

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

Benjamin Bradley, 39 Boston Street, Italian Villa, 1860; Builder: William E. Weld.

Author Henry Pynchon Robinson in his newspaper articles "Country Sketches" wrote, "In 1860 a new house was a rare bird in Guilford, and the building of this one was a sensation." It is located behind the foundation of an old Colonial house owned by Bradley's uncle, Zenas Bradley, which was described by Robinson as being "a rheumatic old mansion, so dislocated by long heavings of the soil, it could hardly stand up when taken away to the woodpile for cremation." It is gratifying to see this house, a twin of 33 Whitfield Street and also built by William Weld, so well preserved and retaining its Italianate characteristics including a massive entrance portico, triple windows, and finial still topping the monitor on the roof. Bradley, who also lived in Boston, was the son of Benjamin and Juliana Leete.