

REVEREND E. N. HIDDEN'S HOME

The 1854 map of Milford locates Hidden's home at this spot, #122 Elm Street. He was the minister for the Congregational Church from 1849—1857. Hidden married Harriet Adams and George Wilson on October 6, 1851.

GEORGE BLANCHARD'S HOME

MASON RD

Revolutionary War vet George Blanchard, a colored man, so described in Ramsdell's *History of Milford*, was a veterinary surgeon who moved to Milford from Wilton in 1804 when he bought his farm in the Mile Slip area. Curiously, Wright's history of Milford, published 78 years after Ramsdell's, states "There were no veterinarians recorded in Milford before 1899."

In 1805 Blanchard bought the blacksmith shop on Union Square. Wright writes, "This building *seems* to have come under the ownership of George Blanchard at an early date." Even with the existence of a deed showing Blanchard's ownership of this property, Wright seems not to be sure if Blanchard owned the property.

George Blanchard had 10 children, all were born in Milford. His first wife Hannah died in 1779. His widow Elizabeth died in 1832. George Blanchard died in 1824 at the age of 84. According to a list of soldiers and sailors published by the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Blanchard is buried in Milford in the "Old Burying ground." His son, Timothy Blanchard, succeeded him as a veterinary surgeon in the town. On the 1854 map of Milford, Blanchard's farm and the school that stood on his property (District Schoolhouse #4) is renamed the P.F. Shedd Farm and school.

Foreman and Pitts in their 2005 edition of Harriet Wilson's novel, *Our Nig*, suggests that Harriet Wilson was born on Blanchard's farm.