

ANNUAL REPORT
— OF THE —
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
CHICHESTER,
COMPRISING THOSE OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER, AUDITORS, SCHOOL
BOARD AND TOWN CLERK,
FOR THE
Year ending March 1, 1889.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1889 :

		Dr.	
Rec'd of Mary Elliott, borrowed money,		\$ 200.00	
	W. S. Langmaid, borrowed money,	200.00	
	J. C. Reed, borrowed money,	150.00	
	N. G. Edmunds and F. E. Towle, borrowed money,	450.00	
	State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	1139.03	
	State Treasurer, Literary Fund,	125.55	
	State Treasurer, railroad tax,	282.48	
	County, for support of poor,	520.44	
	A. A. Groves, for use of hearse,	6.00	
	Town of Pittsfield, on account of N. Lock and family,	329.52	
	S. A. Kendall,	.35	
		—————	\$3403.37
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Paid D. T. Brown, Town Treasurer,		\$3400.74	
	Error in hands of Selectmen,	2.63	
		—————	\$3403.37

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid Solon A. Carter, state tax,		\$905.00	
	George R. Stone, county tax,	701.69	
	George W. Lake, Treasurer of School Board, for support of schools, literary fund included,	859.05	
		—————	\$2465.74

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT, RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Paid Congregational society,	\$23.89	
Methodist	16.51	
Baptist,	7.48	
Advent,	4.00	
		\$51.88

COUNTY PAUPER BILLS.

Paid Josiah P. Staniels, board of Jacob Puffer,	\$ 3.00
G. M. Munsey, board and care of Hannah Morgan,	28.75
G. W. Edmunds, board and care of Georgia Presby,	12.00
G. W. Murdough, 1 1-2 cords of wood for Martha Marston,	5.00
E. Bailey, board and care of Sally Brown,	30.00
G. W. Edmunds, board and care of Georgia Presby,	13.00
Aid to Hannah Morgan,	5.00
“ “ “	32.00
G. W. Edmunds, board and care of Georgia Presby's child,	8.55
G. W. Edmunds, board and care Presby child,	13.00
G. W. Edmunds, board and care Presby child,	13.00
E. Bailey, board and care of Sally Brown,	30.00
True Center, dress goods for Sally Brown,	1.00
E. A. Newell, board and care of J. O. Merrill,	5.00
G. W. Edmunds, board and care of Presby child,	6.50
J. Shaw, 1 cord of wood for G. W. Grant,	4.50
Aid to Hannah Morgan,	14.25

Paid G. W. Edmunds, board and care of	
Presby child,	\$ 6.67
H. T. Leavitt, shoes for J. O. Merrill,	1.00
H. T. Leavitt, goods for G. W. Grant,	15.59
H. T. Leavitt, goods for Hugh Burns,	4.79
J. Kendall, board and care of J. O.	
Merrill,	21.00
C. H. Elliott, wood for Hannah Morgan,	3.50
S. C. Bennett, board and care of Orrin	
S. Bennett,	48.21
N. G. Edmunds, transient pauper's bill,	2.00
J. Kendall, board of Jacob Puffer,	6.25
J. B. Chesley, board and lodging	
paupers,	3.50
C. H. Carpenter, 1 cord of wood for	
Martha Marston,	3.25
J. Morse, goods delivered to Martha	
Marston,	19.50
E. Bailey, board and care of Sally Brown,	58.25
G. W. Edmunds, board and care of	
Presby child,	6.67
Estate of G. P. Haines, goods delivered	
to G. W. Edmunds, on account of	
Presby child,	13.00
H. T. Leavitt, 1-4 barrel flour for Hugh	
Burns,	1.63
Estate of G. P. Haines, goods for Hattie	
Alden,	17.29
G. W. Lane, 1 cord of wood for G. W.	
Grant,	3.50
Dr. A. H. French, medical aid to G. W.	
Grant,	6.75
Dr. A. H. French, medical aid to	
Presby,	17.75
Dr. A. H. French, medical aid to Han-	
nah Morgan,	3.00
S. W. Langmaid, supplies for Hattie	
Alden,	2.17
G. W. Murdough, lodging two transients,	2.00

Paid J. B. Tennant, goods for Jacob Puffer,	\$ 2.40	
E. A. Newell, 1 cord of wood for J. O. Merrill,		4.00
C. S. Merrill, board and care of J. O. Merrill,		9.72
G. W. Edmunds, board and care of Presby child,		12.00
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		\$520.44

COUNTY BILLS PAID SINCE SETTLEMENT WITH COMMISSIONERS.

