

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

The Thomas Griswold House Museum, 171 Boston Street, Colonial, c1774.

According to the Guilford Survey, this house was built by Thomas Griswold III for his two sons, Ezra and John, and was lived in by four more generations of the Griswold family. In 1938 the Federal Writers' Guide described it as "an attractive white salt-box dwelling on a high bank, behind an odd picket fence. Its excellent state of preservation and its charming setting have caused it to be the most photographed house in Connecticut." The "odd" fence was originally the railing on the belfry of the First Church that once stood on the Guilford Green. In 1958 The Guilford Keeping Society bought it and in 1974-75 it was extensively restored. On the grounds are an early blacksmith shop, a barn, several corncribs, and also an unusual collection of trees and shrubbery, some dating back 100 years. The house contains a collection of appropriate furniture and china, some of which belonged to the Griswold family, and an extensive clothing collection.