

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

Lydia Chittenden, 1 Whitfield Street, 1886.

Imagine a stagecoach from New York, which has turned off the Post Road at Fair Street, pulling up here at Minor Bradley's Corner and coming to a stop in front of his columned "tavern house" built in 1750. The most famous visitor to stop at Minor Bradley's was General Lafayette who arrived in Guilford in 1824 on his way to Rhode Island, and was entertained at a reception and dinner. In 1885 "Miss Lydia" bought the old tavern, had it torn down, and built her new house which she left to the First Congregational Church when she died in 1914, aged ninety. A 1938 photograph shows a Victorian porch apparently damaged in the hurricane of that year which was later replaced with columns reminiscent of the ancient building. A recent owner was Dr. Elisabeth Adams who practiced medicine here for many years. Grateful citizens named the middle school on Church Street for her. It is still a private home.