

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

**Stephen Spencer, 43 Park Street, Colonial, 1754.**

Here is yet another colonial house updated by the addition of a Greek Revival doorway. Stephen Spencer was a blacksmith who plied his much-needed trade in his forge on the south side of the house. In the 1840s and 1850s an upstairs room was rented by a new owner to the South West School District for use as a schoolroom. In the 1870s the property was sold to Daniel Auger who “rented the two sides of his house,” and added the south wing. Purchased by Elias Bates in 1894 soon after his marriage, this house was occupied by members of the Bates-Burton family for over 100 years.