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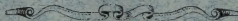
TOWN OF ASHLAND,

EMBRACING THOSE OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, LIQUOR AGENT,
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, &c.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.



MEREDITH, N. H. :

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1881.

Selectmen's Report.

OUTSTANDING CLAIMS.

1880.			
Mar. 15.	Paid C. M. Sargent, damage to sleigh,		\$5.00
" "	R. R. D. Dearborn, bal. for librarian,		4.69
16	J. G. Morrison, services as auditor,		2.00
19	Francis M. Hughes,		2.00
27	Hodgdon & Pollard, powder and fuse,		1.58
Apr. 7	Charles F. Hill, for town reports,		21.00
10	Dexter Sanborn, supervisor, and auditor,		7.00
Nov. 20	John Jewett, supervisor,		11.50
1881.			
Feb. 25	Eri G. Clapp, express bill, '79,		.55
			\$55.32

CURRENT EXPENSES,

1880, Paid by Cash and by Order.

1880.			
Apr. 7	Paid E. C. Eastman, books, stationery and express,		\$3.68
9	John Bonner, bounty on hawk,		.20
16	For Day's Assessor's book,		2.00
May 29	Anna Whipple, birth and death Dr. A. C. Whipple,		4.75
June 2	D. S. Baker, bounty on four hawks,		.80
21	E. C. Eastman, order and receipt book,		3.00
21	Car fare to Concord and return,		3.00
July 1	E. C. Eastman, two improved invoice books,		12.00
	Express and remittance,		.35
Aug. 28	By order paid Henry Page, part pay selectman,		30.00
Sept. 1	Paid bounty on hawk, Ora Brown, Cash,		.20
11	" " C. F. Bracy,		.20
24	" " Paul Perkins,		.20
Oct. 14	By order on treasurer, paid B. B. Worthen, part pay as town clerk.		30.00
14	Paid bounty on hawk, A. W. Harriman, cash,		.20
Nov. 18	By order, paid Geo. B. G. ordon, blank check list,		7.00

Nov. 24	By order, paid B. B. Worthen, part pay as librarian,	14.00
1881.		
Jan. 4	“ R. F. Pease, for watering trough,	3.00
11	“ Geo. B. Gordon, services as supervisor,	16.00
17	Paid C. F. Bracy, bounty on hawk, cash,	.20
31	By order, paid S. C. Baker as per bill,	4.50
Feb. 12	Paid for blank warrants of B. W. Sanborn, cash,	.50
25	by order, H. C. Dearborn, Services as Supt. S. Com.,	23.00
25	R. R. D. Dearborn, collector of taxes, 1880,	75.00
1880.		
Jan. 9	B. B. Worthen, by order on treasurer for maps and ex.,	23.00
1881.		
Feb. 25	By order paid B. F. Pease, services as selectman,	40.00
25	“ “ Henry Page, “ “	25.00
25	“ “ B. B. Worthen, “ “ and copying invoice,	90.00
25	“ “ “ “ services town clerk,	10.00
25	“ “ “ “ “ librarian,	11.00
25	“ “ “ “ “ overseer of poor,	13.75
25	“ “ Frank L. Hughes, services as treasurer,	25.00
26	Wm. F. Harris, services as police, '79 and '80,	6.00
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		\$477.53

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Feb. 3	Paid J. H. Shepard, in part for abutments,	\$100.00
9	B. B. Worthen, land damage,	21.25
14	J. H. Shepard, bal. on abutment,	1,289.80
23	“ “ for agent on abutments, and building wing wall,	100.31
Oct. 20	for sewer and taking off bridge,	56.24
20	J. M. Calley, labor on bridge wings,	3.38
Jan. 3	John Towne, for iron bridge,	700.00
Feb. 19,	Calvin Swett and E. Wallace, breaking roads,	6.05
19	F. H. Leavitt, “	7.87
19	Stephen Clough, “	2.25
19	Samuel Shepard, “	4.12
19	Asa Drew, “	1.40
21	John H. Eastman, “	1.37
23	Charles Shepard, “	7.30
24	E. H. Whitten, “	3.50

Feb. 24	Mary E. Jewell, land damage,	10.00
24	Charles C. Eastman, breaking roads,	10.00
25	Levi Clough, for lighting bridge,	1.50
25	Brown & Cummings, "	1.50
25	Lucian S. Hanniford, drawing stone,	3.50
	B. B. Worthen, balance due him on account,	1.12
		<hr/> \$2,332.46

EXPENSE OF POOR.

Paid Jane Morse for James Rowe,	\$144.00
Lizzie E. Smythe for Mrs. James Drew,	56.00
Ambrose T. Merrill for Hutton child,	24.00
Geo. W. Shepard, coffin for Mr. Sisk,	15.00
French woman, fare to Lake Village,	.75
J. A. Dana, for medical attendance,	7.00
	<hr/> \$246.75

SCHOOL MONEY.

