

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

William Faulkner, 186-188 Whitfield Street, Villa Style, c1850.

Although double houses were built fairly often in New Haven, they were rare in Guilford. This house may have been designed by New Haven architect Henry Austin or built from one of his plans. With its porch extending across the whole front, paired steps, and line of prominent columns, the design is particularly successful at bringing two small parts together and making them into one substantial whole. The windows on the first level are floor length and their eared surrounds both up and down are a charming touch. An unexpected detail, according to Elizabeth Mills Brown writing in the Guilford Survey, is "the porch rail which is a copy in wood of the iron fence around the New Haven Green." The house was restored in 1975 and painted its original color. William Faulkner, who was born in Guilford in 1808, was for many years the publisher of *The News* in Norwich, Connecticut, and for a time published a morning paper in New Haven also called *The News*. He moved to Oakland, California, where he continued his career as a newspaper publisher and died there in 1898.