







In 1749, the first meeting house in "West" Medway stood here. When the "Second Church of Christ" (now the Medway Community Church) was completed in 1814, the meeting house was demolished and its boards used to build the Parish House, which still stands at 199 Main Street. Rev. Dr. Jacob Ide served as pastor for 51 years and also served the developing community of Medway on the school committee for 31 years. Editor, Author, Teacher of theology, "early friend of slaves," pioneer of temperance and abolition, he was beloved and highly respected by his congregation and the community. He and his wife, Mary Emmons Ide, had eleven children and lived at the well preserved house across the street, 158 Main Street, built for them in 1816 by Malachi Bullard, who also built the Medway Community Church. The house is one of the earliest still standing in the historic Rabbit Hill area and is a splendid example of 18th Century Federal architecture. Pictured are images of the exterior and interior of the Jacob Ide house, the Second Church of Christ and Ide's monument at Evergreen Cemetery.

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Rev. Dr. Jacob Ide House

1785 - JACOB (DE - 1880) 30. PASTOR OF THE 20. CONGL CHURCH MEDWAY 1814 TO 1865 A PASTOR EMERITUS 1865 TO 1880

A SKILLED THEOLOGIAN.

A GONVINGING PREACHER

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NATHL. EMMONS D.O.
A RARE HELPMATE.