Paid C. S. Merrill, board and care of J. O. Merrill,	\$ 7.98	
G. W. Edmunds, board and care of Presby child,		6.00
Francis Brown, board and care of J. O. Merrill,		13.33
H. T. Leavitt, 1-4 barrel flour for Hugh Burns,		1.63
G. W. Murdough, board and lodging transient,		1.50
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		\$30.44

TOWN PAUPER BILLS.

Paid G. W. Murdough, supplies for N. E. Lock,	\$ 19.45	
G. W. Murdough, supplies for N. E. Lock,		5.00
G. W. Murdough, supplies for N. E. Lock,		10.25
Joseph Marston, digging grave for N. E. Lock,		2.00
Joseph Guetmet, 6 1-2 cords of wood for N. E. Lock,		19.50
S. P. Perkins, 2 cords wood for N. E. Lock,		9.00
J. B. Clifford, 6 feet of wood for N. E. Lock,		2.63

Paid Estate of G. P. Haines, supplies for		
N. E. Locke,		\$ 63.28
J. Morse, supplies for N. E. Lock,		25.59
N. M. Batchelder, supplies for N.		
E. Lock,		167.32
S. C. Bennett, 1 cord of wood for N.		
E. Lock,		3.50
Use of hearse for N. E. Lock,		2.00
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		\$329.52

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid G. W. Murdough, damage to sheep,		\$ 3.00
Joshua Towle,	“	6.00
J. F. Towle,	“	6.00
J. T. Lake,	“	18.00
Albion Perkins,	“	3.25
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		\$36.25

BREAKING ROADS, SPRING OF 1888.

Paid J. B. Clifford, breaking Dist. No. 1,		\$ 32.35
Harris Clough,	“	2, 12.66
J. W. Smith,	“	3, 26.98
J. S. Green,	“	4, 12.63
J. E. Rand,	“	5, 25.95
C. C. Shaw,	“	6, 22.68
F. E. Towle,	“	7, 16.25
S. W. Langmaid,	“	8, 3.50
C. R. Sanborn,	“	9, 12.80
C. H. Towle,	“	10, 14.15
C. A. Langmaid,	“	11, 6.00
P. C. Hutchinson,	“	12, 12.92
N. G. Edmunds,	“	13, 11.19
R. W. Dame,	“	14, 28.58
J. F. Towle,	“	15, 3.62
E. Bailey,	“	16, 4.75
Joe Nickson,	“	17, 6.38
H. B. Langley,	“	18, 10.50
C. Stanyan,	“	19, 9.70
J. F. French,	“	20, 17.30

Paid J. K. Towle, breaking Dist. No. 21,	\$10.62
G. W. West, " " 22,	14.75
H. Stanyan, " " 23,	10.44
N. Marden, " " 25,	1.75
M. E. Prescott, breaking road near Pembroke line,	2.20
C. H. Elliott, breaking turnpike,	18.20
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	\$348.85

REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid J. B. Clifford, Surveyor Dist. No. 1,	\$ 36.72
Harris Clough, " " 2,	22.81
J. W. Smith, " " 3,	19.39
G. W. Murdough, " " 4,	14.28
C. H. Carpenter, " " 5,	36.16
C. C. Shaw, " " 6,	26.77
F. E. Towle, " " 7,	24.32
S. W. Langmaid, " " 8,	14.59
C. R. Sanborn, " " 9,	26.02
H. W. Moore, " " 10,	15.75
Horace Carpenter, " " 11,	14.39
P. C. Hutchinson, " " 12,	8.12
N. G. Edmunds, " " 13,	23.59
J. P. Hook, " " 15,	14.33
E. Bailey, " " 16,	8.12
H. B. Langley, " " 18,	7.19
C. Stanyan, " " 19,	22.96
J. F. French, " " 20,	4.05
G. W. West, " " 22,	3.27
Hiram Stanyan, " " 23,	3.60
John Shaw, " " 24,	1.74
N. Marden, " " 25,	2.15
C. H. Elliott, Agent on turnpike,	150.00
John Shaw, Agent on Center road,	25.00
J. W. Smith, labor, and stringers for Mason bridge,	26.20
Aaron Lake, repairs, district No. 6,	3.00
J. E. Rand, grading at Pineground bridge,	4.35

