

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

Edward S. Fowler, 72 Broad Street, Italian Villa, c1847; French Second Empire, c1870.

Edward Sherman Fowler, son of Samuel and Sophie, built this house on the same street where he was born but soon after moved to New London where he worked as a railroad conductor. In 1855 the house was acquired by the new Guilford institute, Guilford's first school to provide an education on a secondary level. The institute seems not to have used this house for the school and sold it in 1868. Perhaps it was then that the Second Empire mansard roof, fish-scale slates, and elegant arched dormers were added to what was the nearly flat roof of the Italian Villa style. Later the house was owned by Alfred Wilcox, a cabinetmaker, who had been a prisoner in the South during the Civil War. Another owner operated a blacksmith shop in the rear of the property until 1968. The porch was added in 2003.