

Report of the Selectmen and other Town Officers of Washington, New Hampshire For the Year Ending March 1, 1885

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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

And

OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

OF

WASHINGTON, N. H.,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1885.

WASHINGTON, N. H.

PRINTED BY F. H. HOWE.

1885.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.



TOWN OF WASHINGTON IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SELECTMEN OF SAID TOWN.

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To cash received of Treasurer, 1883,	\$25.93
" of B. D. Cram Coll. 1883	303.57
Amt. of State, Co., Town & School tax,	2630.64
" Non-resident Highway taxes worked,	273.99
" Dog tax,	47.00
To Cash of County, support of paupers,	359.08
" Savings Bank tax,	626.61
" Literary Fund,	78.40
" A. H. Jaquith, Sexton,	29.50
" Bounty paid by State,	76.80
" Returned from Clerk of Court, ..	17.35
" of Wm. Dole,	100.00
" of Dexter Ball,	50.00
" of Silas Blanchard,	100.00
" of M. H. Carr for old hearse house	5.00
" for Rent of Town Hall,	6.00
" " " Tramp house,.....	1.50
Highway taxes of 1883 collected,	72.47
" School-house tax, Dis. No 1,	396.50
To taxes Added,	6.17
TOTAL	<hr/> \$5206.51

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Paid School Districts,	\$740.44
“ State Tax,	672.00
“ County Tax,	721.71
“ Non-resident taxes worked,	202.65
“ Discount on taxes 1884,	90.23
“ Taxes abated 1884,	8.48
“ Road Bills,	503.90
“ Pauper Expenses,	453.94
“ Miscellaneous Expenses,	338.18
“ Library Expenses,	59.87
“ School-house tax Dis. No. 1,	392.00
“ Town Officers,	360.74
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TOTAL,	\$4544.14
BALANCE,	662.37

TOWN OFFICERS.

“ Horace F. Chase, Supervisor,	\$15.00
“ George M. Wright, “	14.00
“ Elgin G. Farnsworth, “	15.00
“ George M. Wright, Collector,	34.25
“ George N. Gage, Supt. of Schools,	40.00
“ Frank E. Lull, Town Clerk,	28.62
“ Nathaniel A. Lull, Treasurer,	15.00
“ M. H. Dole, Selectman & Overseer of the poor,	66.50
“ Fred J. Emerson, Selectman,	75.37
“ Clark S. Spaulding, “	51.00
“ Auditors for 1883,	6.00
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TOTAL,	360.74

PAUPER EXPENSES.

Paid for support of Wm. P. Greenleaf,	\$26.57
“ “ of Laura Prior,	69.45
“ “ of Joel Severance,	53.00
“ “ of Mr. & Mrs. R. Smart,	148.78
“ “ of Charlotte Howe,	9.04
“ “ of Emily Snell,	2.10
“ “ of Sarah Friend,	79.50
“ to settle Lucy Wood case,	35.00
“ for support of Cyrus McAdams,	30.50
TOTAL,	<u>\$453.94</u>

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid John Smith for Watering Trough,	\$3.00
“ F. H. Howe, Printing Reports, 1883,	14.00
“ Geo. N. Gage, recording births and deaths,	3.00
“ Geo. N. Gage, School Notices, ..	.50
“ J. B. Sanborn, Books,	2.90
“ H. P. Snow, Board of Town Officers,	34.50
“ Joseph C. Severance, Sheep killed by dogs,	3.00
“ Maria O. Butterfield, Board Selectmen,	5.08
“ Barton & Wheeler, Printing,	3.50
“ H. P. Snow, Board of Town Officers,	7.25
“ Chas. Carley, Watering Trough,	3.00
“ Selectmen, Bounties paid	76.60
“ N. A. Lull and Sons, Stationery,	1.58
“ “ “ Powder & fuse,	2.35
“ D. M. Carrier, Sanitary Examination,	10.00
“ L. W. Barton, Counsel Fees for 1883,	18.00
“ A. S. Wait, “ “	3.00
“ Silas Tandy, Watering Trough,	3.00
“ H. P. Snow Board and horse hire, ...	15.00
“ Wm. J. Eaton, Gate for graveyard,	5.75

