

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

**The Guilford Trust Company, 1 Boston Street, Classical Revival, 1912.**

The Beaux Arts style is unusual in Guilford and this building housed an unusual kind of business cooperation. Two banks, The Guilford Trust Company and The Guilford Savings Bank, shared the banking room, shared a number of trustees, and shared employees who, at the end of each day, sorted out deposits between them. That ended in 1951 when the savings bank moved to its own building at 1 Park Street. In 1957 the trust company was taken over by a New Haven bank, and the building and the property were thoroughly remodeled in order to update the bank's image and modernize its facilities. Exterior changes included the addition of a low side wing with a new, low entrance; removal of the imposing front door and paired lamp standards with globe lights that had so long graced Boston Street; and removal of a Colonial house and big elm trees to the side to make way for a parking lot and drive-in. Years later the bank moved away to the Post Road and the property was sold. For what became of the Colonial house, see 65 Water Street where it is happily leading a second life.