

# Report of the Selectmen and other Town Officers of Washington, New Hampshire For the Year Ending March 1, 1886

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REPORT  
OF THE SELECTMEN  
AND OTHER  
**TOWN OFFICERS**

—OF—

WASHINGTON, N. H.,

—FOR THE—

Year Ending March 1st, 1886.

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WASHINGTON, N. H.:  
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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SELECTMEN OF WASHINGTON IN ACCOUNT  
WITH SAID TOWN.

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To Cash received of Treasurer, 1884,	\$25.13
To Amt. of State, Co., Town & School Tax,	2,919.20
To Amt. of Non-resident Highway Tax,	266.48
To Amt. of Dog Tax,	54.00
To Amt. of School House Tax Dis. No. 1	362.37
To Cash Rec'd of Lorenzo D. Muzzey,	200.00
"    "    Savings Bank Tax,	664.83
"    "    Literary Fund,	72.59
"    "    Bounty From State,	29.90
"    "    Rent of Town Hall,	2.25
"    "    of County, Sept. Term,	136.00
"    "    of County Jan. Term,	121.32
To Amount of added Tax,	6.50
To Cash Rec'd of J. S. Butterfield High- way Tax 1884,	6.41
"    Rec'd of H. M. Bowman, old Bridge Plank,	2.00
"    Rec'd of A. H. Jaquith, Sexton,	2.00
"    G. Will Carr,	1.00
"    Highway Taxes of 1884, delivered to H. I. Hoyt, Collector,	28.82
"    G. M. Wright, Collector, 1884,	194.85
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>\$5,095.65</b>



## CR.

By Cash Paid School Districts,	\$726.90
“ School-house Tax, Dis. No. 1,	354.00
“ County Tax,	721.71
“ State Tax,	672.00
“ Pauper Expenses,	526.39
“ Library Expenses,	50.04
“ Road Bills,	458.54
“ Miscellaneous Expenses,	564.10
“ Non-resident Taxes worked,	200.75
“ Discount on Taxes 1885,	92.45
“ Taxes abated,	16.03
“ Town Officers,	283.75
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TOTAL,	\$4,666.66
BALANCE,	428.99

## PAUPER BILLS.

Paid for support of Cyrus Mc Adams,	61.30
“ “ Andrus Chase,	18.97
“ “ Sarah Friend,	78.00
“ “ Harry Lowell,	4.00
“ “ Joel Severance,	52.00
“ “ Mr. & Mrs. R. O. Smart,	312.12
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TOTAL,	526.39

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Horace F. Chase, Supervisor,	\$8.00
Geo. M. Wright, “	7.00
Elgin G. Farnsworth, “	8.00
Geo. M. Wright, Town Clerk,	15.00
E. A. Edwards' Estate, Supt. of Schools,	30.00
Geo. W. Gage, “ “	10.00
N. A. Lull, Treasurer,	15.00
Hiram I. Hoyt, Collector,	40.00

H. J. Gage, Selectman,	\$52.25
C. S. Spaulding, "	43.00
Frank E. Lull, "	49.50
Auditors for 1884,	6.00
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TOTAL,	\$283.75

#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

J. N. Butler, Sanitary & Certificate,	\$5.50
Auren Peasley, Sheep killed by Dogs,	7.50
A. T. Wright " " "	3.00
W. J. Powers, " " "	3.00
J.C. & Geo.M. Severance, " " "	2.00
R. M. Smith, Calf killed by Dogs	1.00
F. H. Howe, Printing Reports & Blanks,	12.75
M. H. Carr, Road Damage,	13.75
H. P. Snow, Board Bill,	26.25
Edson C. Eastman, Stationery,	5.41
Geo. N. Gage, Town History,	15.00
A. H. Jaquith, G. A. R. Post,	25.00
M. Perkins, Recording Births & Deaths,	1.00
W. D. Otterson, " " "	1.25
C. S. Spaulding, Bounty Paid,	4.70
H. J. Gage, " "	6.80
Frank E. Lull, " "	17.70
H. C. Colby, Stove & Funnel,	10.85
Geo. N. Gage, Recording Births & Deaths,	2.00
S. W. Hurd, Insurance,	22.00
A. S. Wait, Counsel Fees to March 1st.	10.90
C. S. Spaulding, Watering Trough,	3.00
Silas Tandy, " "	3.00
F. P. Jones, Recording Births & Deaths,	.75
J. C. Bailey, Casket Stands,	4.00
F. W. Gould, Witness Fees & Services,	12.08
John E. Farwell,	10.00



