



Anna Ide Shaver, 91 years old, places the marker for Mary Bennett Ide, with help from her daughter, Elizabeth Ann Walker, who came from Delaware for the celebration.

Idetown's Bicentennial – A Town and a Family Remember



The unveiling of the stone memorial by great grandchildren of Ruth Ide Johnson. From left: Russell Smith, Steven Smith, Robert Smith, Michael Smith, Erin Smith.

A sunny day, a brass band and hundreds of people combined to make it a perfect day for a town to celebrate its bicentennial and remember its founders.

David Ide, the Idetown Bicentennial and Memorial Committee chairman, was Master of Ceremonies. Guest speakers on the platform included Ide family members, clergy, representatives from the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, historians and state and local government officials.

A stone memorial was dedicated by David Ide, and the unveiling was conducted by great grandchildren of Ruth Ide Johnson. Then the crowd participated in a pilgrimage to the Old Ide Burying Ground where markers were placed on the graves of Nehemiah Ide, the founder of Idetown, and his wife, Mary Bennett Ide.

Following floral tributes and the firing of a volley, the group proceeded to the Idetown United Methodist Church for a reception at the church social hall.

"It's a wonderful day," said Chairman David Ide, "and I'm happy that so many people came out to celebrate with us."



The Lake-Lehman High School Brass Ensemble under the direction of Ed Richards, Director. From left: Melissa Sutton, Raymond Kabata, John Paul Hanish, Bryan Buckman, Stephen Patla, Ken Sprau, Richards, Jim Jones.



Three of the oldest living family members. From left: Gilbert Ide, 95; Anna Ide Shaver, 91; Willard Garey, 93. Centenarian, E. Mae King, age 102, was not in attendance.



Presentation of Arms by the 24th Connecticut Militia Regiment.



Plaques placed in memory and honor of Nehemiah Ide and Mary Bennett Ide.