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid Iram F. Wood, Painting Gate to Graveyard at East Washington, and work,	\$8.87
" A. O. Codman, Wood for Town House, ..	1.50
" F. J. Emerson, Board of Selectmen, ..	36.53
" A. J. Ball, Lighting Hall,50
" Washington Debating Society, Lighting Hall, Janitor and Fuel,	1.50
" John Goodell, returning births & deaths, ..	1.50
" F. J. Emerson, cash paid out,	6.50
" C. W. J. Fletcher, Watering Trough, ..	1.50
" Joseph B. Safford, " " ..	2.00
" J. L. Safford, Furnishing and Setting Glass in: Town house,	2.10
" George M. Wright, check lists,	3.25
" H. P. Snow, Keeping Tramps,	2.00
" M. H. Dole, cash paid out,	8.15
" N.A. Lull & Sons, Stationery,22
" Geo. N. Gage, returning births & deaths, ..	1.25
" J. Q. A. French, " " " ..	5.50
" " " Sanitary Examination, ..	5.00
" G. Millen, Int. on Note to Dist. No. 1, ..	15.00
" Clark S. Spaulding, cash paid out,60
" H. P. Snow, Board & Horse hire, ..	14.50
" S. W. Hurd, Services as Selectman, rendered after counting day 1883,	1.50
" George M. Wright, Tax Bills, Stationery and Postage,	3.00
" F. J. Emerson, Bounties paid,70
TOTAL,	\$338.18

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Paid Alden Davis,	\$2.10
" F. J. Emerson,	1.50
" N. A. Lull & Sons,	2.10
" Alden Davis,	10.00
" H. C. Young,	4.20
" H. M. Bowman,	20.71
" Wm. H. Chapin,	1.00

 \$41.61

DISTRICTS No. 2 & 3.

" Levi Hathorn,	\$16.79
" M. H. Carr,	7.50
" C. D. Fowler,	4.57
" B. D. Cram,	10.80
" A. A. Tandy,	2.25

 \$41.91

DISTRICT NO. 4.

" Auren Peasley,	1.11
" Wm. D. Severance,	5.37
" Auren Peasley,	3.60
" E. W. Severance,	2.25
" W. D. Proctor,82

 13.15

DISTRICT NO. 5.

" M. H. Carr,	\$9.22
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DISTRICT NO. 6.

" F. P. Fletcher,	10.68
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DISTRICT No. 7.

" W. J. Powers,	1.68
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DISTRICT NO. 9.

Paid	Atwood and Holmes,	\$3.97
"	G. W. Blanchard,	1.17
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		\$5.14

DISTRICT NO. 10.

"	J. F. Bailey,	5.70
"	Frank Friend,	5.80
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		\$11.50

DISTRICT NO. 11.

"	H. I. Hoyt,	7.35
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DISTRICT No. 12.

"	O. W. Batchelder,	12.17
"	D. Y. Barnes,	4.17
"	A. P. Howe,	4.21
"	A. C. Marshall,	14.63
"	O. W. Batchelder,	7.60
"	D. Y. Barnes,	1.70
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		\$44.48

DISTRICT NO. 13.

"	E. G. Farnsworth,	14.85
"	George D. Reed,	7.23
"	Ira Brockway,	4.00
"	B. F. Muzzey,	4.00
"	S. Jefts,	1.00
"	A. B. Simonds,	2.00
"	C. K. Farnsworth,	9.90
"	F. B. Jefts,	3.66
"	E. J. Rideout,	7.20
"	Elgin G. Farnsworth,	9.42
"	M. F. Hill,	18.39
"	F. J. Emerson,	5.62
"	L. A. Mellen,	2.50

Paid Edgar Farnsworth,	8.02	
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		\$97.79

DISTRICT NO. 14.

" Ellis Copeland,88	
" " bridge bill,	6.30	
" F. J. Emerson, " "	2.25	
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		\$9.43

DISTRICT NO. 15.

" S. M. Farnsworth,	3.05	
" Wm. Friend,	9.67	
" S. M. Farnsworth, plank and labor,	4.81	
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DISTRICT NO. 16.

" E. W. Brooks,	5.84	
" O. G. Putney,	10.95	
" J. S. Farnsworth,	7.98	
" Wm. Farnsworth,	6.30	
" J. B. Safford,	1.09	
" H. W. Dodge,	1.42	
" " "	1.40	
" E. W. Brooks,	9.95	
" H. B. Millen,	3.30	
" Wm. Farnsworth,	5.94	
" F. J. Emerson,	6.75	
" Wm. Farnsworth,	3.25	
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		64.17

DISTRICT NO. 17.

" Martin Whitney,	9.67	
" F. J. Emerson,60	
" J. J. Hezelton,	2.24	
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		\$12.51

DISTRICT NO. 18.