Paid L. Hawkins, grading at Pineground bridge,	\$ 4 92
A. O. Meara, grading at Pineground bridge,	3.60
F. E. Towle, grading at Pineground bridge,	3.30
J. Shaw, grading at Pineground bridge	10.20
W. S. Langmaid, grading at Pineground bridge,	11.25
J. G. Cate, grading at Pineground bridge,	1.20
G. C. Towle, stone for Pineground bridge,	.50
G. W. Murdough, grading at Pineground bridge,	1.80
Harris Clough, repairing highway, district No. 2,	5.46
C. H. Carpenter, 539 feet plank for Kelly bridge,	9.70
C. H. Carpenter, 922 feet plank for Mason bridge,	16.59
G. W. Murdough, repairs of highway, district No. 2,	1.59
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	\$628.98

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid S. A. Kendall, books for poor children,	\$ 4.24
John Real, damage to horse in district No. 12,	10.00
J. Hadlock, for road machine,	250.00
Freight on road machine,	7.05
Pittsfield National Bank, (interest on note),	60.33
D. T. Brown, insurance on Town House,	5.00
E. C. Eastman, for order book,	1.25
S. A. Kendall, books for poor children,	2.10
J. B. Chesley, sharpening drills,	.25
E. C. Eastman, printing town reports,	35.00

Paid N. G. Edmunds, running town lines, Chichester and Pittsfield,	\$ 1.50
C. G. Edmunds, running town lines, Chichester and Epsom,	3.00
F. E. Towle, running town lines, Chi- chester and Epsom,	3.00
G. W. Murdough, running town lines, Chichester, Pittsfield and Epsom,	3.00
J. B. Sanborn, stationary,	4.09
Ira C. Evans, printing school report,	12.00
N. G. Edmunds and F. E. Towle, note and interest,	463.87
E. Hutchinson, interest on bonds un- paid in 1887,	7.50
Dr. A. H. French, certificates of births and deaths,	1.75
F. E. Towle, Overseer of Poor,	3.00
M. S. Batchelder, taking depositions,	2.50
M. S. Batchelder, making pole to road machine,	1.00
S. A. Kendall, books for poor children,	1.76
D. T. Brown, taking depositions,	1.00
A. A. Groves, Agent of hearse,	30.00
A. A. Groves, extra trip with hearse,	2.00
W. S. Langmaid, returning births and deaths,	2.00
Chase & Streeter, for counsel,	15.00
G. W. Lane, perambulating town lines,	5.50
G. M. Warren, for watering tub,	2.00
S. W. Langmaid, 1-2 cord of wood for town,	2.00
N. G. Edmunds, Overseer of Poor,	9.00
N. G. Edmunds, looking up settlement of poor,	17.00
G. W. Murdough, Overseer of Poor,	12.00
N. M. Batchelder, for checklists,	1.90
N. M. Batchelder, for watering accom- modations, 1887-88,	6.00
Pittsfield National Bank,	25.74

Paid N. G. Edmunds, journeys to Concord and Pittsfield on town business,	\$ 9.50
Pittsfield National Bank,	1100.00
S. W. Langmaid, for board of town officers,	20.90
W. S. Langmaid, stove pipe for Town Hall,	3.75
	<hr/> \$2147.68

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid J. F. Towle for loss of cow,	\$.45
Francis Brown, on dog not owned,	1.00
Thomas Berry, loss of cow,	.50
John Shaw " "	.56
S. A. Brown, " "	.46
David Cadrett, abatement on dog,	1.00
A. M. Drake, abatement on cow and horse,	1.30
Malvina Brigham, abatement on dog,	1.00
A. A. Groves, abatement on dog,	2.00
Alonzo Hook, abatement on loss of horse, 1886,	.45
Alonzo Hook, abatement on loss of horse, 1888,	.71
Nathan Marden, abatement on dog,	1.00
J. K. Towle, abatement for loss by fire,	3.70
J. W. Smith, loss of cow,	.46
Ivan F. Brown, poll tax, 1887,	1.43
William L. Hilliard, out of state,	1.43
Charles M. Knowles, out of state,	1.43
E. P. Leavitt, paid in Concord,	1.43
Elmer E. Sanborn, out of state,	1.43
N. M. Batchelder, dog tax paid in Pittsfield	1.00
	<hr/> \$22.74

