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## ELM STREET CEMETERY



The custom which prevailed in the eastern part of the state of burying the dead in family yards on private estates, was never followed to any considerable extent in the southern part of the state. Public burying grounds were laid out in Milford before the town was incorporated. In 1788, William Crosby gave the town this acre of land to be used as a burying ground.

George Blanchard, his wife Elizabeth, his sons John and George W., his grandsons Samuel and William, are buried in this cemetery.

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## SITE OF THE BOYLES HOME

### COTTAGE STREET



Samuel Boyles, born in Beverly, Mass., Jan 22, 1806, came to Milford with his wife Mary Elizabeth in 1833 from Marshfield, Vt. He was a carpenter by trade. He built his home at this location in 1833. The Boyles took in boarders and paupers, as stated in the 1850 Federal Census return for Milford that shows "Harriet Adams," later Harriet Wilson, living at this address.

Foreman and Pitts in their 2005 edition of *Our Nig*, suggests that Wilson's character Mrs. Hoggs might be Mrs. Boyles. They also suggest that the Boyles may have been Spiritualists citing the inscription on Samuel Boyles's tombstone — "translated to the Spirit World." A number of tombstones marking the resting place of known spiritualists bears similar inscription.

The Boyles's home was torn down in 1969 when the American Legion's house was built.