

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

John B. Chittenden, 121 Boston Street, Late Colonial, 1814.

This well-preserved, handsome house was updated with Federal additions—the triple window and a delicately scaled porch with leaded fanlight. John Baldwin Chittenden and his family lived here until 1823 when they and several other Guilford families moved to Illinois and settled in Mendon. Some years later the town of Guilford asked Chittenden to examine a title of land in Illinois which it had acquired, no one knew how or why. In October of 1841 Chittenden wrote to the selectmen of Guilford that he had located the land two-and-a-half miles southeast of Carthage, a county seat; that it was pleasantly situated and “would be quite valuable except that it lies out in a large prairie, 3 miles from the nearest timber;” and that it would probably not “sell for much, if any, more than the government price, \$1.25 per acre.” What happened after that is a mystery.