

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

**William E. Weld, 45 Boston Street, Greek Revival, 1850; Builder: William E. Weld.** Although aluminum siding covers some of the trim on this fine home, much of the wonderful detail is still visible. The patterned window in the gable is a distinctive design which became Weld's signature (see page v). Symmetrical wings flanking both sides of the house and an unusually handsome Doric door with dentils under the cornice and patterned sidelights complete the picture. The side porch resembles the one next door and was probably added ten years later when he built No. 39. Weld was born in Guilford in 1815, moved to Sag Harbor, Long Island, with his parents, and later returned to Guilford where he ran a carpenter and lumber business for nearly fifty years as well as becoming an important builder. He was a Democratic member of the board of burgesses and the first selectman from 1892 to 1894. At the same time, he was one of nine volunteer members of the building committee which planned the new town hall.