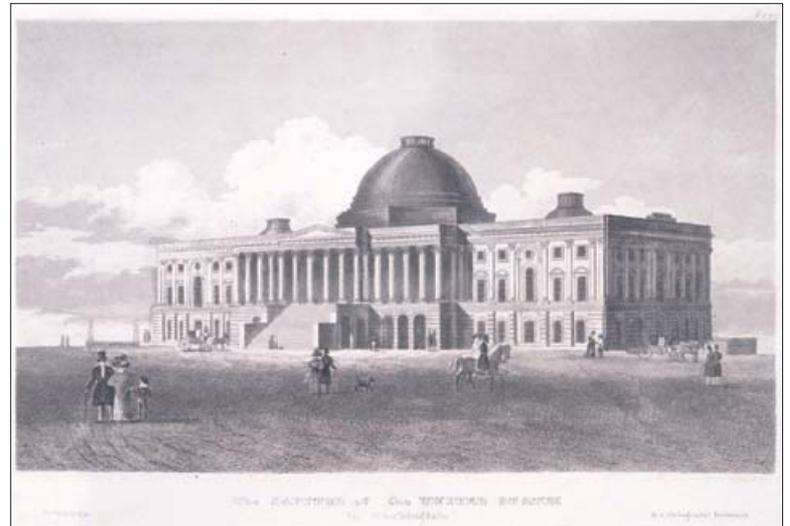
Capitol of the U.S. Washington.

Unidentified
 J. & F. Tallis, ca. 1851
 Steel engraving, black and white
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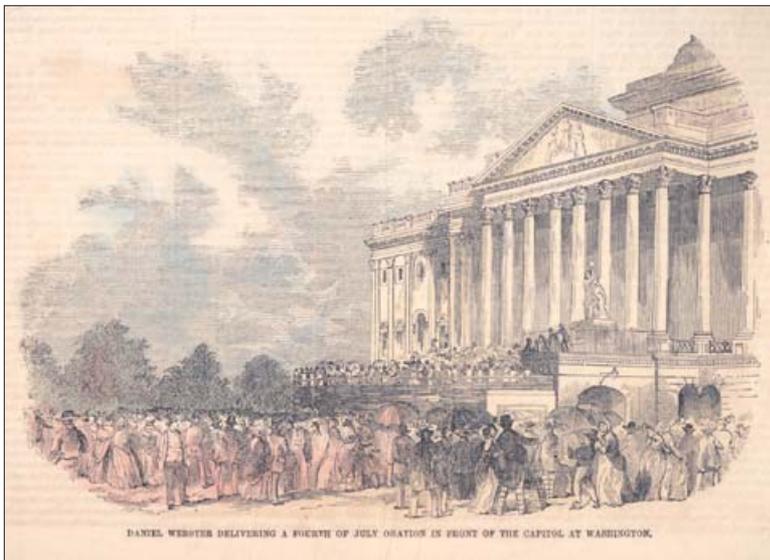
Laying of the Corner Stone at the Capitol.

Unidentified
Gleason's Pictorial Drawing Room Companion, 08/02/1851
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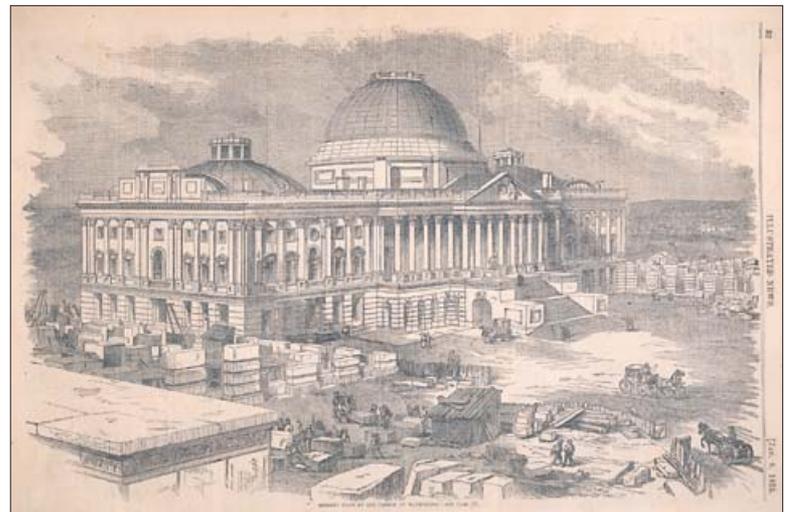
The Capitol of the United States in Washington

Eoban Grünewald after H. Brown
 North American Bibliographic Institution, ca. 1852
 Steel engraving, black and white
 4 ½ x 6 ¾ inches (10.5 x 15.7 cm)
 Cat. no. 38.00467.001



Daniel Webster Delivering a Fourth of July Oration in Front of the Capitol at Washington.