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid N. G. Edmunds, services as Selectman,	\$63.50
G. W. Murdough, " "	60.00
F. E. Towle, " "	56.75
D. T. Brown, " Treasurer,	25.00

Paid W. S. Langmaid, services as Clerk,	\$ 15.00
S. A. Kendall, services on School Board,	27.00
G. W. Lake, " " "	25.00
D. T. Brown, " " "	20.00
N. G. Edmunds, services as Supervisor,	1.50
G. M. Warren, " "	3.00
C. Stanyan, " "	8.00
N. M. Batchelder, " "	12.00
D. T. Brown, " Auditor,	1.50
C. C. Shaw, " "	1.50
F. E. Towle, services as Clerk of School Board,	1.50
W. S. Langmaid, agent of road machine,	28.00
J. K. Towle, services as Collector, in part,	79.50
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	\$428.75

N. G. EDMUNDS,	} Selectmen of Chichester.
F. E. TOWLE,	
G. W. MURDOUGH,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	DR.	
Cash on hand March 1, 1888,	206.57	
Received of Selectmen,	3400.74	
" Collector,	5292.00	
	_____	\$8899.31

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Paid town orders drawn by selectmen,	6961.41	
Matured town bonds,	1200.00	
Coupons due March 1, 1888,	200.00	
Coupons due March 1, 1889,	176.00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	361.90	
	_____	\$8899.31

TOWN FUNDS.

Parsonage fund loaned to town,		\$864.66
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TOWN PROPERTY.

Town House at cost,	\$475.00	
Hearse and hearse-house,	500.00	
Road machine,	250.00	
	_____	\$1225.00

DUE THE TOWN.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$361.90	
J. K. Towle, collector of 1888,	374.26	
	_____	\$736.16

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN.

Balance on note to Pittsfield Bank,	\$911.00	
Mary Elliott, borrowed money,	200.00	
W. S. Langmaid, borrowed money,	200.00	

J. C. Reed, borrowed money,	\$ 150.00	
Outstanding town bonds,	6500.00	
Matured coupons not presented,	124.00	
Parsonage fund,	864.66	
	<u> </u>	\$8949.66
Deduct amount due town,		736.16
		<u> </u>
Total indebtedness of town,		\$8213.50

D. T. BROWN, Town Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the financial accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer for the fiscal year ending March 1, 1889, and find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

C. C. SHAW,
M. S. BATCHELDER, } Auditors.

Chichester, March 4, 1889.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The school year now closing has been marked by no unusual incidents, and the work accomplished varies not greatly from that of preceding years. While we recognize fully the fact that change of itself is not necessarily progress, we must not be unmindful of the equally evident fact that advancement must come, if at all, by changing the old order of things; and while we would on no account undervalue or despise the wisdom of the fathers, still it behooves us to be vigilant, not only that the excellencies of former educational methods may be retained, but also that the defects thereof may be pointed out and corrected. It is indeed a happy omen for the future of our country that now as never before is this subject, "the improvement of our common school system," engaging the attention not only of the masses but of the ablest men of our day. Let us each and all strive, *not* to carry our point merely, *not* to build up our own personal ends, but to accomplish the greatest good to the greatest number. Let us sink self, party, in fact everything that operates as a bar to harmonious progress in educational matters.

