

John 'Smoaker' Miles was Martha Gunn's male equivalent who also became a devoted friend of the Prince of Wales. He is said to have pulled the Prince back by the ear when he thought he was straying too far from the shore, and once even walked to London to enquire about His Royal Highness's illness. He was a frequent visitor to the Marine Pavilion, and the Prince named a racehorse after him and also introduced the Smoaker Stakes to Brighton Races in 1806. Miles died at the age of 74 in February 1794 and was buried by the west wall of St Nicholas's Churchyard. His portrait, painted by John Russell in 1791, hangs in the King's Apartments of the Royal Pavilion.

