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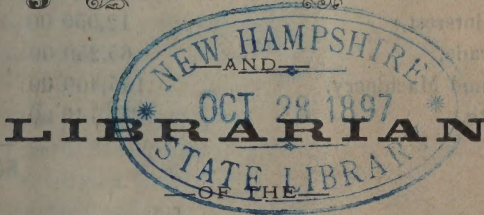
—OF—

THE SELECTMEN,

TREASURER, COLLECTOR,

OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

Sup'g School Committee,



TOWN OF ASHLAND,

—FOR THE—

Fiscal Year ending March 1st, 1876.

ASHLAND, N. H.:

F. E. SHAW, JOB PRINTER.

1876.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY,

Selectmen's Report.

The total valuation of the Town of Ashland,
April 1st, 1875,

\$564,824 00

RECAPITULATION.

275 Polls,	\$27,500 00
35 Carriages,	2,320 00
394 Sheep,	1,798 00
338 Cattle,	12,450 00
115 Horses,	12,010 00
Money at interest,	12,950 00
Stock in trade,	65,250 00
Factories and Machinery,	155,400 00
Real Estate,	275,146 00

\$564,824 00

Amount of State, County, Town and School Taxes,	\$6,890 40
Highway taxes, 75 cts. on a Poll,	3,736 18
Non Resident tax,	39 01
Non Resident Highway taxes,	24 75
Dog tax,	97 00

\$10,787 34

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Paid by orders on Town Treasurer:

James P. Howe, damage on Sheep,	\$4 00
Elias H. Whitten, damage to Sleigh,	2 00
“ “ to breaking Roads,	1 84

Thomas P. Cheney, land damage,	2 00
Frank M. Rollins, " "	2 00
Isaac Hathaway, " "	5 00
F. E. Shaw, for Tax bills,	3 00
D. S. Batchelder, to breaking Roads,	6 46
B. F. Cox, " "	2 00
Steven H. Eastman, to breaking Roads 1874,	8 00
Abner S. Spiller, Bill on Hall.	2 85
J. F. Keyes, money advanced on Union Bridge,	241 17
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	\$280 32

TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid as follows:

F. E. Shaw, for printing Town Reports,	\$28 00
Dexter Sanborn, Auditor,	5 00
B. W. Sanborn, Books and Stationery,	9 70
F. M. Hughes, Auditor,	5 00
" " Police,	2 00
James W. Stuart, aid to transients,	6 00
Allen B. Shepard, Moderator,	2 00
E. J. Hughes, copying taxes,	5 00
E. P. Warner, for transients,	3 25
F. E. Shaw, printing hand bills,	1 50
F. M. Hughes, cost John Ellison case,	15 76
E. B. Currier, damage to Sheep,	3 00
A. F. Jones. " "	6 00
Buchanan & Willis, for transients,	4 00
Enoch Rogers, aid to transients, and Stationery,	7 30
David B. Story, overdrawn taxes on I. D. Woodman's Mill,	37 92
B. Hughes, board of Selectmen, Postage and Express	10 00
Frank L. Hughes, paying State tax,	3 80
S. W. Constantine, Water at Blacksmith Shop,	3 00
Ashley C. Whipple, M. D., registering births for 1874—'75,	5 00
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	\$163 23

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid as follows:

Barnett Hughes, Selectman,	\$64 75
Enech Rogers, "	60 00
Edward P. Warner, "	55 00
Frank L. Hughes, Town Treasurer,	30 00
B. B. Worthen, Town Clerk,	40 00
Horatio N. Smyth, Overseer of Poor,	50 00
J. A. Dana, Superintending School Committee,	40 00
Sarah J. Brown, Librarian,	25 00
Ben. F. Pease, Collector,	75 00
William F. Harris, Police,	3 00
Frank N. Flanders, "	5 00
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	\$447 75

SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1,	\$1,129 38	Literary Fund.	\$55 00	\$1,184 38
" " 2,	18 50	" "	6 42	24 92
" " 3,	32 28	" "	4 00	36 28
" " 4,	49 60	" "	7 00	56 60
" " 5,	9 24	" "	2 40	11 64
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	\$1,239 00		\$74 82	\$1,313 82

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid as follows:

J. M. Smith, for labor and land damage,	\$37 50
Sanborn & Blair, for Stone,	45 00
Samuel W. Fletcher, for lumber, Drake Bridge,	127 16
Paul Perkins, for labor and tools,	40 30
C. H. Huckins, breaking roads,	5 00
Ira Huckins, " "	6 00
H. N. Smyth, " "	6 00

R. R. Carlton, for Concrete,	126 20
Benjamin Cass, labor on road,	5 25
Joseph B. Smith, " "	2 25
James P. Pattee, for Stone,	3 00
Hughes & Huckins, Bill,	8 79
Daniel S. Baker, work on Highway,	8 60
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	\$421 05

Respectfully submitted,

BARNETT HUGHES, }
 ENOCH ROGERS, } Selectmen
 EDWARD P. WARNER, } of
 Ashland.

