

From Sarah Brown McCulloch's *Guilford: A Walking Guide* (2012):

Jabez Benton, 101 State Street, Colonial, 1730.

This house is attractive in its simplicity, with a doorhood that is an extension of the roof slope, much like the one at 68 Water Street. Jabez Benton was born in Guilford in 1680, married Hannah Stone in 1726, and had seven children. In 1853 George Walter Hinckley, a minister and the founder of a farm school in Maine for homeless boys and girls known as Good Will Farm, was born here. He was a Baptist minister in Bangor, Maine, when he eventually realized his dream of providing help for needy children. He always maintained close ties with his native town but refused to solicit funds in Guilford. Nevertheless the townspeople raised a large sum of money which was used to help build a Guilford Cottage, one of several cottages which housed fifteen orphans and a matron. He died in 1950, aged ninety-seven.