

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

Medad Holcomb, Jr., 95 Fair Street, Greek Revival, c1848.

With its classical proportions and its flushboarded facade (a technique seldom found outside the big city), this unostentatious house was a sophisticated design in its day. The pilasters with sunken panels gently arched at the top are a graceful modern addition. The back of the house was finished with vertical planks instead of more expensive siding and the second floor was used as a hayloft before an addition was built on the rear. Holcomb's father, Medad (1781-1858), who lived in North Guilford married five times and fathered seventeen children. Medad Jr. was born in 1828, the fourth of six children of Medad and his fifth wife, Nancy Dudley. He died in 1871, willing this house to Sydney Dowd who was a leader in the local temperance movement.