We the undersigned, Auditors of the town of Ashland, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and properly avouched.

DEXTER SANBORN, }
 FARNCIS M. HUGHES, } Auditors.
 HENRY PAGE, }

Treasurer's Report.

Frank L. Hughes, in account with the
Town of Ashland:

	DR.
To balance brought forward from last year,	\$1,144 50
“ cash of Enoch Rogers,	5 26
“ “ John R. Willoughby, Collector for 1874,	131 65
“ “ B. E. Plaisted, use of Tomb,	1 00
“ “ W. F. Harris note given,	400 00
“ “ James H. Plaisted, note given,	700 00
“ “ Franklin Eaton, County Treasurer,	123 52
“ “ Savings Bank Tax.	545 11
“ “ Rail Road	54 32
“ “ Literary Fund	74 82
“ “ F. M. Hughes, Rent Town Hall, 1875,	16 40
“ “ Sarah J. Brown, Library Fines,	7 16
“ “ B. F. Pease, Collector for 1875,	5,818 43
	\$9,022 17
	CR.
By paid County Tax,	\$904 37
“ “ State Tax,	1,016 00
“ “ Notes and interest,	3,262 54
“ “ Town Orders,	3,159 34
“ “ Cash on hand,	679 92
	\$9,022 17

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. HUGHES, *Treasurer.*

We the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and properly avouched.

DEXTER SANBORN,	}	Auditors of the Town of Ashland.
FRANCIS M. HUGHES,		
HENRY PAGE,		

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT, MARCH 1ST, 1876.

Total amount of notes and interest outstanding,		
March 1st, 1876,		\$9,570 12
		CR.
By Taxes uncollected in 1871,	\$33 40	
“ “ 1872,	14 45	
“ “ 1873,	29 70	
“ “ 1875.	1,214 28	
“ Cash on hand,	679 87	
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Amount outstanding, March 1st, 1876,		<hr/> \$7,598 42
Total amount outstanding, March 1st, 1875,		\$9,603 74
“ “ “ “ 1876,		7,598 42
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Decrease of Debt, 1875,		\$2,005 32

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. HUGHES, *Treasurer.*

Collector's Report.

Rep. F. Pease in account with the Town of Ashland: DR.	
To State, County, Town and School taxes,	\$6,890 40
Non Resident tax,	39 01
Non Resident Highway tax,	24 75
Dog tax,	97 00
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	\$7,051 16

	CR.
By paying Town Treasurer,	\$5,818 43
Non Resident highway receipts,	10 50
Abatements,	7 95
Uncollected,	1,214 28
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	\$7,051 14

Respectfully submitted,

BEN. F. PEASE, *Collector.*

COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1874.

John R. Willoughby,	DR.
To taxes uncollected as per report 1875,	\$156 62

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By paying Town Treasurer,	\$131 65
Abatements,	4 10
Discount Absentees,	20 87
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	\$156 62

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. WILLOUGHBY, *Collector.*

Report of the Overseer of the Poor.

Horatio N. Smyth in account with the Town of Ashland:	DR.
To Cash,	\$583 15
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By paying bills for support of poor,	\$583 15

Report of the Sup'g School Committee.

No. of District.	Summer & Winter.	Names of Teachers.	No. of Weeks.	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Penmanship.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.
No. 1.	1st grade.	Miss Lydia A. Webster,	10	31	31	12	29	19	25
		“ “	20	34	34	11	34	25	27
	2d grade.	“ Fanny M. Keyes,	10	32	32	32	32	32	6
		“ “	20	42	42	42	42	42	5
	3d grade.	“ Alice F. Hinkley,	10	54	54	50	26	10	0
	“ Anna G. Clement,	20	51	41	14	18	10	0	
No. 2.	Sum.	Miss Hattie A. Drake,	6	13	15	12	10	3	2
	Win.	“ “	7	13	15	13	13	7	3
No. 3.	Sum.	Miss Angie B. Smith,	8	6	6	5	6	3	4
	Win.	“ “	10	6	6	2	6	2	4
No. 4.*	Sum.	One term,	13	23	23	11	11	6	0
	Win.	Mrs. Mary E. Pease,		23	23	11	11	6	0
No. 6.	Sum.	One term,	10						
	Win.	Miss Hattie A. Drake,		6	6	4	5	2	0

*No. 5 has been united to No. 4.