Paid	C. S. Spaulding, Board Bill,	\$1.00
"	Dexter Ball, Note and Interest,	55.65
"	Silas Blanchard, Note and Interest,	110.17
"	William Dole, Note and Interest,	111.30
"	J. C. Millen, Watering Trough,	1.50
"	Newman & Wiley, Boards and Plank for Cemetery, . . . . .	1.20
"	H. P. Snow, Breaking Axle,	3.50
"	S. W. Hurd, Maknig Deed and Measuring Land, . . . . .	1.00
"	N. A. Lull, Taking Acknowledgement of Deed, . . . . .	.75
"	N. A. Lull & sons, Powder & Fuse,	.53
"	N. A. Lull & Sons, Stationery,	2.32
"	Charles Carley, Watering Trough,	3.00
"	F. E. Lull, Miscellaneous Expenses,	16.00
"	Frank E. Lull Board, Selectman,	15.00
"	H. I. Hoyt, Tax Bills and Postage,	2.39
"	F. J. Emerson, Services Selectman '84,	.75
"	H. P. Snow, Board Bill,	8.75
	<b>TOTAL,</b> . . . . .	<b>\$564.10</b>

## ROAD BILLS.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

Paid	H. M. Bowman, . . . . .	\$9.92
"	Ira Brockway, . . . . .	1.50
"	Alden Davis, . . . . .	1.35
"	O. G. Putney, . . . . .	3.00
"	J. C. Millen, Bridge Timbers,	2.00
	Newman & Wiley, Bridge plank &c.,	8.19
	N. A. Lull & Sons, powder & Fuse,	1.48

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 \$27.44

## DISTRICTS No. 2 &amp; 3.

Paid	C. D. Fowler, .....	\$6.65
"	B. D. Cram, .....	16.95
"	Anson Powers, .....	6.15
"	A. B. Simonds, .....	1.35
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		\$31.10

## DISTRICT No. 4.

Paid	Auren Peasley, .....	\$4.05
"	J. H. Smith, .....	3.15
"	W. D. Severance, .....	7.97
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		\$15.17

## DISTRICT No. 5.

Paid	A. J. Cutting, Powder, &c.	\$1.54
"	M. H. Carr, Bridge Plank, &c.	28.93
"	H. J. Gage, Powder &c.	2.64
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		\$33.11

## DISTRICT No. 6.

Paid	Samuel Fletcher, .....	\$ .26
"	F. P. Fletcher, .....	9.52
"	George E. Woodward, .....	21.13
"	Jonathan Severance, .....	6.34
"	Alvah Davis, .....	4.09
"	C. S. Spaulding, Bridge Plank,	8.98
"	J. A. Crane, .....	4.20
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		\$54.52

## DISTRICT No. 7.

Paid	Auren Peasley, for Gravel,	\$1.40
"	J. W. Crane, .....	1.57
"	H. C. Craig, .....	.75
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		\$3.72



## DISTRICT No. 8.

Paid Ira Brockway, .....	\$1.20	
“ Dole Brothers, Bridge Plank, ....	7.15	
		\$8.35

## DISTRICT No. 10.

Paid J. F. Bailey, .....		\$3.55
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## DISTRICT No. 11.

Paid N. A. Lull & Sons, Powder & Fuse,		1.62
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## DISTRICT No. 12.

Paid A. P. Howe, .....	\$15.22	
“ A. Marshall, .....	9.52	
“ O. W. Batchelder, .....	16.24	
“ D. Y. Barnes, .....	4.20	
		\$45.18

## DISTRICT No. 13.

Paid M. F. Hill & Son, .....	\$6.15	
“ Milan A. Dodge, .....	2.55	
		\$8.70

## DISTRICT No. 14.

Paid Mrs. W. D. Safford, .....	\$1.20	
“ Elgin G. Farnsworth, .....	1.72	
“ F. B. Jeffs, .....	7.10	
“ A. B. Simonds, Damage to mowing,	3.00	
“ N. A. Lull & Sons, Powder & Fuse,	.26	
		\$13.28

## DISTRICT No. 15.

Paid J. O. Metcalf, .....	\$6.12	
“ J. O. Metcalf, Powder & Fuse,	.72	
		\$6.84



## DISTRICT No. 16.

Paid	S. W. Farnsworth, .....	\$3.57
"	W. D. Friend, .....	6.00
"	B. G. Jones, .....	2.63
"	W. D. Friend, Covering Stones &c.,	6.50
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		\$18.70

## DISTRICT No. 17.

Paid	G. W. Brooks, .....	\$3.99
"	O. G. Putney, .....	1.75
"	J. S. Farnsworth, .....	13.78
"	N. A. Lull & Sons, Powder & Fuse,	.90
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		\$20.42

## DISTRICT No. 18.

Paid	A. T. Wright, .....	\$9.08
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## DISTRICT No. 19.