Paid Greeley Putney,	\$13.65
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DISTRICT NO. 19.

" A. O. Codman,	\$12.80
" " "	3.00
" E. Babbs,	3.22
" Geo. C. Craine,	8.02
" F. J. Emerson,	7.41
" F. J. Emerson,	5.25
" A. O. Codman,	10.50

 50.20

DISTRICT No. 20.

" P. C. Cheney, Co,	13.57
" " " "	12.08
" G. W. Crane,	9.75
" G. C. Crane,	6.00
" F. J. Emerson,	10.50

 51.90

CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Note to School District No. 1,	250.00
Interest due on school fund April 1 1885,	30.00
D. Ball, Note and interest,	52.55
Wm. Dole, Note and interest,	105.10
Silas Blanchard, Note and interest,	104.05

 TOTAL

 \$541.70

ASSETTS.

Cash in Treasury,	\$25.13
Due from G. M. Wright, Coll. 1884,	636.24
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TOTAL ASSETTS,	661.37
Amount of Claims deducted,	541.70
Balance in favor of the town,	119.67
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Also an execution against Erastus Wilson of.....	544.58

M. H. Dole,	}	Selectmen of Washington.
F. Emerson,		
C. S. Spaulding,		

The Committee chosen to audit the accounts of the Selectmen the past year find their accounts well vouched and correctly cast.

FRANK P. NEWMAN,	}	AUDITORS.
S. W. HURD,		
IRA BROCKWAY,		

FEB. 27, 1885.

Library Committee's Report.

Oct. 23,	Paid L. M. Jaquith for books,	\$1.52
Dec. 2,	" W. Stafford, "	5.00
" 4,	" F. J. Emerson, "	2.50
Jan. 21,	Sanbornton History & Reg. letter,	6.12
" 22,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	71.50
" 24,	A. P. Howe, books and catalogues,	4.50
" 24,	Express on books from Boston,	.95
" 24,	" " money sent to E. & L.	.40

Jan. 21, 2 books sent by mail to E. & L.	\$0.14
Stationery & Postage,24

TOTAL,	\$94.87
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Drew from Treasury, Int. on Lib. fund,	\$100.00
Received from last year's Committee,	3.71
" " Librarian, fines & Catalogue,	1.00
" " Town,	59.87

TOTAL,	\$164.58
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June 11, Paid Arlow J. Ball for painting,	\$0.50
Nov. 8, " J. C. Millen, for kindling,	.50
Dec. 2, " J. L. Safford, for stairs,	.25
Feb. 5, " " " painting,	.25
" 21, " Mrs. C. M. Hurd, Librarian,	36.75
" 21, " Librarian's Incidt'l Expenses,	3.59
" 21, " J. C. Millen, for wood,.....	11.25
" 21, " for lighting Street lamps, ..	.78
" 21, Services of Library Com.	6.00

TOTAL,	\$59.87
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Money in hands of Committee,	9.84
No. of Books purchased Jan. 1885, ...	49.
Whole No. now in the Library, ...	1704.

S. G. EATON,	}	LIBRARY COMMITTEE.
S. J. MILLEN,		
J. S. BROCKWAY,		

REPORT OF THE
Superintendent of Schools.

The following Report is respectfully presented.

THROUGHOUT the town there has been a marked improvement in the condition of the schools as compared with the previous year. Generally teachers have been selected who have proved to be better adapted to their work than their predecessors. In one or two instances, schools, which a year ago ranked among the poorest in town, have this year risen to the first rank. Perhaps in others the progress has been a trifle less satisfactory.

Prudential Committees cannot be urged too strongly to use care and discretion in the selection of their teachers as the experience of the past year has proved in some of the districts in town. Teachers should be chosen, who, besides possessing the requisite education, are adapted to their schools,— to the parents as well as to the pupils: for it is a well known fact that a teacher's labors are almost invariably unsuccessful unless he has the encouragement and support of the inhabitants of the district where he labors.

Instead of a disparaging word now and then, our teachers need words of encouragement. They labor hard for small compensation, and the wonder is that our schools are as good as they are.

As was suggested in the report last year, we do not offer sufficient salaries to our teachers. If we would secure first class talent, we must be willing to pay for it. It should be remembered that the value of a school does not consist wholly in its duration. A short term taught by a competent instructor may be more profitable than others which are more protracted.

During the year nineteen terms of school have been taught in the nine districts of the town, the longest continuing thirteen weeks and the shortest, three.

