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The Jacob Edwards Memorial Library houses the Ammidown collection of books. Mr. Holmes Ammidown encouraged the founding of a library in Southbridge on April 6, 1870, even though he was then residing in New York. He offered a gift of books and suggested they should get "a suitable edifice". He offered the land for such a building, and in January, 1872, the library moved into three rooms in the new Ammidown Building he had built. Until the time of his death, he continued to add gifts of books from his personal library. They are shelved in the History Room and are designated in the card catalog with a red "A". Included were several dozen copies of his two volume "Historical Collections", published in 1881, intended to be used in exchange with other libraries for their local histories. The collection is strong in history, religion and almanacs.