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ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF ASHLAND.

1883 & 1884.



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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

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TOWN OF ASHLAND,

—EMBRACING THOSE OF THE—

Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, School Committee, &c.

—FOR THE—

**Year ending March 1st, 1884.**

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ASHLAND, N. H:  
Ashland Item Print.  
1884.

THE HISTORY OF

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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

1883-1884.

## TAXABLE ARTICLES.

Polls, 269,	\$26,900 00
Real Estate,	239,018 00
Horses, 149,	10,270 00
Oxen, 71,	4,072 00
Cows, 198,	5,552 00
Other Neat Stock, 88,	1,678 00
Sheep, 237,	868 00
Hogs, 5,	58 00
Carriages, 18,	1,040 00
Money at Interest,	24,688 00
Stock in Trade,	40,826 80
Mills and Machinery,	93,100 00
Non-Resident,	1,930 00
Total Inventory,	<u>\$450,000.00</u>
State, County, Town and School Tax on Poll,	\$1 13
Highway Tax on Poll,	35
	<u>\$1 48</u>
School House Tax on Poll in Dis. No. 1,	03

OUTSTANDING CLAIMS.

1883.		
Apr. 14,	Paid B. F. Cox, breaking roads,	\$9 75
	Shepard & Fletcher, repairs Town Hall,	5 62
	L. D. Fogg, breaking roads,	6 60
	Geo. W. Lambert, “	3 60
Aug. 13,	J. A. West, lumber for Mead bridge,	22 00
31,	Samuel Shepard, breaking roads in 1882,	13 95
Dec. 15,	Geo. W. Baker, breaking roads in 1882 and 1883,	2 74
1884.		
Feb. 20, 1882.	D. S. Baker, breaking roads in 1883,	12 95
	J. M. Cotton, keeping tramp,	2 50
	Chas. C. Shepard, breaking roads,	8 80
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		\$88 51

CURRENT EXPENSES.

1883.		
Apr. 5,	Paid Enos Huckins, recording births and deaths,	\$2 75
7,	F. M. Hughes, services as Supervisor,	7 00
May 5,	E. F. Bailey, copying testimony and investigation upon the bodies of W. H. Abel and H. C. Jones,	3 00
4,	H. H. Shepard, lumber for fence on Town Hall lot,	6 00
5,	D. Sanborn, services as Supervisor,	4 00
24,	R. F. Sanborn, for Memorial day,	50 00
28,	R. R. D. Dearborn, printing reports and blanks,	20 00
June 5,	D. B. Baker, building fence on Town Hall lot,	2 25
Aug. 29,	R. A. Horner, for services as road commissioner on Bailey case,	42 00
	Benj. Dow, commissioner,	42 80
	H. H. Wilson, “	49 20



Oct. 15,	Paid G. B. Stevens, 1 pair handcuffs,	\$4 30
	T. P. Woodman, team to Bristol,	1 75
24,	H. C. Dearborn, services as Auditor, for 1882,	4 00
28,	W. S. Ladd, services in Bailey case,	72 50
	Joseph Lambert, sheep killed by dogs,	10 00
5,	F. J. Boynton, witness in Carr case,	2 74
1884.		
Jan. 8,	A. E. Porter, use of Hall at trial of Bailey road case,	3 00
14,	Mrs. Ashworth, keeping tramp,	3 00
	E. G. Clapp, witness in Carr and Bailey cases,	9 26
3,	R. R. D. Dearborn, services as Li- brarian,	25 00
Feb. 11,	G. B. Stevens, paying witness fees in Bailey road case,	15 33
	G. B. Stevens, paying witness fees in Carr case,	15 04
	G. B. Stevens, bounty on 88 crows,	8 80
	“ “ 4 woodchucks,	60
Feb. 20,	R. R. D. Dearborn, collecting taxes 1883,	75 00
	Geo. B. Cox, Supt. School Com.,	14 75
	S. C. Baker, collector's and survey- or's books,	3 80
	B. F. Cox, services as Selectman,	43 50
25,	Burleigh & Adams, services rendered in Bailey and Carr cases,	235 10
	F. L. Hughes, services as Town Treas.,	20 00
26,	A. E. Porter, services as Town Clerk,	40 00
	S. C. Baker, “ Selectman,	66 50
27,	A. E. Harriman, copying inventory,	5 00
	Geo. B. Stevens, services as Selectman,	60 00
	“ “ Overseer Poor,	10 00
	Jas. Graffum, “ Police,	5 00

Feb. 28,	Paid Hughes & Huckins, supplies as per bill,	\$5 99
	D. B. Baker, services as Police,	8 00
	H. C. Dearborn, " S. S. Com.,	13 70
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		\$1,010 66

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EXPENSE OF POOR.