Unidentified
Gleason's Pictorial Drawing Room Companion, 08/02/1851
 Wood engraving, hand-colored
 6 ½ x 8 ¾ inches (15.6 x 21.7 cm)
 Cat. no. 38.00053.001



Present State of the Capitol at Washington.

Unidentified after Carl E. Doepler
The [New York] Illustrated News, 01/08/1853
 Wood engraving, black and white
 9 ⅞ x 14 ¼ inches (25.1 x 35.9 cm)
 Cat. no. 38.00137.002



Assembling of the Multitude at the Eastern Portico, at the Commencement of the Inaugural Ceremonies.

Frank Leslie after Christian Schussele
[Frank Leslie's] *Illustrated News*, 03/12/1853
Wood engraving, black and white
14 ½ x 20 ½ inches (36.8 x 52.1 cm)
Cat. no. 38.00248.001



Bird's-Eye View of [sic] Washington, from the Capitol.

Frank Leslie after William R. Miller
The [New York] Illustrated News, 03/12/1853
Wood engraving, hand-colored
9 ½ x 14 ¼ inches (24.1 x 36.2 cm)
Cat. no. 38.00008.001



Das Neue Capitol (Washington)

Unidentified
 Kunstanst. d. Bibli. Instit. in Hildbhsn, ca. 1855
 Steel engraving, black and white
 5 x 6 5/16 inches (12.7 x 16.0 cm)
 Cat. no. 38.00468.001

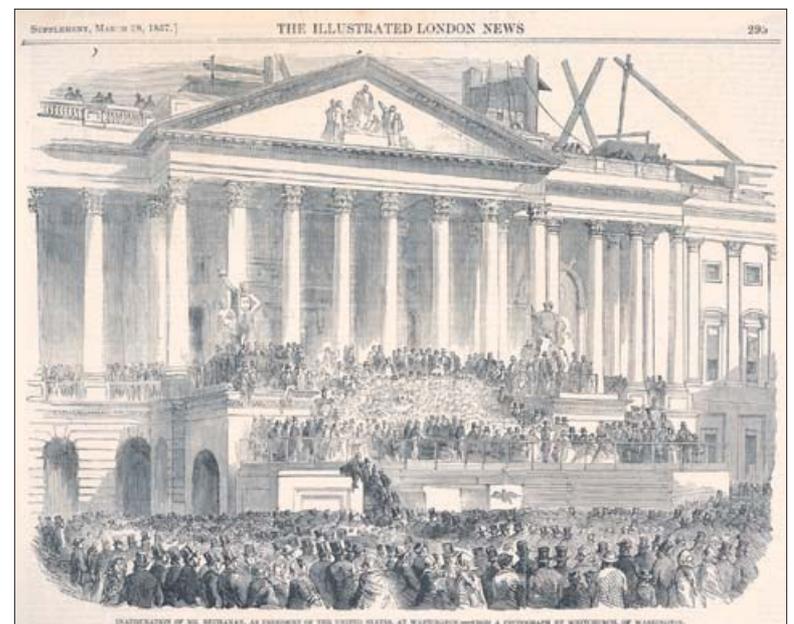
Principal Public Buildings at Washington, D.C.

E. B. after William Wade
 Gleason's Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion, 03/11/1854
 Wood engraving, black and white
 15 x 21 1/4 inches (38.1 x 55.6 cm)
 Cat. no. 38.00108.002



National Capitol.

