

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

Henry A. Chittenden, 196 Whitfield Street, Federal, 1844, restored 2010.

The roof ridge parallel to the street, a central-hall plan, and twin brick chimneys indicate the builder's preference for the earlier Federal style. But a wealth of Greek Revival detail—rectangular windows in the gable ends, closed pediment, wide cornice lines, a strong entry porch, pilasters, and sidelights—shows a desire to be up to date. Since “Harry” Abel Chittenden's primary residence was in Montclair, New Jersey, this house was probably used during the summer, when he joined his brother Simeon, whose summer house was at 1 Broad Street, and their sister Anna Hart Chittenden who lived in Guilford year-round at 29 Broad Street. William Faulkner also owned this house at one time. After many years of neglect it was rescued by a new owner, who received a commendation from the Guilford Preservation Alliance for Best Restoration.