

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

**John Collins II, 205 State Street, Colonial, 1707.**

With its ample scale, side overhangs, and ornamental trim around the paneled door, this very early house was one of the finer ones in town. J. Frederick Kelly singled out the doorway for special mention: "Simple crown mouldings have been added and the whole composition, though of the utmost simplicity, is dignified and well-proportioned." In 1723 John Collins II deeded the house to John Collins III "in consideration of fatherly love and endeared affection," reserving half the land and the house for himself and his wife, Ann. In 1732, Collins III sold it to David Bishop, Sr. Bishop willed the home and land to his two sons, Jared and Jonathan. Jared inherited an old house and Jonathan built a new one, No. 191. Also known as the Philo Bishop house, it remained in the Bishop family for 185 years, until 1917.