

## WEEKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

As early as 1893, there had been talk of establishing a public library in Greenland. Nothing much was done until 1896 when plans were begun to open a public library. In 1897, the 800 townspeople learned that Caroline Avery Weeks planned to erect a public library on land belonging to the Clough Estate, next to the Methodist Episcopal Church, now the Congregational Parish House.

The pressed brick and granite building of colonial design was begun in July of 1897 and completed in January of 1898. The building was accepted as a library at the March 8th town meeting, and the official dedication was held on May 19, 1898. In the vestibule Caroline Weeks had a bronze tablet installed that reads: "This building erected as a memorial to George Weeks, [her deceased husband] Mary T. Weeks and J. Clement Weeks by Caroline Avery Weeks MDCCCXCVII"

If Caroline Avery Weeks visited the library today, she would find that it looks much the same as it did in 1898. But there have been changes over the years. Electric lights and a modern heating system have been added to the building along with air-conditioning. In 1977, Revenue Sharing funds were used to convert the old dirt-floor basement into a children's room. This greatly increased the usable space. But one of the biggest changes has been the installation of the computers which now provide access to the Internet and allow us to be finally fully automated.

-- Trudy Beck