

CONNECTICUT FUN FACTS



INVENTED IN CONNECTICUT

1843

Typewriter

1846

Sewing Machine

1858

Can Opener

1868

Tape Measure

1878

Pay Phone

1892

Collapsible Toothpaste Tube

1895

Hamburger

1909

Lollipop

FAMOUS FIRSTS

1656

First Public Library, New Haven

1775

First submarine launched by David
Bushnell of Old Saybrook

1784

First law school, Litchfield

1794

First cotton gin by Eli Whitney

1796

Oldest State House in U.S.A., Hartford

1806

First Dictionary by Noah Webster

First factory town in U.S.A, planned
and established in Seymour

1878

First telephone exchange, New Haven

1954

First nuclear submarine, the *Nautilus*,
Groton

1974

First woman elected governor in her
own right, Ella Grasso