

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

**Joel Tuttle II, 88 Broad Street, Italian Villa, 1852.**

Joel Tuttle II moved his smaller house to the west side of his property and so provided himself with a choice site on which to build what has been described as “a stately mansion.” With an elaborate porch and a monitor that still retains its finial on top, the house is a good example of a style that was rapidly replacing Greek and Gothic revivals. Tuttle was an important political figure in town—— Whig deputy from Guilford to the General Court, state senator, and judge of probate. His sister-in-law Clara Sage lived in the house for many years and was long remembered as a benefactor of the First Congregational Church, to which she donated an organ in 1908, and of the Guilford Free Library which she helped to establish.