

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	CON.425
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Miles, Joseph Jr. House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	170 Fitchburg Tpk
<b>City/Town:</b>	Concord
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Nine Acre Corner
<b>Local No:</b>	F15-3445
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1825
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Greek Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Multiple Family Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	CON.AT: Nine Acre Corner
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut



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## FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's number

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Area(s)

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80 Boylston Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Town CONCORD

SEA B

(neighborhood or village)

Nine Acre CornerAddress 170 Fitchburg TurnpikeHistoric Name Joseph Miles, Jr. HousePresent multi-unit dwellingOriginal dwellingDate of Construction ca. 1820'sMap Maps; Wheeler; visual  
assessmentForm Greek RevivalArchitect/Builder unknown

## Exterior Material:

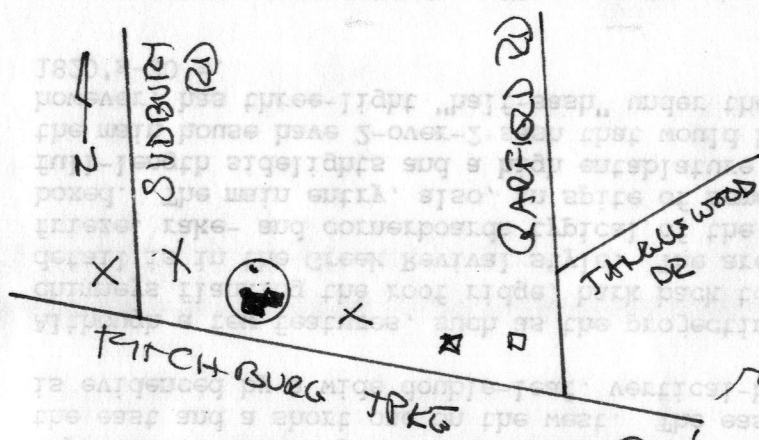
Foundation dressed graniteWall/Trim wood clapboardRoof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

shedMajor Alterations (with dates) 20th C.:entry altered; door, porch added to  
cell; picture windows on e. and w. of  
main house.Condition goodMoved ☒ no ☐ yes Date N/AAcreage less than one acreSetting Next to small shopping mall at  
commercial intersection with Sudbury  
Road. Opposite open field. Stone re-  
taining wall across front; vertical-  
board fence at east front of yard.

## Sketch Map

Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate North.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

Although Concord center has several examples of the large 2 1/2-story, five-bay pedimented "gable-end" house type, this house is one of the few to be found in the outlying areas of the town. It is a deep house, extending four bays to the rear, its depth accentuated by two side ells that flank the rear corners--a long 1-story ell on the east and a short one on the west. The east ell incorporates a former wagon shed, as is evidenced by a wide double-leaf, vertical-board swinging door in its outer bay.

Although a few features, such as the projecting window frames and the large pair of chimneys flanking the roof ridge, hark back to the Federal period, most of the house's detail is in the Greek Revival style. The architectural trim includes the very wide frieze, rake- and cornerboards typical of the style, and the cornice is molded and boxed. The main entry, also, in spite of some replacement surround, has Greek Revival full-length sidelights and a high entablature with projecting lintel. The windows of the main house have 2-over-2-sash that would have been added after 1850. The east ell, however, has three-light "half-sash" under the eaves, a window type prevalent in the 1820's-30's.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

This house, constructed probably some time in the 1820's, was built for a member of the old Nine Acre Corner Miles family, Joseph Miles, Jr. It descended to his son, Levi Miles, (b. 1825.) The Mileses and Wheelers were related several times by marriage, as they were with other Nine Acre Corner families. Levi, for instance, was the brother-in-law of both Edwin and Gardner Wheeler, as all three married Rice sisters.

Farmer Granville Miles, son of Levi and Martha Rice Miles, inherited the property by 1875, and owned it through the turn of the century, until at least 1917. It was subsequently acquired by farmer Thomas L. Eldridge and his wife Alice.

According to local lore, the house may have been a stop on the Underground Railroad before the Civil War, part was once a blacksmith's shop, and it may also have served as a grange at one time. A ghost is even said to inhabit the building.

The house was divided for two families in the 1930's.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps and atlases: 1830, 1852, 1856, ca. 1871, 1875, 1889, 1906.  
Town Directories.  
Wheeler House File.

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