





# TOWN OF DURHAM

IN ACCOUNT WITH

**WM. J. CHESLEY,**

OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

**For the Year 1854-5.**

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1854, April 14.	Joseph Harvey,	
	1 chest Oolong tea, 40 lbs	13.20
	142 lbs rice, 5c	7.10
	1 bbl mess pork	16.25
	4 bags salt	80
	20 lbs saleratus	1.30
	38 lbs tobacco	8.74
	3 pails	75—48.14
1854, April 14.	Jenness, Son & Co.	
	500 Pol. fish	14.00
	3 3-4 lbs yellow snuff	87—14.87
1854, May 27.	Alfred Hoitt.	
	1-2 bushel grass seed	1.75
	lot peas	1.12
July 8	1 bushel potatoes	80
	oxen and hand to move engine house	2.00—5.67
1854,	Samuel Rundlett.	
June 3.	1-2 cord slabs 1.00, (9) 5 ft slabs 1.25,	2.25
Aug. 18.	repairing wagon	1.75
April	sawing 625 ft pine lumber	1.25—5.25
1854	Dr. Thomas Flanders.	
	medical services at alms house from April 1st '54	
	to April 1st '55, per agreement	20.00
	med. services rendered S. W. Chesley	
	from Feb. 28 to April 1, '54	3.00
	med services rendered John Davis	6 50
	visit and certificate in regard Mrs Cranin	1.00—30.50
1854, April.	John Mooney, 2 tons hay	24.00
"	Aug. James M. Pendexter.	
	10 1-4 days haying by self	15.37 1-2
	8 days by John Richardson	11.00
	15 1-2 days by Jacob J. Pendexter	22.75—49.12 1-2

1854, Aug.	Charles Wentworth, 8 days haying	11.25
" Aug.	Bartlett Doe, 21 days haying	31.50
" "	Tobias Bunker, 5 days haying	7.50
" "	James Garland, 5 days haying	7.50
"	Seth S. Walker, complaint of Mary J. Bickford	2.00
" Aug. 7.	Joseph Smith, 4 pigs del'd town farm	10.00
" June 13.	Ephraim Jenkins, 1 bushel potatoes	80
" April 15.	John T. Gibbs, adv. paupers	1.00
	17 printing 25 copies By-laws	1.00 — 2.00
1854, May 27.	Nathan Woodman, 4 bushels barley	4.00
" April 7.	Levi Jenness, 1 cook stove	10.00
	paid between oxen	10.00 — 20.00
1855, Feb. 17.	Thomas B. Mathes,	
	making 2 pairs shoes	1.00 \
	tapping " "	40 — 1.40
1854, Oct. 31.	John E. Buzzell, axletree for ox-wheels	1.50
" April 1.	Joseph S. Burnham,	
	1 pr. oxen 80.00, interest 4.20	84.20
1854, March 20.	Thomas Young, 8 gallons soap	1.00
" Aug.	Benj. Cook,	
	fare of Nicholas Willey and child from	
	Great Falls to Durham	57
	board of Willey and child	7.46 — 8.03
1854, April 27.	G. & W. P. Ffrost,	
	42 yds sheeting 8 1-2	3.57
	1 1-2 bushel red top seed	1.88
	20 lbs clover seed	2.20
July 8	1 bbl superfine flour	10.25
Aug. 29	1 bbl mess pork	16.00
Nov. 7	4 bushels corn	3.80
	9 1 bushel salt	56
	13 4 bush. corn	3.80
	18 2 " "	1.90
	23 2 " "	2.10
	25 2 salt	1.12
Dec. 2	2 corn	2.20
	13 1 pr. thick boots True Durgin	2 83
	1 bushel salt	56
	15 1 shoat 183 lbs 6e	10.98
	1 bush salt	56
	18 2 axes	2 00
1855 Jan. 5	1 bbl superfine flour	10.87
1854 25	2 pairs tie-chains	1.27
Nov. 13	2 qts oil 44, 1-4 gr. matches 15	59