DISTRICT NO 1.

The three schools in district No. 1 the past year have been divided into three terms of ten weeks each. all in session at the same time. I will say, that in the first grade, our scholars show better improvement than ever before. For many years we have had excellent teachers in this department, and if I report more progress this year, it is no reflection upon former teachers, but a proof, that the employment of the best teachers ensures continual improvement. With a proper school room, suitably furnished, and good surroundings, this grade is better for our scholars than any Academy in the state. Now, it is a miserable, unhealthy place, and prevents in a great degree, that improvement which should result from our expenditures.

The teacher reports for the

Summer term, not tardy or absent.

Amy Morse, Allie Gordon, Lewis Smyth, Delia Smith,

Tardy or absent only from sickness.

Delle Dearborn Geo. Scribner, Emmie Webster, Alice Appleyard, Gertie Weeks, Ellen Webster, Addie Webstr.

Fall term, not tardy or absent.

Amy Morse, Allie Gordon, Carrie Scribner, Alice Appleyard, Ruth Gordon, Emmie Webster, Jennie Baker Mary Ames, Rodney Howe.

Tardy or absent only from sickness.

Delle Dearborn, Ellen Webster, Ada Peaslee, Gertie Weeks,

Winter term not tardy or absent.

Allie Gordon, Amy Morse, Carrie Scribner, Emma Webster. Delle Dearborn, Ellen Webster, Ada Peaslee, Mary Ames Albert Smith, Clarence Gilpatric, Geo. Scribner, Allie Howe, Mima Howe, Rodney Howe, Jennie Baker.

The four last were tardy once from snow drifts.

Of the second grade, I will say, we have never had better progress. The teacher is particularly suited to the necessities of the scholars, and in my opinion can do better for this school than any

new teacher. Here, too, the school room is unsuitable, unfurnished, badly located, and inadequate for the accommodation of so many pupils the seats being too low, and very uncomfortable in many respects.

In the third grade, for the last six terms, we have had wonderfully good management. The pupils have shown vast improvement, having been taught a great variety of matters, all of importance to the infant mind, and in such a manner as to keep them continually employed without wearying. The first term this year was taught by Miss Alice F. Hinkley, and gave perfect satisfaction. The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Anna G. Clement, and I can truly say, I have never spent a half day in visiting schools with more interest than in this department. Even, in the matter of penmanship, these little minds are profitably employed, and show much improvement. Here, also, the room and surroundings are miserable, unhealthy, and too small. In this department there are more than fifty scholars. In district No. 1 to properly expend our school money, and give the pupils the best schooling, we should have four grades, good rooms, well furnished, to convene them in, and such teachers as we have employed for the last few years. Then, for our money we should give to our children as good schools as any in the State.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

In this district there has been two terms of six weeks each. The teacher was well qualified and faithful, the pupils attentive, orderly and showed good improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Here they have had two terms only; the first of eight, and the second of ten weeks. This is a union district of Ashland and Holderness, with a good school room, and retired and pleasant surroundings. The same teacher has been employed for a number of terms past, with benefit, as the scholars show marked improvement, and the result of good discipline.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

This district has been united with No. 5, it has a new school house well situated, and with more furniture, black boards, etc. it would be a convenient school room. There has been only one term thirteen weeks and a fraction this year. The teacher did her duties well, she is qualified, and faithful; the scholars, or their parents are faulty in their relations to the school; as more than half of the pupils have been absent nearly half the time. No one can get much profit besides being an actual injury to others in their classes, from such irregular attendance, and it behooves the parents to look well to this matter, and insist upon their children attending promptly and regularly.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Here, there has been only one term of ten weeks; this year, this is a union school with Center Harbor, and New Hampton, there is a fair school room, it being somewhat broken, and having no apparatus. The teacher was well qualified and indefatigable in her duties. The pupils show fair progress.

JOHN A. DANA, *Sup'g School Committee.*

Librarian's Report.

The Librarian would respectfully submit the following report for the year 1875.

Number of books given,	3
Whole number belonging to the Library,	656
Number of different persons who have taken out books,	275
Number of books lost or destroyed,	0
Amount of fines collected,	\$7 16
The number of books that are most read are about,	418
The number very seldom taken out are,	127
The remaining 111 are Documents and are very seldom or never referred to.	

S. J. BROWN, *Librarian.*