

# MILES MORRIS GOODYEAR

## TIME LINE IN CONNECTICUT

FEBRUARY 24, 1817: Miles born in Hamden, CT to Andrew Goodyear (1784-1819) and Patty Bradley (1782-1821). Miles' first name was a family name. His Uncle was Miles Goodyear (1793-1870). His middle name came from the maiden name of his great grandmother married to Andrew Goodyear (1702-1781). She was Esther Morris (1709-1788). His grandfather was Titus Goodyear (1745-1798).

OCTOBER 16, 1819. Father Andrew Goodyear died in Hamden. Goodyear family lived on Dixwell Ave near the Canal Rail Line. Miles' brother William Goodyear lived in the house after he was married in 1830.

JANUARY 14, 1820. Timothy Andrews of North Haven, CT (1788-1826) was appointed by the court as administrator of father Andrew's estate. Miles' Uncle Uriah Foote (1780-1849) born in Northford, CT, living in Hamden, married to Miles' father's sister Esther Goodyear (1789-1861), provided surety. Miles inherited land in Hamden, CT from his father: 2 acres on turnpike; one undivided right in rock lot; 1 1/2 acre of meadowland, According to court record the land was worth \$247.99,

Timothy Andrews was married to Polly Bradley (1791-1813), sister to Miles' mother, Patty Bradley. Timothy Andrews was Miles' uncle. It makes sense that Uncle Timothy would agree to be guardian of Miles and his siblings. Polly Bradley Andrews died October 2, 1813, Timothy married again Dec 13, 1814 to Polly's sister Lydia Bradley Ives (1781-1872), keeping the family in the Bradley line.

February 19, 1821. Timothy Andrews of North Haven was appointed guardian of Miles and 3 siblings (Polly, Titus & William) by probate court. Assume it was because mother was very sick and could not care for children. Uncle Uriah Foote was surety. \$400 bond for Miles. When both Goodyear parents had died by 1821, Miles' sister Polly was taken in by her grandmother Lydia Bradley, who died in 1828. Polly married Henry Blakeslee in 1837, who became partners with Horace Stiles in brickyard.

FEBRUARY 19, 1821. Even though mother was still alive, Uncle Uriah Foote was appointed guardian of Miles' brother Andrew Goodyear, (1819-1892) one year old. Timothy Andrews was surety for \$400. About this same time, Uriah Foote and wife also took responsibility for Miles sister, Eliza Adeline Goodyear (1809-1871), who married Jude Bassett Smith in 1833..

APRIL 17, 1821. Miles' Mother, Patty Goodyear, died.

APRIL 21, 1821. Mother's will was probated leaving \$200 to Miles. Timothy Andrews was appointed administrator of her estate with bond of \$600.

NOVEMBER 22, 1824. Timothy Andrews, as guardian for William, Polly, Titus and Miles Goodyear, requests from the court the approval to sell 19 1/2 acres in Hamden which the minor children owned.

FEBRUARY 7, 1825. Timothy Andrews as guardian and Uriah Foote as surety signed \$500 bond with court to sell undivided fourth part of about 19 acres of property in Hamden on turnpike owned by Miles. Obviously they sold the land but no record of where proceeds went. Assume to Miles and siblings or their guardian.

FEBRUARY 2, 1826. Timothy Andrews died. Buried in Hamden Plains Cemetery. He had 2 sons and 2 daughters.

ABOUT JUNE-AUG, 1826. Miles “bound out” to Ward Peck Jr. of North Haven (1799-1858) as an indentured servant. Indentured servitude usually included the master providing board and clothes, schooling and physic (physical work), and a “suit when dismissed. According to Goodyear Genealogy, Miles was bound out for six years. Genealogy claims that Miles attended the “old historic red school house on North Haven green.” Ward Peck lived on Broadway Street in North Haven which runs perpendicular from the green.

In Goodyear Genealogy he is described as a “prosperous farmer.” Peck was married in 1822 so he would have only been farming on his own for four years when he took on Miles. How financially successful he was as a farmer is questionable, particularly in light of the fact that by 1847, Ward Peck was an insolvent debtor who had to sell his land to pay outstanding bills.

Ward Peck was married in North Haven, CT to Lydia Humiston (1800-1890) in 1822 and had first child, Joel Edwin on 28 Sept 1823 in North Haven. He died on Sept 27, 1826. Had 2<sup>nd</sup> child, Lydia Lucretia Peck, on May 29, 1826 in North Haven. Had two additional boys in 1830 and 1836. He was a prominent citizen in the town and was elected First Selectmen of North Haven in the years 1838, 1829 and 1840.

Per Census of 1830, based on Peck’s children at the time, Miles was in the Ward Peck household. Miles left Peck household in 1832 having served six years as indentured servant.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1832. Horace Stiles (1801-1840) of North Haven, CT and his wife Zophan were appointed guardians by probate court for Miles, age 15. According to Genealogy he worked in the Stiles brickyard. Bond of \$500. Per history of North Haven, Horace Stiles did operate a brick yard in partnership with Henry Blakeslee.

AFTER MAY 1, 1833. Miles left Stiles and moved in with his sister, Eliza Adeline (1809-1872) and brother-in-law Jude Bassett Smith (1808-1887) of North Haven, CT. Both Eliza and Jude were previously married to others and married each other on May 1, 1833. Miles presumably worked for Smith. Presumably Smith was a farmer at that time. In 1850, Smith was a sawyer and in 1860-1880 was a manufacturer of carriage parts. His obituary states that he “was long engaged in the carriage wood work business which he carried on for many years, and was well known in the New Haven carriage trade.” In 1850, after Miles’ death, Jude Smith got the land and money in Miles’ estate. Miles’ brother William was the estate administrator. Jude was a Parsonage Assistant for the Congregation Church in North Haven beginning in 1835. He provided money for the parsonage.

ABOUT 1834. Miles leaves Connecticut and the Smiths for the west. Genealogy says “spring of 1834.” 17 years of age.

NOVEMBER 12, 1849. Miles died in Goodyear Bar, California and was buried in Benicia, California by his brother Andrew.

MARCH 11, 1851. 1 ½ acres of meadow land in Hamden, right in rock lot, right in his grandmother Goodyear's estate and \$50 due from estate of Horace Stiles, all of which was Miles Goodyear's estate, valued at \$320, was sold off by his brother William, who was his estate administrator. Estate was sold to Jude B. Smith, brother in law, and Mervin Blakeslee.

NOTE: No money from his estate appears to have gone to Miles' two children.