

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

John W. Norton, 320 Boston Street, Greek Revival, 1870; Builder: Carlton Parmelee.

This house, exhibiting characteristics of both Colonial and Greek Revival styles at a very late date for both, was built on the foundation of a 1716 dwelling inherited by Thomas Burgis IV and his brother Samuel which Norton later bought and tore down. He sold the new house in 1912 and wrote the following information on the back of a photograph of it. "Deacon John Norton bought in 1866 and built this house in 1870, using chamber doors and oak planks in pantry and sinkroom and front door in cellar from old house (1716). Windows and door handmade by builder, Carlton Parmelee (builder of the present home)." Described in the *New Haven Palladian* in 1879 as "one of those eminently square men sure to be burdened with cares of state and church," Norton was elected as a first selectman and as a member of the General Assembly from 1878 to 1884. He also served as a deacon of the First Congregational Church from 1877 until his death in 1925.