1883.

Dec. 11.	Paid R. W. Ladd, supplies and services rendered at the burial of Mrs. E. Derway,	\$21 75
28,	M. C. Spaulding, medical attendance upon Mrs. E. Derway,	8 00
Feb. 28,	Hughes & Huckins, supplies furnished Geo. H. Lougee,	20 94
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		\$50 69

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ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1883.

June 28,	Paid E. B. Currier, labor on Union bridge,	\$24 50
July 7,	Wilder & Co., paper for " "	2 13
25,	J. A. West, plank for " "	117 35
Nov. 7,	E. L. Shepard, Bailey road,	200 00
Dec. 18,	S. Blanchard, plank for bridges,	7 50
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		\$351 48



SCHOOL MONEY.

	School Money.	Literary Fund.	Total.
District No. 1,	\$1,322 64	\$66 56	\$1,389 20
2,	34 21	6 85	41 06
3,	39 49	5 16	44 65
4,	54 14	10 26	64 40
5,	6 65	3 48	10 13
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	\$1,457 13	\$92 31	\$1,549 44

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding Claims,	\$88 51
Current Expenses,	1,010 66
Expense of Poor,	50 69
Roads and Bridges,	351 48
School Money,	1,549 44
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	\$3,050 78

GEO. B. STEVENS, } Selectmen  
 STEPHEN C. BAKER, } of  
 BENJ. F. COX. } Ashland.

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

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

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

Notes and Interest outstanding March 1st, 1884,	\$2,390 48
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Balance due from County,	\$50 69
Uncollected taxes for 1883,	323 59
Cash in hand of Treasurer,	350 54
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	\$724 82
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	\$1,665 66
Amount of debt March 1st, 1883,	\$2,526 58
"                    "          1884,	1,665 66
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Decrease of debt in 1883,	\$860 92

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

	DR.
To balance from last year,	\$717 44
Cash of Geo. B. Stevens, on acc't taxes paid,	10 93
"                    "            Circus license,	3 00
"                    "            Bailey road case,	161 44
"                    "            R. A. Horner, com.,	10 00
"          A. E. Porter, billiard license,	9 00
"          J. F. Keyes, bal. on highway tax for '82,	57 22
"          Jas. Graffum, Janitor Town Hall,	53 31
"          Solon A. Carter, Railroad tax,	161 68
"                    "            Savings Bank tax,	820 52
"                    "            Literary Fund,	92 31
"                    "            Bounty on crows and woodchucks,	9 40
"          R. R. D. Dearborn, Collector 1881-2,	300 00
"                    "            "            1883,	4,600 00
	\$7,006 25
	CR.
By paid Notes and Interest,	\$1,352 31
County tax,	1,370 37
State tax,	888 00
Certificates of births and deaths,	4 25
Town orders,	3,040 78
Cash on hand,	350 54
	\$7,006 25

## STATEMENT DOG TAX.

To cash of R. R. D. Dearborn, Collector, 1883,	\$33 60
By paid damage to sheep by dogs,	10 00
	\$23 60

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. HUGHES, Treasurer.

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

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



# COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR 1883.

Amount of Resident taxes committed to me for collection,	\$5,116 13
Amount Non-resident taxes,	27 22
“ Interest collected,	7 51
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	\$5,150 86

## ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS :

Paid Town Treasurer,	\$4,600 00
“ Dog tax,	33 60
Benj. F. Cox, highway surveyor,	85
Amount discounts,	88 03
Abatements,	7 59
Cash in my hands,	18 17
Non-resident highway taxes worked out,	2 45
Uncollected taxes considered good assets,	323 59
Uncollected taxes considered doubtful assets,	75 58
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	\$5,150 86
Paid Town Treasurer, on account of uncollected taxes of 1881 and 1882,	\$300 00

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. D. DEARBORN, Collector.

# JANITOR'S REPORT.

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Cash received for use of Hall,	\$153 75
Paid F. N. Boynton, for 2 1-8 cords wood,	\$7 44
E. G. Clapp, for supplies,	2 06
G. C. Rowe, for work on windows,	1 00
For labor on fitting wood,	3 25
Hughes & Huckins, for supplies and wood,	10 30
Janitor for care of hall, etc.,	76 39
Town Treasurer,	53 31
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JAMES GRAFFUM, Janitor.

