

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

**Joseph Parmelee, 54 Water Street, Colonial, 1765.**

Here is another fine five-bay, center-chimney Colonial house, a type prevalent on the street. But the large Greek Revival doorway, added later, makes this one stand out. Its double set of pilasters, with decorated sidelights in between, supports a band of small cut-out circles. The lean-to has been removed and additions made at the side and the rear. Parmelee was born in Guilford in 1721, married three times, had five children, and died here in 1804.