Paid	Greeley Putney, .....	\$11.03
"	C. A. Lull, .....	1.73
"	O. S. Carey, .....	3.75
"	N. A. Lull & Sons, .....	1.40
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		\$17.91

## DISTRICT No. 20.

Paid	George C. Crain, .....	\$66.97
"	Wilson Thorndike, .....	31.39
"	Wilson Thorndike, Bridge Plank,	7.40
"	E. Babbs, .....	5.25
"	P. C. Cheney Co., .....	11.22
"	J. L. Butterfield, .....	1.56
"	A. O. Codman, .....	10.62
"	F. E. Lull, .....	3.00
"	N. A. Lull & Sons, Powder & Fuse,	2.44
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		\$139.85

## ASSETTS.

Cash in Treasury, .....	\$11.22
Due from G. M. Wright Collector 1884.	441.39
“ “ H. I. Hoyt, Collector 1885,	417.77
“ H. D. Millett for Hay, .....	5.62
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TOTAL ASSETTS. ....	\$876.00

## CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Note to School District No. 1, .....	\$250.00
“ to Lorenzo D. Muzzey, & Interest,	209.73
Interest due on School Fund Apr. 1st,	30.00
“ due School District No. 1, .....	15.00
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TOTAL, .....	\$504.73
Balance in favor of the Town,	\$371.27
Also an Execution against Erastus Wilson of	577.20

H. J. Gage,	}	Selectmen
C. S. Spaulding,		of
F. E. Lull,		Washington.

FEB. 27th 1886.

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

M. H. Dole,	}	Auditors.
F. J. Emerson,		



## Library Committee's Report.

Received from last year's committee,	\$9.84
“ Cash, .....	1.50
“ Interest on Library Fund,	100.00
“ from Town, .....	50.04
“ “ Fines, .....	1.40
TOTAL, .....	\$162.78

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid F. J. Emerson, .....	\$4.00
“ Claremont Mfg. Co., .....	8.35
“ Expressage, .....	.85
“ Postage, .....	.14
“ Hiram I. Hoyt for Books, .....	12.80
“ George M. Wright for Books,	3.50
“ J. F. Bechler for Books, .....	3.00
“ Estes & Lauriat, for Books,	65.36
“ Freight and Expressage on same,	.50
TOTAL, .....	\$98.50

### LIBRARY EXPENSES.

Paid Librarian, .....	\$39.00
“ Incidentals, .....	4.29
“ S. W. Hurd, Labor on Library,	.75
“ Library Committee, .....	6.00
TOTAL, .....	\$50.04

Amount in hands of Committee, .....	\$14.24
Number, of Books purchased Jan. 1886,	43
“ Donated during the year,	14
“ Worn out and duplicated,	3
Whole number of Books now in Library,	1,758

Hiram I. Hoyt, } Library  
 Frank P. Newman, } Committee.



REPORT OF THE  
**Superintendent of Schools.**

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THE following report of the condition of the schools the past year is necessarily imperfect. The sudden death of the efficient superintendent, Rev. Ephraim A. Edwards, renders it impossible to prepare a report on all the schools in town which shall be in every respect correct and just.

In some instances little reliable knowledge can be obtained; in other cases an acquaintance with the qualifications of the teachers employed enables a tolerable correct opinion to be formed of the character of the work performed; while, in a few instances, a personal inspection of the working of the schools enables a still more certain conclusion.

With the exception of a few unpleasant occurrences, we have reason to believe that there has been that harmonious cooperation of teachers, parents, and pupils, which most of us realize to be indispensable to success in the school room. So far as can be learned, no material changes have been made in text books.

The close of the school year makes an era in the history of schools in this town. An old, and time honored system is to be exchanged for one that is new. Whether the new system shall be a success or a failure depends largely, and perhaps wholly, on our attitude towards it. It is very difficult for any school, or system of schools, to succeed without the encouragement of its patrons.



