

WILLIAM SISSON HOUSE 1776

69 MAIN STREET

This home is the earliest surviving house in North Stonington Village and was built in 1776 on a $\frac{3}{4}$ acre lot purchased from Nathan Avery by William Sisson. A joiner by trade, Sisson made furniture in a shop north of the house until his death in 1798. His son Gilbert enlarged the business employing many journeymen and apprentices.

In 1814 Stephen L. Avery purchased the house and he and his brother Roswell became the owners and partners of a cabinet making business until 1833. Horace Babcock, who ran the dye house in the village for the Wheelers, acquired the house in 1836.

This is a rare example of a hip-roofed Georgian style house, a form which is more common in the southern United States. This house retains its massive central chimney and a typical Georgian style door surround. The 5 bay façade, central doorway flanked by pilasters supporting an entablature, 5 light transom above the door, hipped roof, and center chimney of the house illustrate the Georgian style popular during that period of time.

