

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

**Hall / Starr, 223 State Street, Colonial, c1778.**

The Guilford Survey notes that “This miniscule dwelling is one of Guilford’s important survivals... a reminder that many people in the early years of the colony doubtless lived in far humbler houses than the large saltboxes that have come down to modern times.” A rare small house, it was thought to be of 17th C. origin but new research by Town Historian Joel Helander, and Architectural Historians James Sexton and Bryan Green, points to a later date and Benjamin Hall not Samuel as its original owner. Benjamin and Sarah Scott married in 1778, had seven children and sold the house to William Starr in 1803, whose family members lived here until 1995. 20th C. cobblestone fireplaces replace the original stone ones and a kitchen ell was added on the east side c1940. New owners have rehabilitated the rest to its 18th C. self, thereby saving an important Guilford landmark.