June 23	36 gals. molasses 26c	9.36
Dec. 11	21 lbs flour 1.23, 1 yd muslin 29, 1.52—89.92	
1854 April 4	James Langley.	
	shoeing horse 10, rep. 2 plows 1.50	1.60
19	rep. plow 83c, rep. 3 chains 50	1.33
	staples and rep. ring	17
25	shoeing horse 20c, May 29, do. 25,	45
July 14	shoeing horse 1.00, rep. rake 25	1.25
Sept. 9	“ “ 50, rep. chain 10	60
Oct. 27	rep. plow 50, rep. chains 25	75
Dec. 9	shoeing horse 1.00, do. oxen 3.50	4.50
1855 Jan. 17	“ “ 50, Feb. 2 do. 25	75
Feb. 3	“ oxen	2.00—13.40
1854 May 4	Rufus Willey, shoeing 4 oxen	3.19
June 2	shoeing horse 50, rep. bolt 6	56
9	8 1-2 lbs iron work	1.06
26	strip shoes from oxen	17
30	fetters 1.50, shoeing oxen 84	2.34
July 15	rep. horse rake 15, do. do. 20	35
Aug. 17	setting wheel tire, rep. wagon	75—8.42
1854 April	James Chesley.	
	2 days mason work and stock	4.00
	1 wagon harness	6.50
	coloring 2 chimneys and stock	1.00—11.50
1854 April	Joseph Downing.	
4	1-2 bu. barley 4.50, 1-2 bu. corn 62 1-2	5.12 1-2
	“ beans 1.00, 2 gals. molasses 60	1.60
2	qts oil 50, 10 gals. soap 1.25	1.75
1	cheese tub 1.25, fresh fish 31	1.56
June	fresh fish 67 1-2, horse rake 6.25	6.92 1-2
4	hay rakes 80, hay fork 75	1.55
	rifles 25, 1-2 bu. salt 25	50
Sept.	6 lbs mackerel	48
Dec.	Hide for butchering	1.00
	grave clothes for J. Davis & others	4.75
July	2 scythes	1.67—26.91
	Thompson Jackson.	
1854 Nov.	5 cords hard wood	12.50
Dec. 21	“ pine “ 3 do. hemlock 48.00—60.50	
1854 Dec. 29	John Bartlett, 2 loads wood per agree't	6.50
“ “ 10	Wm. Jenkins, 7 1-2 lbs leather	1.50
1855 Jan.	Demeritt, Welch & Jones,	
	2 cords crow wood	3.00
1854	Daniel Chesley, 19 ft wood	4.16

## Poor off the Farm.

J. S. & E. Bennett, New Market.

1855 Jan. 16	goods del'd Wid. Pike		
	flour 50, rice 24, crackers 25		99
	4 lbs sugar 32, 1-2 bu. potatoes		57
	9 1-4 lbs beef 93, 2 6-16 lbs lard 36		1.29
	2 ft wood 1.07, 2 qts molasses 15		1.22
19	potatoes 7, 3 lbs dried apples 18		25
20	4 ft hard wood		3.00
29	17 lbs flour 1.00, 1-4 lb tea 13		1.13
Feb 5	8 lbs fish 32, 6 bunches matches 3		35
8	1 qt oil 25, 1-2 lb hyson tea 25		50
	2 lbs sugar 17, 2 lbs rice 12		29
	1-2 lb candles 8, 17 lbs flour 1.00		1.08
	3 qts molasses 25, 6 1-2 lbs lamb 54		79
9	1 lb candles 16, 1-2 lb C. tarter 10		26
10	1-2 lb sal'us 4, 2 ft hard wood 1.50		1.54
15	flour		75—14.01
1854 Oct. 31	N.H. Asylum, board Mrs Cranin	15.14	
1855 Jan. 23	" " "	30.81—45.95	
1854 Dec.	Ephraim Bunker, jr. 1 coat for Geo Gleason	3.00	
" "	20 Joseph Young, 2d 1 load wood wid. Pike	3.00	
" Feb. 17	Jeremiah Drew,		
	34 lb meal del'd wid. Durant		75
Nov. 23	16 lbs flour		1.00—1.75
1854 Dec. 29	Wm. L. Chandler.		
	1 bu. meal del'd wid. Durant		1.00
	1-2 lb Oolong tea		25—1.25
1854 April 11	Ephraim Jenkins.		
	1-2 cord wood del'd wid. Durant		1.50
Nov 27	1-2 " hard wood, 1-2 do. pine		4.75
Dec 25	7 ft "		5.13
	2 ft "		1.75—13.13
1854 Nov 9	G. & W. P. Ffrost.		
	cloth and trimmings for Asa Bickford	2.05	
Dec 2	thick boots for John Bickford	2.92—4.97	