	SCHOOL MONEY.	DOG TAX.	LITERARY FUND.	TOTAL.
District No. 1.	\$897.81	\$35.00.	\$48.75	\$981.56
" " 2,	22.03	30.00	4.75	56.78
" " 3,	42.88	15.00	2.75	60.63
" " 4,	73.11	25.00	6.50	104.61
" " 5,	11.17	12.00	2.00	25.17
	<hr/> \$1,047.00	<hr/> \$1,17.00	<hr/> \$64.75	<hr/> \$1,228.75

Fourteen dollars in District No. 5, unpaid.

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding Claims,	\$55.32
Current Expenses,	477.53
Roads and Bridges	2,332.44
Expenses of poor.	246.75
School Money,	1228.75
Cash unexpended, returned to treasurer,	4.97
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	\$4,344.66

B. B. WORTHEN, } Selectmen
HENRY PAGE, } of
BEN. F. PEASE, } Ashland.

The undersigned, Auditors for the town of Ashland, having examined the accounts of the selectmen of said town for the year ending Feb. 28, 1881, hereby certify that the vouchers for said accounts were sufficient and the castings correct.

PAUL PERKINS,
J. F. KEYES.

Collector's Report.

FOR THE YEAR 1879.

Amount of taxes reported March 1880, as uncollected,	\$1,927.28
“ Interest collected,	34.06
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	\$1,961.34

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS.

Paid Town Treasurer,	\$1,058.34
“ Highway Surveyor,	5.54
Amount of abatements,	88.35
“ Highway Surveyor's receipts for taxes worked,	696.37
“ “ taxes uncollected,	107.63
“ State, County, Town, School and School house tax uncollected,	5.11
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	\$1,961.34

Respectfully Submitted,

R. R. D. DEARBORN, Collector.

ASHLAND, N. H., MARCH 1, 1881.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1880.

Amount of Resident taxes committed to me for collection,	\$6,999.23
“ Non Resident tax,	46.96
“ Interest collected,	10.93
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	\$7,057.12

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS.

Paid Town Treasurer,	\$6520.00
F. H. Leavitt, Highway Surveyor,	2.34
Amount Discounts	100.94
“ Abatements,	35.41
“ Uncollected taxes,	398.43
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	\$7,057.12

Respectfully Submitted,

R. R. D. DEARBORN, Collector.

ASHLAND, N. H., MARCH 1, 1881.

Janitor's Report.

JOHN S. DREW in Account with the Town of Ashland, for the year ending March 1st, 1881.

Cash received for rent of Hall,	\$112.55	
" for use of Town Hall,	.70	
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		\$113.25
 Paid Brown & Cummings, for oil, lamp chimneys and other lamp fixtures,	 9.30	
Hughes & Huckins for wood and oil,	12.01	
Enoch Rogers for wood,	1.58	
to Town Treasurer,	32.16	
for sawing and putting in wood,	3.50	
for care of Hall,	54.00	
Town Treasurer,	.70	
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		\$113.75

Settled the Above,

JOHN S. DREW, Janitor.

REPORT OF TOWN LIBRARIAN.

For the Year ending March 1, 1881.

The whole number of books in the library, is about 650 volumes. Very many of the books are badly used up. So much so that it became necessary to withdraw them from general circulation by my predecessor, some of which I have glued up and are now in circulation, while others have been retained so that now the number in circulation is about the same as 1879. New books and old ones rebound are very much needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. B. WORTHEN, Librarian.

Treasurer's Report.

FRANK L. HUGHES, In Account with the Town of Ashland.

1880.		
To balance brought forward from last year,		\$1,019.52
Cash of Selectmen as follows:		
For Bounty returned from state,		7.50
Liquors, casks, &c., sold,		39.50
Error on Hodgson & Pollard's bill,		19.25
License to Wm. P. Norris,		4.50
Maps sold,		22.80
Unexpended money drawn by B. B. Worthen,		4.97
County order and cash,		291.95
Cash of R. R. D. Dearborn, library fines,		.15
" John S. Drew, use of Town hall.		32.16
Solon A. Center, R. R. Tax,		85.05
" " Savings Bank Tax,		462.66
" " Literary fund Tax,		64.75
Borrowed money,		1,928.08
Dexter Sanborn, Collector for 1878,		335.00
R. R. D. Dearborn, Collector, 1879,		1,058.34
" " " 1880.		6,520.00
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		\$11,896.18

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By Paid Notes and Interest,		\$2243.64
State Tax,		888.00
County Tax.		1494.95
Town Orders,		4330.66
J. F. Keyes for School house com., Dist. No. 1,		2663.91
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		\$11,621.16

Balance in hands of Treasurer, \$275.02

Respectfully Submitted

F. L. HUGHES, Treasurer.

The undersigned Auditors of the Town of Ashland, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer of said town for the year ending Feb. 28, 1881, hereby certify that the vouchers for said accounts were sufficient, and the castings correct.

