

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

Judge Nathaniel Griffing, 6 Fair Street, Federal, 1807.

This house and the one at 64 Fair Street, once owned by Nathaniel's brother Joel, are almost copies but with some important changes. Although they are both in a transitional Federal style, retaining the center-chimney and five-bay facade of the colonial period, this one is much more sophisticated. A Palladian window in the center under a pediment which projects above the roof line replaces the plain triple window of the earlier house, and a more elaborate doorway and reduced roof pitch complete the transformation. Judge Griffing, who graduated from Yale in 1786, was a justice of the New Haven Colony Court and active in town affairs until his death in 1845. His widow, Sarah Brown, who survived all but one of their seven children, lived here until her death in 1865, aged ninety-five. In 1855 her gift of \$10,000 made possible the founding of the Guilford Institute at 120 North Fair Street, "said school to be for the instruction of males and females in the higher branches of education."