

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

Markham Building, 19 Boston Street, 1902.

Clarence Markham came to Guilford in 1896 and in 1902 bought an ancient building then on this site. He moved one end to the back of his lot and built his new store in its place. Three full stories high, with a facade sheathed with stamped metal resembling stone, cast-iron columns, high granite platform out front, and plate-glass windows, the Markham Building was the first sign of impending urbanization in Guilford. Many townspeople were aghast, but they got used to it and soon were buying eyeglasses and jewelry and having their clocks and watches repaired as they still are today. In 1935 the remaining section of the original building, after serving as a garage with gas pumps out front on the sidewalk, was replaced by Markham with a building that housed a grocery store and now a dry-cleaning business.