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Innholder, Concord, Massachusetts, 1723 - 1733

John² Holden, son of Justinion and Mary (Rutter) Holden, was born in Watertown, Massachusetts 18 July 1675; died in Concord 1767 ae 92. He married 7 November 1699 at Watertown, Grace, born 11 February 1679, daughter of Samuel and Judith (McComber) Jennison. She died 7 January 1757 at Concord, ae 78.

John Holden began operating an inn in Concord in 1723 on land he had purchased from Benjamin Barron. Located at the junction of two unspecified roads in southerly Concord, his 2 1/2 acre farm consisted of a house, a shop and a barn. John farmed his small piece of land, so was styled "yeoman" in 1736 and was still an "innholder" in 1735. His two oldest sons, John, Jr. and Daniel, assisted in the operation of the inn. He conveyed it to them equally in 1733, with the land on which it stood, but the conveyance of his farm does not appear of record.

John Holden was only 58 years of age when he turned the inn over to his sons, but he continued to live in Concord until his death at the age of 92 and was buried near the center of the Main Street Graveyard there.

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