

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

Andrew Eliot, 23 Boston Street, Federal, 1804; Builder-architect: Abraham Coan.

Andrew Eliot, a merchant, built this house, lived in it for about twenty years, then traded houses with his brother Samuel, who lived in it another twenty years, bequeathing it to his son William. The house's most distinguished feature, which stands out in every old photograph and immediately identifies it, is the admirable Greek Revival portico which was added probably in the 1840s. Here you see small, unfluted Tuscan columns used with delicate ornamentation. In 1931 the property was acquired by the Lazareviches along with their new automobile showroom next door (see No. 21). They built a garage in the back, moved the gas pumps to the sidewalk in front, and tastefully converted the house for mixed commercial and residential use.