PAUL PERKINS, }
J. F. KEYES, } Auditors.

Statement of Debt.

Total amount of Notes and Interest to March 1, 1881,		\$4,690.92
By Uncollected Taxes, 1878,	200.00	
“ “ 1879,	5.11	
“ “ 1880,	348.43	
“ Cash on hand,	275.02	
		<hr/> \$828.56
		<hr/> \$3,862.36
 Amount of debt March 1, 1881,	 \$3,863.26	
“ “ “ 1880,	2491.11	
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Increase of debt, 1880,	\$1,371.25	

Respectfully Submitted,

F. L. HUGHES, Treasurer.

Report of School Committee.

In compliance with the requirements of the laws of the state, I herewith submit the annual Report of our Public Schools, for the year ending March 1, 1881.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR DISTRICT NO 1.

To Henry C. Dearborn, Supt. of Schools for the Town of Ashland:

Before the schools were commenced we found it absolutely necessary to establish a fourth school to accommodate the scholars; this we have done to the best of our ability.

We were immediately confronted with another difficulty. With what money we should have from the school fund we should not be able to have 30 weeks of school in the year. But the town kindly helped us out of that trouble by voting to raise a small sum more than the law requires, thus enabling us to have 29 weeks of school.

SALARIES.

It has been remarked that we pay our teachers too much; perhaps we do, but we engage good teachers as cheap as we can. It is true that teachers can be obtained at a less rate, but our policy has been, and I will be, that it is better to have 20 weeks of good school, than 30 of an inferior quality.

TEXT BOOKS.

The classes in grammar were found to be somewhat deficient, especially in the higher grade, and upon examination it was evident that at least a part of the trouble was in the text book used; consequently we examined several others and finally took out all of the old books and gave the scholars new ones at a trifling expense and we hope to see an improvement.

The new speller we consider better than the others; and it was a very good bargain to get a new book for an old one.

The geographies have been so improved of late that to have an old and new one in the same class was almost as bad as two different books. It was thought best to require all the scholars to have the latest edition.

TEACHERS.

One of our best teachers for the preceding year we were unable to engage for another term and therefore were obliged to hire a new teacher for the Higher Grammar School, who remained two terms and another was engaged for the winter term. Both teachers were well qualified for the position. More work might have been accomplished if the scholars had applied themselves more closely, realizing that they are young ladies and gentlemen and should behave as such. The Grammar and Intermediate schools have done as much work as was expected and have been well managed. Our Primary school teacher is doing a most excellent work. Here the foundation is being laid for the future success of our schools. We think we have the right teacher in the right place.

GRADING.

Unless there are certain standards to which each individual scholar must attain in proficiency before passing from one grade or class to another, there will be no graded schools. Having this in view the board have established a standard, (a very low one to be sure) to which each scholar is obliged to attain by a thorough examination before passing on to the next grade or class. This rule if strictly adhered to will surely result in an improvement in our Higher Grammar school.

Higher Grammar, H. J. Hoyt,
 " L. A. Harriman,
 Grammar, E. J. Fellows,
 Intermediate, M. F. Ladd,
 Primary, C. F. Clement,

	No. of terms.	No. of weeks.	Whole No. scholars.	Average attendance.	Per cent of daily attendance.
	1	29	26	17	942
	3	29	37	29	97
	3	29	50	31	93
	3	29	50	37	94

J. F. KEYES, Chairman.

M. D. SHEPARD, Secretary.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

This school has been in charge of a teacher of considerable experience and ability. She has taught several terms in the same district before and well understands the wants of the school and how to supply them. This school has made excellent progress and the result has been very satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The first term of this school was broken up by sickness among the scholars. The remaining terms have been very pleasant and profitable. This teacher has also been employed before in the same school and the results prove the wisdom of the committee in retaining her.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Excellent work has been done here the past year. I have been highly pleased with the examinations and closing exercises of each term, also, to meet other visitors from the District, showing an interest in the welfare of their school, which is commendable.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

I visited this school at its commencement but was unable to attend the closing exercises. The teacher was young and inexperienced; but from information obtained from others interested in the school, I have reason to believe that the best of order prevailed and good advancement made, considering the small amount of schooling they have. The Register from this District was very unsatisfactory.

Tabular Statement.

District No.	1st term.	2nd "	Miss M. E. Nutting.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Reading.	Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.
2,	1st term.		Miss M. E. Nutting.	7	9	9	9	8	8	7	2
"	2nd "		" "	7	11	11	11	9	10	8	3
"	1st "		Miss Mira Cox.	11	8	8	7	4	5	5	4
"	2nd "		" "	14	8	8	8	4	5	5	4
"	1st "		Miss M. A. Smith.	8	9	9	9	9	9	5	5
"	2nd "		" "	10	8	8	8	8	8	5	5
"	1st "		Miss H. B. Holmes.	8	7	*					

* Register not filled out.

HENRY C. DEARBORN, S. S. Committee.

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