

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

Dr. Joel Canfield, 78 Church Street, Federal, 1829.

This house was built four years after Church Street was opened, making it the earliest building on the block. A modest example of the Federal style, its portico displays plain pilasters, an undecorated fanlight over the door, and a simple gabled roof supported by slim round columns turned by George Seward's father, Martin. Dr. Canfield settled in Guilford in 1824. For a time he lived in North Guilford, where he married Lucretia Benton, but "removed to First Society" in 1828, making a \$200 contribution towards the new church building. That same year he was awarded an honorary M.D. from Yale. He died in 1877, aged seventy-six.