The great need of our schools is more money with which to secure better teachers and longer schools. Some of our districts are painfully conscious of this lack of funds, which necessitates short sessions, and perchance poor and inexperienced teachers. A judicious union of a few of the weaker schools would create schools of far greater excellence. Let it be remembered that the law does not necessarily reduce the number of schools to one or even two, but requires as many schools as the welfare of the town demands. Further, let it be remembered that if, after a careful trial, the new system is not in any way the equal of the old, the town has the privilege of returning to its old way. Let us give it an unprejudiced trial. The following report of the several districts is as correct as possible under the circumstances.

#### District No. 1.

Both terms were taught by Miss Agnes L. Barney of East Washington. Although we did not visit this school, our knowledge of the ability of its teacher, and the flattering reports from the citizens of the district, are all the proof that is wanted to enable us to pronounce the school a success.

#### District No. 2.

The school for the year, consisting of two terms was taught by Miss Fhebe E. Wood of Washington. Miss Wood has had much experience in this school, and, as in other years, has been a faithful and painstaking teacher.



**District No. 3.**

But one term of school has been taught in this district: Miss Jennie S. Hill of Washington was the teacher, and the school under her care was a pronounced success. The examination at the close of the term was exceedingly interesting and reflected much credit on teacher and pupils.

**District No. 4.**

The first term was taught by Mrs. Della G. Wellman of East Washington, whose abilities as a teacher are so well known that we have no hesitation in pronouncing the school a success. The second term was under the care of Miss Della A. Stone. Being entirely unacquainted with the teacher, we are unable to make any statement, but our knowledge of the school and the appearance of the register lead us to presume that the school was a profitable one.

**District No. 5.**

The teacher of the first term was Miss Flora M. Brown of Deering, who was succeeded in the fall by Mrs. Della G. Wellman of East Washington. As we did not visit either of the schools, we can only believe that they were successful, from the fact that both teachers were ladies of much experience in the school room.

The winter term was under the care of Miss F. Gertrude Moulton of Manchester. She came to the school highly recommended, and though the school was badly injured by non-attendance of pupils, the examination at the close of the school was of unusual interest, and was entirely satisfactory to all who were present.



**District No. 6.**

The first term was taught by Miss Eva N. French of Hillsboro', a young lady of excellent qualifications for the work of instruction. There is no doubt that her efforts were entirely successful.

The second term was taught by Miss Belle C. Hoyt of Hillsboro', whose long experience as teacher makes it more than probable that good work was done.

**District No. 7.**

Clara M. Peasley of East Washington, and Georgianna Russell were the teachers of the first and second terms respectively. Miss Peasley is a young lady of experience and ability, and, judging by her success elsewhere, we conclude that her school must have been a profitable one.

The teacher of the second term, Miss Russell, is entirely unknown to us as a teacher. No complaint has reached our ears, which makes it almost certain that there was no cause for it.

**District No. 8.**

But one term of less than six weeks duration was taught in this district. Mrs. Della G. Wellman of East Washington was the teacher, and, without doubt, gave good satisfaction. Could not this district unite profitably with No. 5?

**District No. 9.**

The school for the year, consisting of one term of eleven weeks was in charge of Miss Eldora S. Farnsworth of Washington. This was Miss Farnsworth's first attempt, and was in every way successful. She won

the respect and confidence of her pupils, and had the good will and support of the whole district. Her methods of imparting knowledge were excellent, and, altogether, her school was a decided success.

GEORGE N. GAGE,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

### ROLL OF HONOR.

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

Alice E. Thompson,  
Abbie R. Hood,  
Harry A. Hood.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

Ida M. Chapin.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

Gertrude J. McIlvaine,  
M. Murdough,  
Bert C. Muzzey,  
Lovia A. Cheney,  
Ada E. Carr,  
Emma A. Meyers,  
Susie E. Spaulding,  
Ernest G. Cheney,  
Lewis Lincoln,  
Hatch Severance.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

Lillian L. Dresser,

Maud E. Dole,  
Ora L. Blanchard,  
Fred W. Dole.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

Ethel A. Copeland,  
Ada M. Copeland,  
Gertrude M. Friend,  
Angie E. Friend,  
Evis E. Farnsworth.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

Grace M. Crain,  
Susie E. Spaulding,  
Bertie L. Crain,  
Frank Crane.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

John C. Butterfield.  
Lizzie D. Butterfield.





