

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

**Shore Line Electric Railway Car Barn, 129 Water Street, c1910.**

Formerly a maintenance barn for the Shore Line Electric Railway Company, this building which is set about a trolley's length back from the street had large doors through which the trolleys rolled, two at a time, to the inspection pits on its west side. At the north end there was a rotary converter which changed the current from alternating to direct. The small building on the east side housed an office, locker room, tool room, and the cable exit. The company began operations in 1910, running between Stony Creek and Ivoryton and expanding its services to New Haven, New London, and Norwich, until accidents and financial troubles forced it to suspend operations in 1922. Reorganized as the New Haven and Shore Line Railway, service resumed in 1924 and lasted until 1930. Today the building is a factory producing conveyors. [2012-currently houses Floor Craze, a carpet showroom]