

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

Charles F. Leete, 158 State Street, Greek Revival, 1836.

An interesting combination of styles in a formerly lovely setting, this house appears to be basically of Federal design with a Greek Revival door. If the door is original (which it may not be), it is one of the earliest in Guilford, parent of a long line. The two-story addition is obviously later. Charles Frederick Leete was a prominent man in the community, and in 1872 he served as a Republican representative from Guilford to the legislature. He also wrote creditable poetry from time to time. In 1889 the *Morning Journal* announced that as part of the festivities honoring Guilford's 250th anniversary "Mr. Charles Leete . . . will produce a historical poem." In 1924 some of his other poems were discovered and published in the *Hartford Courant*.