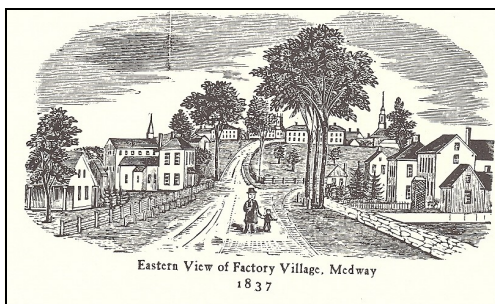




# Historical Happenings

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## Medway Historical Society

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### Medway Historical Society

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### President's Note

Dear Members and friends of the Medway Historical Society,

*It was only last fall that I responded to a request to help out with the Medway Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter. And on May 19th I was honored to have been elected President. Since 1902 dedicated Medway residents have been putting forth great effort to acquire, preserve and share items that hold the history of Medway's past. I am especially fortunate to have a very experienced and dedicated group of officers and directors but the community as a whole has been the ultimate beneficiary of their years of passionate work. We are excited about offering interesting events in the year ahead and invite you to join in. Check out Pg.2 "What's Happening! Should a particular project or event interest you send us an email and we will move forward as interest and participation dictates. "Today's happenings are tomorrow's history!"*

Sheila Dubrawski

### MEDWAY'S 300th DRAWS TO A CLOSE

Medway's 300th anniversary celebration drew to a close with a day full of fun, the burial of the time capsule at the Thayer House, boat races on the pond and plenty of music. The patriotic music provided by the Navy Band leading right into the spectacular fire works display was truly a memorable event enjoyed by hundreds of people of all ages. In the Handbook of Medway History by Orion T. Mason, dated April 1, 1913 the introduction reads:

Our old town lies beneath the hill,

Its shady streets are wide and still,

Its river murmurs past the mill

As years increase.

The church and school retain their place,

While on the whole a quiet grace,

Rests like God's blessing on the race,

In sweetest peace.

Rev. J. O. Knowles

**MEDWAY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MUSEUM  
223 Main St.**

**Upcoming  
OPEN HOUSE  
Sunday's  
1PM - 3PM  
August 17th  
and  
September 21st**

## Kathleen Choate Donations

I had the pleasure of meeting Kathleen Choate for the very first time when I picked up donations that she made to the Medway Historical Society. Among them were promotional items from Medway businesses many of which have long ago closed their doors.

There were also maps, some newspapers, clippings and an apron actually worn by one of the mill workers. These items would surely interest the avid historian as well as those who simply enjoy reminiscing about the past. We hope to share these items in a featured display in the upcoming months. Thank you very much Kathleen for keeping and making these donations.



### RHODA WILKINSON DOMINGO

#### VISITS FROM SAN FRANCISCO, CA

In the summer of 2013 Rhoda Wilkinson Domingo contacted the Medway Historical Society. Her cousin had recently revisited and brought Rhoda a book that peaked her interest in her grandparents Mabel (Fales) and William Wilkinson. A year went by and this past June 23rd while in Boston for a conference Rhoda and her husband visited the museum and met with Priscilla Howker, Cathie Perkins and Audrey Ritter. Rhoda donated the wedding dress her grandmother wore in 1901. They visited Evergreen Cemetery and the Thayer Homestead at Choate Park. There is so much interesting history about the Wilkinson/Fales families that we plan to feature a display of items and documents an Open House in the spring.

## Medway Schools

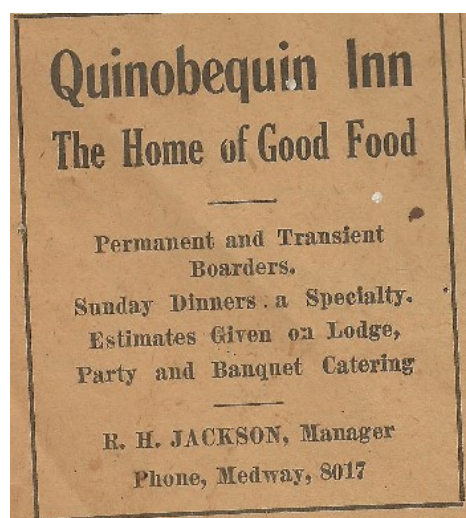
The photo on the left was incorrectly reported in the last newsletter. This is actually the Center School that was located at the corner of School and Barber Streets, now the playground. Thank you to several Historical Society members who attended school there for bringing this to my attention. Schoolhouse No. 1 (right) was the school that was on High St.



School House Number 1 April 22 1899



# FLASHBACK!



## CURATOR'S CORNER

### CAMERA AND EQUIPMENT

We have purchased a camera and accessories to photograph museum items. Resident photography expert Paul Russell provided an introductory training session with Joe Dziczek and Eileen Yates. Having this equipment on hand and along with the efforts of Audrey Ritter the process of creating a complete inventory catalog is expected to move forward at a steady pace.

### BUILDING ENERGY AUDIT

As a result of our building energy audit we learned that the museum furnace must be replaced. We are leaning toward the option of including the A/C feature in the new furnace since our small dehumidifier gets a hefty workout at this time of year. The air conditioning capability will provide some humidity control to protect the items, books and documents kept at the museum. And, since the building has only 100 AMP fuses, the electrical service must also be upgraded to accommodate the new furnace.

The building audit also recommended the obvious energy improvements, such as the installation of ceiling insulation as well as energy efficient doors and windows.

Also with regard to building maintenance, we were concerned that we may in fact need a new septic system. The system was pumped and fortunately it is working just fine.

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## **WE'VE GOT A LOT GOING ON! INTERESTED?**

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Woodworking

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