

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

Daniel Hubbard IV, 321 Boston Street, Colonial, c1757.

Although this house is commonly attributed to Levi Hubbard, recent research by Joel Helander points to its builder as Daniel Hubbard IV and the date as c1757. Levi, a son of Daniel III and Diana Ward, (see 51-53 Broad Street) apparently bought it from his brother for his bride, Anna Gould, c1761. In 1787 the Frenchman Nicholas Loyselle bought the house from Hubbard and remodeled it extensively about 1790. Loyselle had fled from the racial troubles in Guadeloupe to New London where he met and married Ruth Deshon of Huguenot descent, and later moved to Guilford. According to local lore, Loyselle was getting ready to paint the house when he heard the news of Louis XVI's execution and to express his grief painted it black. Legend has it that Loyselle returned to his island home to transact business which brought him a great deal of money, slept on board ship to be ready to sail at dawn, and in the morning was found murdered in his berth. In 1798 the house was sold to Thomas Burgis IV who had married Sarah Deshon, Ruth's sister, and was owned by them for many years. A handsome Greek Revival doorway was added, probably in the 1840s. For many years of this century the house stood empty and decaying, hidden behind tall bushes. Recently rebuilt, it lost its original Greek Revival door in the process but regained its traditional black color.