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

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

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# LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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The books of the Library are in as good condition as they can reasonably be expected to be. Many of them have been withdrawn from circulation on account of their damaged state.

The number of people, both young and old, depending upon the Town Library for books to read, has greatly increased during the past year, and the demand for new books is great and urgent.

Respectfully,

L. A. DEARBORN, Librarian.



# REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE TOWN OF ASHLAND.

In compliance with the requirements of the laws of the State, I submit the following report of our schools, for the Spring and Summer of 1883:

DISTRICT No. 2. Edwin B. Currier, Prudential Committee. This school was taught by Miss Mary Nutting, an experienced and successful teacher. Her manner of expression and appearance is well adapted to the school-room work. Under her influence scholars study and recite easily. As an instructor, Miss Nutting is excellent, as a disciplinarian below the average. The school is pervaded with a spirit of united zeal and earnestness. The pupils looked to their teacher, (and I think this is always the case,) as a friend and benefactor. Their willingness to be led and instructed by her is one cause of their grand success. The final examination attested to creditable work by all. One parent, Mr. E. B. Currier, was present. There is room for all. Come!

DISTRICT No. 3. Union with Holderness. Byron Smith, Prudential Committee. Teacher, Miss Sarah Worthen. Although of a limited experience, Miss Worthen possesses the mental and governing qualities which characterize the older teachers. Propitious, energetic and untiring she inspires her pupil to that honest labor that tells most in the schoolroom. Her

past experience has been limited, but a brilliant future is ahead. The scholars have been courageous and ready to make a hard struggle. Undaunted by small difficulties, and ambitious to learn, they accomplished a good work. At the close of the term a public examination was held, and most of the parents (mothers) were present. Every one was zealous to do his best, and the consequence was a pleasant day for all. It was evident that much had been achieved, which denoted a good degree of intuitious intelligence of the students, and faithful teaching. Parents come again!

DISTRICT No. 4, Charles C. Eastman, Prudential Committee. Miss Rose Sanborn took charge of the school. As a young and inexperienced teacher—a child among children in years, but in scholarship competent to instruct, she earned the praise well done. When the modesty of girlhood has passed, when judgment has matured, and when experience, the great friend and helper of the teacher, can give its wise commands, Miss Rose can take a good position in the profession which has called her so soon. There was a marked improvement in the school, and the final examination was quite satisfactory. The scholars manifested a kind and obedient spirit, which, governed by a lady-like and pleasant dignity, established harmony and good will. But for some reason there is a lack of interest. Children, who are naturally smart and active, leave their energy outside the school house. I think an older teacher, one understanding how to adapt herself to different dispositions better than the young teacher can, would work a revolution here.

#### REMARKS.

I am pleased to find so much interest in school matters in general. While it may be said of some towns that they are forgetting this subject, it cannot be said of Ashland. We do not boast when we claim ours as one of the best graded schools in this section of the state. Our school fund is quite liberal, and our system is good, with, perhaps, one or two exceptions. It is not my object to cry for a change; but there should be



that equality in education which we seek in other interests. The employment of our money for the greatest good of all must be a constant study. We must not fear to advance. Time demands a change in all things. What satisfied the conditions of 75 years ago will not satisfy the conditions of today. I will suggest no new systems; if we need any let a wise head prescribe. On examination, I found a very good list of text-books, with one exception—the reader. Appleton's reader had not a friend in the school room. The scholars lacked an interest in this part of their work, and, with the advice of the teachers, I introduced Swinton's series.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS :— Your presence is an influence in the school. It inspires courage and confidence in the soul of the teacher, and prompts the student to active study. Our teachers are human beings, and not machines. They need your support and your sympathy. We too often make the school a melancholy and child-dreaded place. The school-room should be pleasant as the home, the teachers honored and befriended; then will our schools assume a higher perfection and mark a better progress.

A prudential committee should understand what constitutes a good instructor, and then have the courage to employ one. First class teachers are in the field; the resolute, active and strong are there—those who have come to work and not to drone. Voters, you control the education of the young. Be careful how you use your power. Leave party strife to the sphere of politics, forget the *cousin* or the *aunt* who would teach and select the best man for your agent.

Very respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. COX, Sup't. of Schools.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF ASHLAND.