To say that our efforts had given universal satisfaction would be untrue. Complaints numberless have reached our ears. Some in a direct, manly fashion, others delayed and finally reaching us through the medium of common rumor, nearly all of these in regard to matters which could and would have been given such attention and action as the importance of the case demanded if the complainant had attended to the matter in a proper way and seasonably. And *such* complaints! So confused and contradictory! Children angry with teachers, parents joining with them even when conscious that only one side of the case was given a hearing, and at once the verdict goes out, "*My* father or *my* mother says the teacher is not fit for the place and it don't matter whether I go to school or not as I can't learn anything," and so on ad infinitum,

ad nauseam. If such folly as this was confined to the young people, the teacher (if exceptionally strong and endowed with tact) might overcome it, but when we hear such things almost daily from both old and young, we feel that the case is hopeless, at least as long as such conditions prevail. In very many families there is hardly a trace of parental discipline. If there is government at all it must be classed as "filial," for certainly the children rule, practically if not nominally. If this state of things continues, discipline can only be maintained in school by the exclusion of all children who have been rendered unmanageable by parental neglect. There are to-day children who will not voluntarily attend school (unless they can have their own way) and some of these are afflicted with parents who seriously lack either wisdom or stamina, and to that extent that children of tender years are almost the sole arbiters of this as well as other matters. Of this evil there are samples of every degree, from the parent who tacitly consents to an occasional unnecessary absence, to the one who seems to be totally indifferent as to where his children spend their time—yes, even one degree worse, those who actually remove their children from school because they think the teacher has in some way made a mistake, when, at the same time, we know that if they *knew* a little more about it by careful, thorough inquiry on all sides, their judgment would in almost every case be reversed, and always essentially modified. If parents only tell children and others what they *know* about teachers' failures, there certainly will not be much told. In this matter we had "better not know quite so much than to know so much that ain't so."

Possibly, yea, probably, your school officials have been in fault, technically, in not enforcing rigorously every clause of the statute relating to attendance of scholars. In fact any leniency in this direction may be a serious mistake. The Board have for some time thought it might be, though not absolutely sure of it. At any rate, this absenteeism should be stopped, "peaceably if possible, forcibly if necessary." As a matter of fact, in most of these cases parents assign some plausible reason for absences, usually on the score of health, when approached on the subject, and here is the real difficulty of the situation; the law is not intended to inflict injury, but the opposite. But an indiscriminate enforcement of its provisions would, at least sometimes, be cruelty. To

err on the side of humanity is better than to be a strict legal martinet.

Of our teachers we may say that although differing widely in their qualifications, both natural and acquired, we feel sure that all have been actuated by a desire to do such work as would reflect credit on themselves and pupils. But knowing this to be true we must add to it the singular statement that of these teachers those who were the most reliable, most scholarly and most experienced, seemed to meet with the least success. Please note we say *seemed*, and remember that oftentimes there is a tremendous difference between seeming and reality. Some of these teachers were wonderfully popular with children or parents or both, but it is our deliberate conclusion that those who were thus honored(?) were the least efficient, while others were little praised, or even appreciated, yet a critical and fair investigation would convince anyone who took pains to make it, that popularity is a very unreliable test of merit. We do not say that a first-class teacher can not be popular, but we do say that one who works for that end mainly is an undesirable instructor. We intentionally omit all personal criticism or praise of teachers, for the reason that under present conditions it is unnecessary.

With the amount of money provided only two terms could be held in each of the six school-houses in town. By agreement with the Loudon board the experiment was tried of a union school at the New Dover house, (the expense being divided equally). In pursuance of this arrangement, a summer term was held there, but no arrangement for a winter school could be effected. A private school of twenty-five or more pupils is being kept at the Centre school-house by Mr. John P. Brown, the privileges of which are shared by members of several of our schools, also by some from outside our town limits. Thus private enterprise attempts to do that which should be done at public expense, *i. e.*, to make provision for at least thirty weeks of school annually; either by appropriating more money or by reducing the number of schools. In some schools prizes have been used to stimulate the exertions of pupils to maintain a high standard of deportment and scholarship. This burden should not be borne by the teacher but a sufficient amount should be provided in some way so that all should have the benefit of the same induce-

ments. We commend this matter to the earnest consideration of all liberal minded citizens in the hope that some of them may be moved to show themselves worthy of the lasting gratitude of the rising generation.

The number of children reported by the selectmen is as follows: boys, 55; girls, 60. Total, 115, which, as will be seen, corresponds exactly with the number enrolled on the various registers, while the average daily attendance for the town is ninety, or about seventy-eight per cent of the whole number.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of those neither absent nor tardy during the year:

No. 1—LEROY J. MARSTON, WILLIE O. PERKINS, GRACE M. POWELL.

No. 2—JOHN L. T. SHAW.

The following succeeded for one term:

No. 1—RALPH WARREN, WILLIE E. SPILLER.