Unidentified after John Andrew
Ballou's Pictorial Drawing-Room Companion, ca. 1855
Wood engraving, hand-colored
13 ½ x 21 ¾ inches (34.3 x 55.2 cm)
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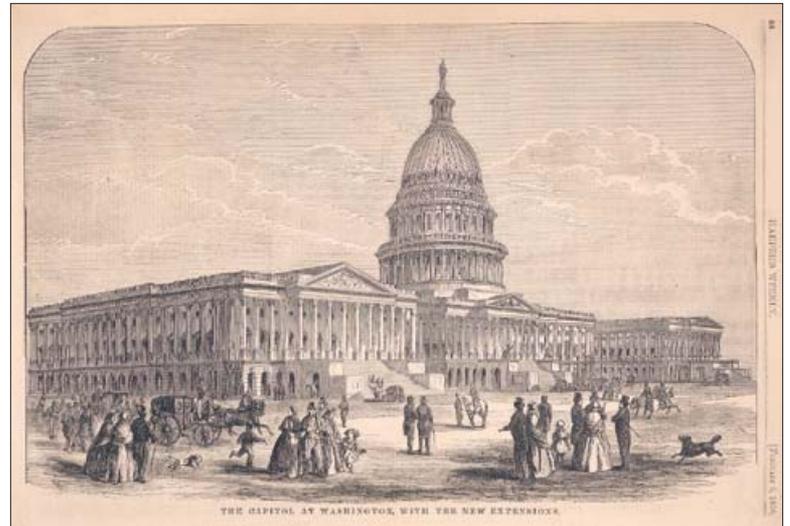
Inauguration of Mr. Buchanan, as President of the United States, at Washington.

Unidentified after photograph by Whitchurch
The Illustrated London News, 03/28/1857
Wood engraving, black and white
7 ½ x 9 ½ inches (18.1 x 24.1 cm)
Cat. no. 38.00096.001



The New Dome of the Capitol at Washington.

Unidentified after Bunkle
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, 04/19/1856
Wood engraving, hand-colored
15 x 10 inches (38.1 x 25.4 cm)
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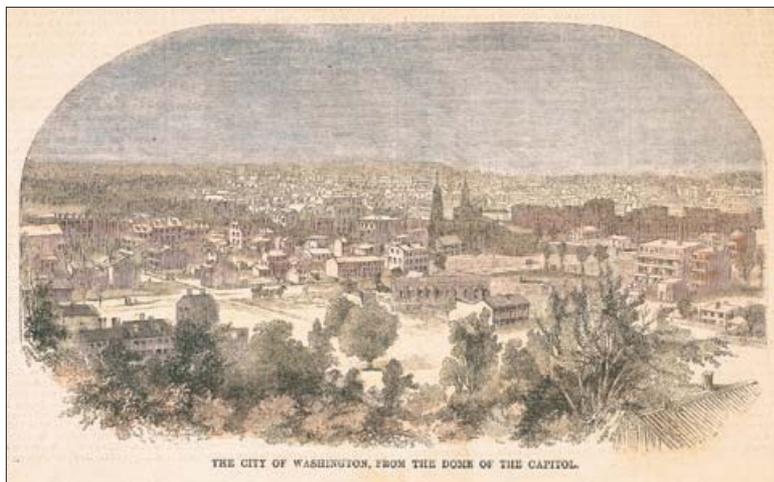
The Capitol at Washington, with the New Extensions.

Unidentified after Charles S. Reinhart
Harper's Weekly, 02/06/1858
Wood engraving, black and white
9 3/16 x 13 3/4 inches (23.3 x 34.9 cm)
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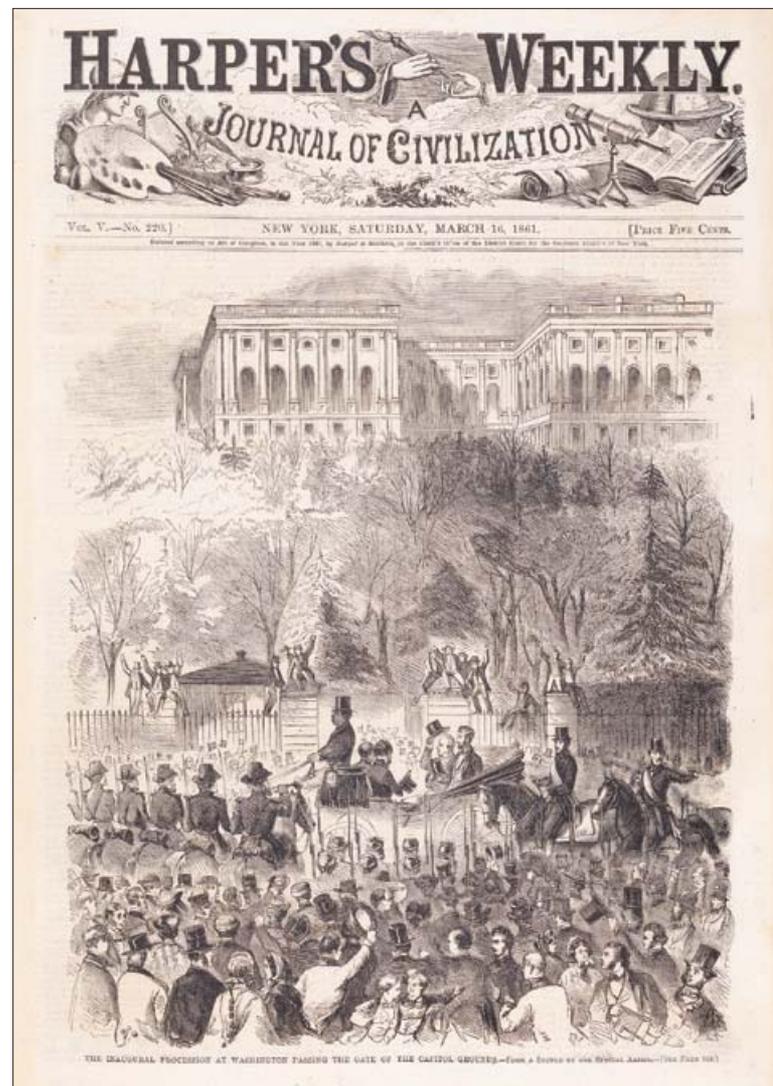
The Capitol at Washington United States.