*Gentlemen:* Having been appointed October 4, 1883, to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Mr. Geo. B. Cox from the state, I herewith submit the following report as Sup't. of Schools since the above date.

DISTRICT NO. 2. This district had a fall term of 10 weeks. Visited the school about the sixth week and found it under the instruction of Miss Mary E. Huckins, an able and intelligent teacher. Other duties prevented me from attending this school at its close, but from the well known experience and ability of its teacher I have no doubt the term was pleasant and profitable. Whole number of scholars 6, average 6. Classed as follows: reading 6, spelling 6, arithmetic 6, geography 4, grammar 2, history 1, composition 1, algebra 1. Register well filled out.

DISTRICT NO. 3. Union with Holderness. This school had a fall term of 13 3-5 weeks, taught by Miss Sarah J. Worthen, a young teacher, but possessing the necessary qualifications for making one of the best. Visited this school twice, once about the middle of the term, and again near its close. Satisfactory advancement was made in the studies, and the order was excellent. Register one of the most complete in town. Whole number of scholars 10, average 9; classed as follows: reading 10, spelling 10, penmanship 10, arithmetic 8, geography 3, grammar 4, composition 5, book-keeping 3.

DISTRICT NO. 4. Fall term of 7 1-2 weeks, taught by Miss S. Grace Curry. Visited this school at its commencement and again at its close. A good degree of interest was exhibited by both teacher and pupils, fair progress was made and good order prevailed. Whole number of scholars 11, average 9; classed as follows: reading 11, spelling 11, penmanship 5, arithmetic 6, geography 2, grammar 3, history 3, composition 1. The register was quite well filled out in most respects. I find that I am not recognized as Superintendent, neither am I credited with having visited the school at all. No visits reported from any one in the district.

DISTRICT No. 5. Union with New Hampton and Centre Harbor. This district has had but one short term of 4 weeks the past year. Miss Laura E. Brown was employed to teach this school, and so far as I have learned gave good satisfaction. Visited the school but once, as it closed without notice. At the time of my visit I thought the school was well managed and good improvement being made. Whole number of scholars 13, average 10; classed in reading 13, spelling 13, penmanship 13, arithmetic 10, geography 3, grammar 2, composition 2. Register not as complete as it should be.

DISTRICT No. 1. Being a member of the Board of Education, I have visited the schools in this district, the past year as often as circumstances would permit. We have had 28 weeks of school the past year—two terms of 10 weeks each, and one of 8 weeks. There has been no change of teachers in either department the past three terms. Our schools have been well managed, the teachers have worked earnestly, faithfully and untiringly, and deserve far more praise than they ever get. The illness of the teacher in the intermediate department during the spring term somewhat detracted from the progress that undoubtedly would have been made but for that. Scarlet fever, sore throats and scare broke up the classes seriously in all departments in the fall term. The district very generously appropriated nearly ninety dollars for the purchase of globes, maps and charts, and the Board have placed two 12-inch Fitz globes and a series of Hughe's outline maps in the intermediate and grammar schools, and a set of Monroe's reading charts in the primary department. All of which, we believe, are duly appreciated by both teachers and pupils. Some new readers are very much desired in our schools. The scholars have become so familiar with their old readers, that the teachers find it next to an impossibility to keep up any interest in the reading classes. "Can we have some new readers?" has been asked me often the past year. I hope to be able to answer that question satisfactory to all interested at the commencement of the spring term.



The Primary Department has been under the instruction of Miss Delle A. Dearborn. The whole number of different pupils that have attended this school the past year is 58. Average daily attendance 33. The pupils in this school are all taught in reading, spelling, penmanship and orally in arithmetic, geography and vocal music. Register properly filled out.

The Intermediate Department has been in charge of Miss Mary E. Calley. Whole number of pupils for the year 51, average daily attendance 36. In this school all have been taught in reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, drawing, vocal music and 31 in geography. Register properly kept.

First Grammar school. Miss Lizzie F. Clement, teacher—her fifth term in this room. Whole number of different pupils 27, average daily attendance 22. The studies in this department are reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, geography, grammar, history and composition. Register satisfactory.

Higher Grammar. In charge of Prof. D. W. C. Durgin. Whole number of different pupils 33, average daily attendance 24. The following studies have been taken the past year: reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, grammar, history, composition, physiology, book-keeping, algebra, philosophy, natural history and latin. Register not as well filled as it should be.

Respectfully,

H. C. DEARBORN, Sup't. of Schools and  
Sec. Board of Education.





