

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

Guilford Academy, 19 Church Street, Federal, 1794.

For sixty years the children of the First Congregational Society and the Fourth Congregational Society attended separate schools built side by side on the Green. One can imagine the rivalry that must have existed between them. In 1793 the societies decided to unite and in 1794 they “voted that this Society will build a schoolhouse two stories high,” which is this one. In 1827 it was moved here from the Green and became a secondary school known as the Guilford Academy. When the Guilford Institute, the ancestor of the present high school, opened in 1855, the academy closed and the building eventually became a private home. The porch, a late-nineteenth-century addition, may have been built then.