No. 2—MINNIE TOWLE, KATIE N. C. TOWLE.

No. 5—JOSIE P. FRENCH, LILA M. PHILLIPS, CHARLIE A. TOWLE.

No. 6—ELBERTHA L. CALL, LOTTIE M. CALL, EUGENE CALL.

No. 8—FLOSSIE M. DOW, ROSIE J. ORDWAY, LIZZIE M. KINGSBURY.

For additional facts see statistical table. All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. A. KENDALL,	} School Board.
G. W. LAKE,	
D. T. BROWN,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

George W. Lake, treasurer of the school district of Chester, in account with said district for the year ending March 1, 1889 :

RECEIPTS.

To Cash on hand March 1, 1888.	\$ 67.15	
received of Town Treasurer,	849.05	
" of Board of Education of Epsom, for tuition of scholars,	28.92	
received of Board of Education of Loudon, for tuition of scholars,	7.00	
	<hr/>	\$952.12

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses for the several schools as follows :

Paid District No. 1,	\$139.47	
" " 2,	109.87	
" " 4,	165.12	
" " 5,	109.36	
" " 6,	158.29	
" " 8,	151.84	
For repairing school-house in district No. 4,	20.72	
For school orders and record book,	2.10	
Loudon school board, one-half expenses of New Dover school, one term,	25.50	
S. A. Kimball, for ten dictionaries,	7.50	
For conveying scholar from New Dover district to district No. 5,	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$894.77

Amount of receipts,	\$952.12
Amount of Expenditures,	894.77

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$57.35
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GEORGE W. LAKE, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Education of the town of Chichester for the year ending March 1, 1889, and find them correctly cast, and supported by proper vouchers.

C. C. SHAW,	}	Town Auditors
M. S. BATCHELDER,		

Chichester, March 2, 1889.

Births Registered in the Town of Chichester, for the year ending December 31, 1888.

Date of Birth, 1888.	Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition.				Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child, 1st, 2d, &c.	Color.							
Mar. 1	Chichester	F	L	3	W	Charles J. Shaw	Fanny Oxford	W	Chichester	Farmer	Chichester	Portsmouth
April 22	"	M	"	5	"	Charles W. Davis	Fanny S. Ordway	"	"	Laborer	Pittsfield	Canterbury
Aug. 7	"	"	"	10	"	Ira B. Perry	Lora Ames	"	"	Farmer	Chichester	Warren
21	"	F	"	7	"	Samuel A. Kendall	Ada Sanborn	"	"	"	Dublin	Chichester
29	"	"	S	1	"	Walter F. Call	Etta Kelley	"	"	Painter	Chichester	Newmarket
Oct. 15	"	"	L	2	"	John E. Meara	Isabelle Page	"	"	Laborer	Saratoga, N. Y.	Pittsfield
18	"	M	"	4	"	John K. Towle	Emma Ferguson	"	"	Farmer	Chichester	Nova Scotia
Nov. 5	"	F	"	4	"	Arthur Marston	Abbie Dow	"	"	Laborer	Epsom	Lowell, Mass.
12	"	"	"	1	"	Fred H. Fellows	Cora I. Smith	"	"	Blacksmith	Chichester	Pittsfield
14	"	"	"	5	"	Edward Gettis	Emma	"	"	Farmer	Manchester	Canada
25	"	M	"	1	"	Walter S. Langmaid	Julia E. Sanborn	"	"	"	Chichester	Chichester

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Marriages Registered in the Town of Chichester for the year ending December 31, 1888.

