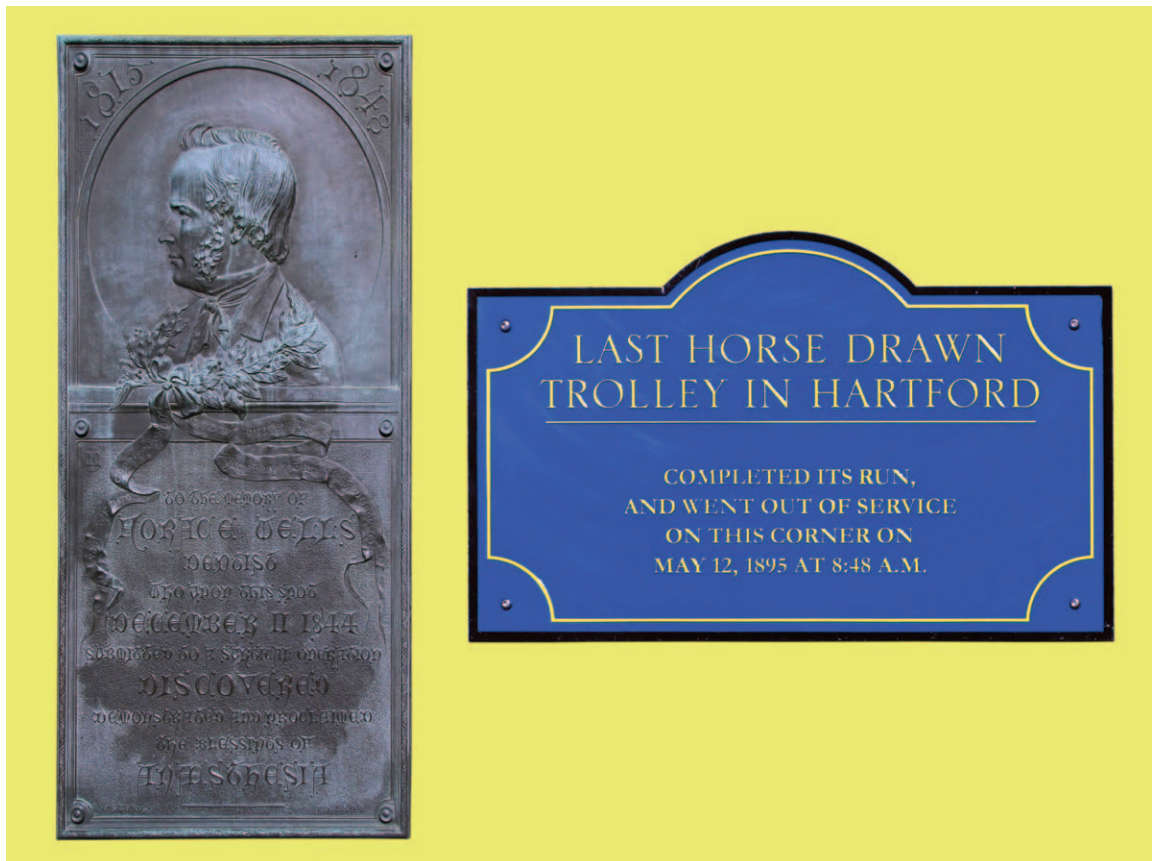


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Asylum & Main: From Wells to Whoppers



Near the corner of Asylum & Main Streets in Hartford, Connecticut, is a plaque (*left*) marking the site of the dental office where Horace Wells bravely volunteered on December 11, 1844, to undergo dental extraction under nitrous oxide—an *historic first*. Fast-forward to 1895, that same intersection (*right*) marked Hartford's last horse-drawn trolley—an *historic last*. Fast-forward to May of 2013, at the building bearing these very markers, from perhaps the most famously situated Burger King in America, this author placed an order to fill his fat belly—an *historic middle!* (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.)

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