

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

Martin Blatchley, 119 Whitfield Street, Grecian Villa, c1836.

Notice that the Greek Revival doorway with both sidelights and transom is recessed, which sets it apart from others of its style. The monitor with its quatrefoil design is much like the one at 100 Water Street; the two-story bay adds a Victorian touch. Martin and Aaron Blatchley were owners of the sloop *Juno*, which was captured by a French privateer in 1799 while sailing from Guilford to the West Indies with a full cargo. The United States received indemnity from the French but in 1899, one hundred years later, Blatchley descendants were still trying to collect from the government. Dr. Alvan Talcott, a Yale graduate who practiced in Guilford for forty years, also lived here. He was very active in town affairs and wrote a genealogy of Guilford's old families.