

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

David Parmelee, Jr., 74 Water Street, Federal, 1807; Architect: Abraham Coan.

The distinguishing feature of this house, built by the second David Parmelee next door to his father, is the four-bay facade with off-center door, an innovative type of plan in the Federal period. Combined with the delicate detail of the doorway, it is typical of Coan's work. The rear ell is thought to have once been a part of one of Samuel Desborough's outbuildings and may date to 1640. David Jr. was a blacksmith and a Whig-turned-Democrat, who was very active in town affairs. He married three times and had six children.