

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

Jared Leete, 76 Broad Street, Colonial, c1774.

This house was moved from the lot next door (No. 88) to its present location in 1852. The bay windows, front steps, railings, and sidelights by the door are additions but the profile remains the same. "An injudicious drinker of cider and prolific composer of ribald verse," Jared Leete is a town legend. One verse passed down through the generations goes as follows: "There was an old miser lived over the hill, And all the poor people he strove for to kill, He hated his God and all that was good, And he wouldn't let poor old Jared Leete sell his own wood." Jared's complaint probably had some foundation, for it is true that the town appointed a conservator to look after his affairs who, in 1787, had to sell the property to settle Leete's debts amounting to 145 pounds, 1 shilling, and 4 1/2 pence.