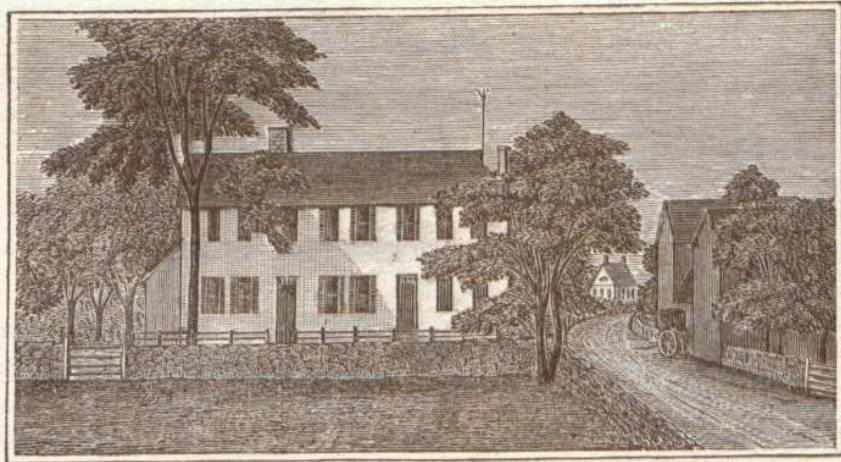


During the time that Dr. Emmons was the minister of the Congregational Church (1773-1827), it appears that the library was kept in the front entry of the Emmons home. A letter (quoted by Arthur Peirce) written in 1858 by M. M. Fisher, a Medway resident born in Franklin, states, "Some of my earliest associations are connected with the old Franklin Library. I have a very vivid recollection of the Old Book case in the front entry of the Old Emmons' Mansion." None of the titles he mentions, however, was in the original donation. Later in the letter, Fisher writes, "I think I may surely attribute much of my little success in life to the influence of the Old Franklin Library and the sage counsels of the venerable librarian [Emmons]." (Peirce, p. 20).



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