

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

Richard Coan, 15 Fair Street, Italian Villa, c1841.

Built before its neighbor on the south, with typically wide eaves and entry portico instead of a full porch, this house is a considerably more restrained version of the Italian Villa style. The columns, indented along their length, rising from a high square base and ending with two square blocks trimmed with quatrefoils and small brackets instead of capitals, look as if they have been altered; they are certainly unusual. Coan and his wife, Flora H. Granniss, who had seven children, moved eventually to New Haven. Beverly Monroe, a leading merchant in town (see 9 Boston Street), also lived here.