Unidentified
The Illustrated London News, 10/29/1859
Wood engraving, black and white
9 3/8 x 13 1/2 inches (23.8 x 34.3 cm)
Cat. no. 38.00136.001



The City of Washington, from the Dome of the Capitol.

Unidentified
Harper's Weekly, 12/15/1860
Wood engraving, hand-colored
4 3/4 x 7 3/8 inches (12.1 x 19.4 cm)
Cat. no. 38.00035.001b



The Inaugural Procession at Washington Passing the Gate of the Capitol Grounds.

Unidentified after Winslow Homer
Harper's Weekly, 03/16/1861
Wood engraving, black and white
11 1/4 x 9 1/4 inches (28.6 x 23.5 cm)
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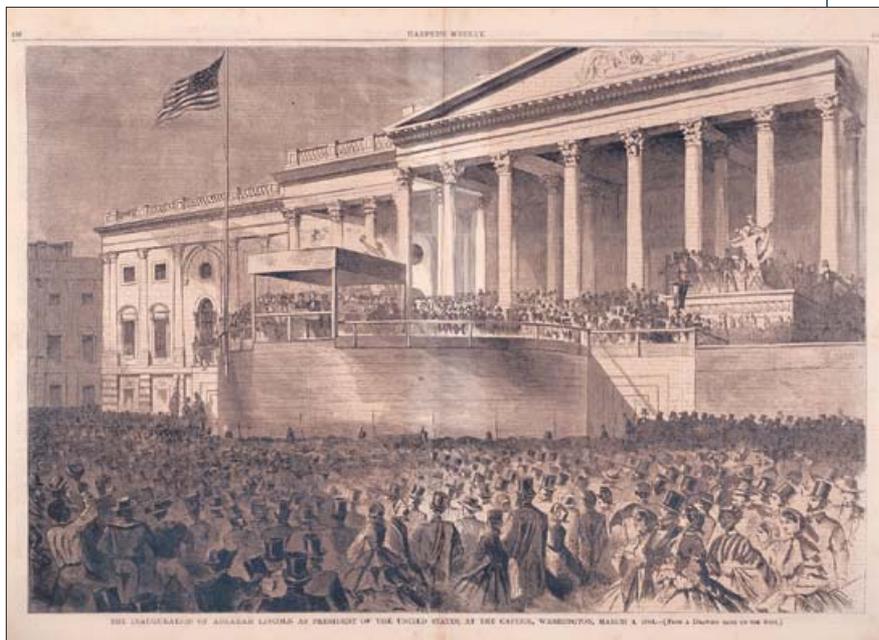
The National Capitol at Washington.

Unidentified [after Charles S. Reinhart]
Harper's Weekly, 12/15/1860
Wood engraving, hand-colored
5 x 7 3/8 inches (12.7 x 19.4 cm)
Cat. no. 38.00035.001a



North East View of the Capitol at Washington.

J. Steel after Thomas U. Walter
Sartain's Magazine, ca. 1860
Metal engraving, hand-colored
4 ½ x 7 ¼ inches (11.4 x 18.4 cm)
Cat. no. 38.00952.001



The Inauguration of Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States, at the Capitol, Washington, March 4, 1861.

Unidentified after Winslow Homer
Harper's Weekly, 03/16/1861
Wood engraving, black and white
14 x 21 ¼ inches (35.6 x 54.0 cm)
Cat. no. 38.00039.002