

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

William Redfield, 96 Broad Street, Colonial, 1751 and later, reconstructed.

William Redfield sold his Colonial house three years after it was built and until 1872 a series of owners, a dozen at least, made their own changes according to the styles of the times. One of the most interesting occupants was the reverend Daniel Brewer (see 38 Fair Street) who was dismissed as pastor of Fourth Church, yet chose to live next to his former church which was on the site now occupied by No. 102. Nelson Hotchkiss, who bought the property in 1872, was a well-known New Haven builder and contractor who had worked with architect Henry Austin and had been a partner of Ira Atwater, builder of the First Congregational Church. He moved the house back from the street and it was probably at this time that the roof was raised, the design changed to a central-hall, two chimney plan, and the fashionable Second Empire porch and trim added. In 1974 the house was converted to commercial use as a furniture showroom. Over a period of three years a new owner has reconstructed much of this building, including the 1872 trim. The fate of its elegant front door and surround is unknown.