

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

Leonard Chamberlain, 1 State Street, Federal, 1803; Architect: Abraham Coan.

This house was built for Leonard Chamberlain and his bride, Mary Ann Collins, daughter of Friend Collins who lived next door at No. 7. Although the original clapboards are now covered with aluminum siding, the elegant trim at the windows and doorway is still visible. The columns and pilasters on each side of the door, ornamented with carved rosettes, support a triangular pediment over a semicircular, delicately decorated fanlight. In c1817, the Chamberlains sold their house to Samuel Eliot and his bride, Mary Butler Baldwin. Eliot was a prominent merchant, active in town affairs, who served as warden of the borough from 1822 to 1825. He was also one of three Guilford men involved in planning the Hartford Turnpike which was laid out by the state legislature in 1825. For the first time, stagecoaches were able to travel between Hartford and Sachem's Head where, weather permitting, passengers could continue by boat to New York. This led to the establishment of the first hotel at Sachem's Head which became a popular vacation spot.