The Superintendent has made during the year thirty-six official visits upon the schools. The only change which has been made in text books, consists of the introduction of Swinton's Readers to take the place of the Franklin series. The following is a report of the schools by districts.

District No. 1.

The first term was commenced by Miss SOPHIA R. PIKE of Newport, but the prevalence of sickness in the district brought the school to a premature close at the end of the third week.

The second and third terms were taught by Miss BELLE C. HOYT of Hillsborough. Miss HOYT has had an experience with this school extending over several terms, and, as usual, her school presented an excellent appearance during my visits.

District No. 2.

Both terms were taught by Miss EMILY J. WOOD of Washington. Miss Wood labored hard and successfully for the good of the school.

District No. 3.

Only one term of school was taught in this district, under the excellent instruction of MR. ELGIN G. FARNSWORTH of Washington.

MR. FARNSWORTH has had previous experience in this school, and under his care the school made excellent progress.

District No. 4.

The Summer term was taught by Miss JENNIE B. FRIEND of Marlow. This was Miss Friend's first attempt at teaching. Good progress was made. The second term was taught by Miss ROSA N. SPAULDING of East Washington. Miss Spaulding is entitled to praise for the successful manner in which she managed the school.

The examination showed thoroughness of instruction and excellent discipline.

District No. 5.

The first term in this district was taught by Miss EMMA V. COLBURN of Francesstown, the second by Miss FANNY G. FRENCH of Hillsborough, and the third by Mrs. SUSAN M. DODGE of Francesstown. All were first class teachers, and good work was done throughout the year.

District No. 6.

Both terms were taught by Miss AMIE C. SMITH of Bradford. Miss Smith had previously won a reputation in this district, where she had taught several terms. She was one of the most active, energetic teachers in town. The discipline of the school was perfect, and the instruction excellent.

District No. 7.

Both terms were taught by Miss AGNES L. BARNEY of East Washington. Considering the condition of the school at the commencement of the year, the progress made was fully equal to that in any other district in town,—perhaps greater. Miss Barney infused new life into the school; the interest of the scholars was aroused, and excellent progress was made.

District No. 8.

The Summer term was taught by Miss CLARA M. PEASLEY of East Washington. Though she was a beginner, the school made excellent progress, and universal satisfaction was given.

The Fall term was taught by Miss DELLA G. TANDY of East Washington, who continued the good work of Miss Peasley. The school was a success in every respect.

District No. 9.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Venetta D. BROWN of East Washington. This was Miss Brown's first experience as a teacher. She possesses rare qualifications for teaching; the discipline greatly improved the condition of the school, and excellent progress was made by the pupils. The Fall term was taught by Miss IDA K. THOMPSON of Lempster, who also was a beginner. Although Miss Thompson labored under some difficulties, she did a good work for the school. The examination showed thoroughness of instruction and a good degree of progress.



ROLL OF HONOR.

Dist. No. 1 Minnie M. Greenleaf, Maud M. Cram, Eva E. Wright, Lucy G. Hesselton, Walter G. Millen, Bertie S. Manly, Katie J. Cram.

Dist. No. 2: Lydia A. Wood, Auren L. Powers, Robert H. Tandy, Florence E. Fowler, Robert M. Fowler, Addie B. Fowler.

Dist. No. 4: Rosa J. Millen, Annie S. Banner.

Dist. No. 5: Eugene C. Gage, Ernest G. Cheney, Hatch C. Severance, Ada E. Carr, Lovia A. Cheney, Minnie F. Gage, Etta L. Gile, Gertie J. McIlvaine, Vilona M. Murdough, Emma A. Meyers, Charles N. Friend, Venetta D. Brown, Walter M. Severance.

Dist. No. 6: Ada C. Blanchard, Lillian M. Dresser, Ida M. Dole, Maud E. Dole, Laura L. Friend, Lunetta V. Blanchard, Maud S. Cooledge, Ora L. Blanchard, Charles V. Hoyt, Fred M. Dole, George V. Nichols.

Dist. No. 7 Emma Copeland, Ethel Copeland, Ada Copeland, Evis Farnsworth, Gertie Farnsworth, Gracie Friend, Fred Friend, Eldora S. Farnsworth, Harvy Ross, Clarence Copeland.

Dist. No. 8; Grace M. Craine, Susie E. Spaulding, Emma A. Spaulding, Bertie L. Craine, Charles V. Grandy.

Dist. No. 9 John C. Butterfield.

