

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

Edwin Griswold, 296 Boston Street, 1871.

Part of a group of three appealing small houses clustered together, this one seems to be all windows. The bracketed porch with its crisp wooden railing and the trim painted in a contrasting color imparts a feeling of cheeriness. A new owner has stripped off the aluminum or vinyl siding to reveal its original clapboards. Though Edwin Henry Griswold built this house, he sold it almost immediately to his brother Samuel Judson Griswold. When he was twenty-five Samuel had enlisted in the Union army. He was captured in April 1864 and sent to the infamous Andersonville stockade where he was a prisoner for eight months. His health ruined, he spent most of his life after the war as a shipping clerk for I. S. Spencer's Sons. He was a Mason, active in various veterans' organizations, and president of the Connecticut Association of Prisoners of War. At his death in 1915 the *Shore Line Times* referred to him as "a martyr of Andersonville."