Date of Marriage, 1888.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of each in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Marriage.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of person by whom Married.
Jan. 17	Sutton	G. Herbert Roby	Chichester	26	W	Farmer	Sutton	George W. Roby	.....	.....	..	Rev. Azariah Cressy, Sutton
		L. A. Bullard	"	45	"			Jonas G. Kent	.....	.....	..
July 10	Chichester	Oliver C. Phillips	"	40	"	Farmer	Henniker	Ebbon Phillips	Henniker	.....	..	Rev. J. W. Kingsbury, Chichester
		Flora V. Curtice	Concord	27	"		Concord	Amos H. Curtice	Washingt'n	.....	..
July 14	Chichester	Alonzo J. Moulton	Lexing'n Mss	..	"	Clerk	Lexington	Samuel Moulton	.....	.....	..	Rev. J. W. Kingsbury, Chichester
		Josephine M. Harvey	Chichester	21	"		Concord	Stephen C. Harvey	Loudon	.....	..
Dec. 13	Somerville M'ss	Charles Stanyan	"	60	"	Farmer	Chichester	Abraham Stanyan	Chichester	.....	..	Rev. E. P. Moulton, Somerville, Mass.
		Martha A. Sanborn	Pittsfield	54	"		Gorham, Me.	Alfred Brackett	.....	.....	..
Dec. 20	Manchester	James B. Chesley	Chichester	70	"	Blacksmith	Epsom	John Chesley	Lee	Rev. C. W. Taylor, Manchester
		Georganna R. Morse	Manchester	57	"		Vermont	Daniel Turner	

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Deaths Registered in the Town of Chichester for the year ending December 31, 1888.

Date of Death, 1888.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Condition.			Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name Mother.	Disease, or Cause of Death.	
			Years.	Months.	Days.		Sex.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Occupation.	Father.				Mother.
Jan. 14	Chi's-ter	George P. Haines	76	11	9	Chichester	M	W	M	Merchant	.....	.....	Male. Haines	Sarah — —	Old Age
18	"	Hannah L. Stanyon	60	..	18	"	F	"	"	Housewife	Chichester	Chichester	Jona. Towle	Sally — —	Dropsy
Feb. 6	"	Lavina L. Sanborn	56	11	4	East'pt, Me.	"	"	"	Housewife	"	Eastport	Jacob Staniels	Caroline — —	Cancer
April 5	"	Sarah B. Towle	75	7	24	Chichester	"	"	W	Housewife	Kensington	Kingston	N. Sherburne	Charlotte — —	Cer'bl' apop
19	"	Ann M. Page	62	8	14	.....	"	"	M	Domestic	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pneumonia
May 13	"	Lucella J. Leavitt	25	9	..	Epping	"	"	"	Housewife	Epsom	Epping	G. B. Johnson	Dolly M. — —	Cystitis
June 19	"	Hannah L. Edm'ds	34	9	10	Loudon	"	"	"	Housewife	Chichester	Epsom	H. Griffin	Martha — —	Phthisic
July 8	"	Daniel P. Maxfield	77	6	10	St'cksbo'n Vt	M	"	"	Farmer	"	"	Ezra Maxfield	Abigail — —	Prostatitis
Aug. 11	"	Blanche A. Graffan	..	3	15	.....	F	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Col's Infm
July 31	"	Jere. N. Staniels	50	4	26	Chichester	M	"	S	Farmer	Chichester	Maine	J. S. Staniels	Martha — —	Debility
Oct. 2	"	Robert Munsey	90	5	..	Barnstead	"	"	W	Farmer	.....	.....	Sol. Munsey	.....	Exhaustion
2	"	Bessie E. Sheldon	10	2	9	Chichester	F	"	"	.....	Salem, M'ss.	Manchester	A. Sheldon	Henri'ta Sanborn	Pneumonia
10	"	Josiah P. Staniels	48	6	..	"	M	"	"	Farmer	Chichester	Maine	J. S. Staniels	Martha — —	Apoplexy
12	"	George W. Grant	83	6	..	Epsom	"	"	W	Laborer	.....	.....	John Grant	.....	Dropsy
July 31	"	Ad'line D. Knowl'n	75	5	..	Middleton	F	"	"	Housewife	.....	.....	John Durgin	Patty Batchelder	Old Age
Dec. 5	"	Canceled Perry	..	3	..	Chichester	M	"	"	.....	Chichester	Warren	Ira Perry	Loryann Ames	Mal'n Brain
7	"	Nehemiah Lock	59	..	..	Epsom	"	"	M	Farmer	.....	.....	.....	.....	Diabetes
10	"	Amelia C. Towle	73	9	7	Sanbornton	F	"	W	Housewife	.....	.....	Peter Clark	.....	Cong' L'n'gs
14	"	John S. Sherburne	68	Chichester	M	"	M	Farmer	Kensington	Kingston	N. Sherburne	Charl'te Webster	Brit's Dis
..	"	Julia Staniels	F	"	W	Housewife

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