

History of John Miles

John Miles was born 1603 in England. He came to Massachusetts Bay Colony by 1638 and resided in Concord, Middlesex, Massachusetts by 14 December 1638. He was a blacksmith and a farmer. He was made a freeman on 14 March 1639. In 1672 he was one of nine in a committee instructing selectmen. He had a large land holding of 459 acres. John had property at Nine Acres Corners in the south part of town. He had a few acres on the north side of the Common Road, running back to the South River, between the lands of John Holden and Major Jonathan Prescott, now number 70 Main Street, opposite Academy Lane. At this site was his home along with barn, cow house, orchard, syder house and syder mill. In his will he calls himself Black Smith, and his inventory shows blacksmith tools, iron, ironware, and coals, and also shows 5 cows, 4 oxen, 2 heifers, 3 year olds, 2 steers, 1 yearling, 2 mares, and a little horse, 12 sheep, 5 swine, 60 bushels Indian corn, 20 bushels rye, and 14 barrels syder. His estate was valued at 600 pounds. He had a respectable education.

He married Susannah Goodnowe on 10 Apr 1679.

He died on 26 August 1693.