

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

Nathan Meigs, 254 Boston Street, Colonial, c1787.

An article in the *Shore Line Times* described this house as being built in a style then popular on Long Island and bearing a close resemblance to the twentieth-century bungalow. "The eaves drop to the first floor ceilings in front and back while the roof rises to permit a second story in the center of the house." The later addition of a dormer makes the resemblance even more striking. "According to Guilford historian Joel Helander (see page vi), Nathan Meigs bought one acre "with dwelling house thereon" and either rebuilt the old house completely or "raised a new house, incorporating the old cellarhole and chimney stack." In any case "he should be considered the first principal owner." Meigs served in the army during the Revolution from 1775 until May 1783, rising from private to sergeant. He and Mabel Parmelee were married in November of 1783 and had four children. Their son Isaac and probably Mabel continued to live here after Nathan's death by drowning in the Connecticut River in 1810. In 1829 Colonel John Burgis, the grandson of Thomas Burgis III of 85 Boston Street, bought the property from a second owner and went into the seed business. He died in 1864 leaving an estate of \$9,348.02. He was married to Thankful Stone, who grew up on Faulkner's Island where her father, Solomon, was the lighthouse keeper. Of her eleven children only two were living when she died in 1883. The Meigs house is also known as the Bradford Monroe house because of their long residency.