

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

The Hyland House Museum, 84 Boston Street, Colonial, c1690.

This is an excellent example of a seventeenth-century frame house with added lean-to and one of the oldest in Guilford. It has been restored, by Norman Isham, restoration architect, as far as possible to expose the work of its earliest period. The hewn overhangs with corbel and handsome chamfered beams on the exterior are a rarity in Connecticut. Built by George Hyland as a two-over-two house, it was the home of his descendants for many years. One of the most renowned was Ebenezer Parmelee, a boatbuilder, who built a town clock thought to be the first in New England. In 1916 the house was rescued by The Dorothy Whitfield Historical Society and opened to the public. Now supported and maintained by them, The Hyland House Museum contains a good collection of period furniture and china and has a pleasant herb garden at the rear. It has been said that "this house alone would make Guilford famous."