

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

**Abigail Leete, 15 Union Street Colonial, c1715; Daniel Bowen, 19 Union Street, Colonial, 1734.**

Before Guilford's outlying districts had their own churches, it was necessary to travel what were then long distances from home to the meeting house. As services were all-day affairs and the church was not heated, many families or groups of families were given permission to build houses near the church with fireplaces for warmth and refreshment. These two small buildings, called "Sabbath Day" houses, are fine surviving examples. No. 15 has small windows and a steeply pitched, appropriately sagging roof of hand-cut shingles. It has lost its original chimney; a modern section and a shed dormer have been added at the rear. No. 19, on the National Register of Historic Places, has a gambrel roof which also provided more space and a lean-to added later at the back. Its tall chimney has been rebuilt probably very like the original; the outside chimney is an addition.