## Repairs of Buildings.

1854 Nov 6	G. & W. P. Ffrost.		
	68 1-2 lbs 4d nails and 20 lbs 12d do.	4.87	
	chalk 3c, 12 lbs nails		69
16	4 lbs putty 24, 40 panes glass 90	1.14—	6.70
1854 Sept 19	Jenkins & Goodrich, 20 M pine shingle	72.00	



"	"	26	Nathan Kennison.		
			freight shingle from Portsmouth	2.62	
1854	Sept.		Mark Willey.		
			1 day Joinering at town farm	1.50	
	Nov.	7	1.2 days shingling	9.38	
	Dec		coffin for Mary J. Bickford	3.00	
1855	Jan.	"	Robert M. Reed	3.00—16.88	
1854	Sept		Ira Willey, 1 day work at town farm	1.34	
	Nov	7	1-2 days " "	10.00—11.34	
1854	Nov		A. D. Mooring, 7 1-2 days shingling	9.00	
			17 1-2 lb sheet lead	1.58—10.58	
1854	July	3	Warren Gerry.		
			13 lbs veal 7c, 9 lbs beef 10c	1.81	
1854	Feb.	24	Jacob B. Thompson, James Butler and Joseph Smith, 2 days apprais'g property	12.00	
1854			Joseph W. Coe's bill for goods del'd Farm	11.22	
"			Joseph Young, 2d, 5 days on account of paupers	8.00	
"			April 6 Wm. J. Chesley.		
			1 lb tea 34, 1 lb tobacco 25	59	
			1 lb saleratus 8, bar soap 25	33	
			2 lbs nails 11, 2 plow points 1.10	1.21	
		14	4 1-2 bu. corn	3.65	
		17	pair shoes for O. Simpson	92	
May	6		cart, wheels and 4 cider bbls	20.50	
June	9		150 ft plank 1.50, 13 ft joist 18	1.68	
			A. D. McDaniel for hauling Lobby	2.00	
		29	shoes for True Durgin	1.50	
Aug.	14		expenses to Concord with Mary Cranin	8.90	
Oct	31		John G. Willey to pay bill to Asylum	25	
Nov	10		2 yds cloth 1.24, boots 1.66 for A. Bickford	2.90	
			pork bbl 33, shoes for Chesley girl 1.08	1.41	
1855	Jan.	4	axe handle 34, J. G. Willey 25	59	
		22	James Twombly, tap'g Chesley's shoes	75	
			car fare for self and Savagé	72	
			Ellen Harding 2.18, Elder Tobey 2.00	4.15	
			Postage 1854 account of paupers	1.15	
			expenses to New Durham	3.01	
			team and self 1 day after wood to Lee	3.00	
			stationery	1.00—60.21	
My			services from March 17, '54 to Feb 24, '55, in and out of town 39 days	78.00	

Town of Durham,		Cr.
1854	Cash rec'd for articles sold from farm	78.70
	“ of Stephen Austin for B. Willey labor	4.00
	“ Alton on account of John Davis	37.00
	“ Joseph Young, 2d, Town Treasurer	300.00
1855 Jan.	County of Strafford	458.53
	John Drew for oxen	110.00
	Moses Bickford for house rent	16.00
		<hr/> 1004.23
	Amount of debts brought forward	974.46
	Balance in my hands	29.77
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WM. J. CHESLEY, *Overseer of the Poor.*

### Copy of Appraiser's Certificate.

Durham, Feb. 24, 1855. We hereby certify that we appraised the personal property on the Town Farm on the 17th of March, 1854, and found the amount to be \$923.20, and also Feb. 24, 1855 we appraised the property as aforesaid, and find it to amount to \$1213.51; and find the betterments and increase of personal property to be \$290.31.

(Signed)

JACOB B. THOMPSON,  
JAMES BUTLER,  
JOSEPH SMITH.



