

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

Charles Caldwell, 159 Boston Street, Colonial, c1740.

Here is a substantial two-and-a-half-story house with steeply pitched roof, two overhangs on both sides and one across the facade. The supporting corbels seen at the first-floor corners are a rather rare treatment; a variation of the style occurs in the Hyland House, No. 84. The twin chimneys took the place of the original center chimney in about 1815 and the graceful little Federal porch with delicate fanlight over the paneled door and slender columns supporting the triangular roof were probably added at the same time. Charles Caldwell and his brother John came to Hartford from Perth, Scotland, having deserted from the British army during the Scottish rebellion. They were described as merchants "aristocratic in their manners and unaccustomed to the industrious habits of New Englanders." In 1724 Charles moved from Hartford to Guilford, married Anna, the daughter of the Reverend Thomas Ruggles, and lived here until his death in 1765. It is evident from the size of his house that he soon caught on to the New Englanders' industrious ways.