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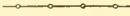
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TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED MARCH, 1896.



Charles Churchill,	Selectman
Gilbert H. Cook,	Selectman
Harry L. Lang,	Selectman
Dudley C. Colman,	Treasurer
Robert L. Chamberlin,	Town Clerk
Charles Colman,	Member School Board
Stephen H. Hutchins,	Member School Board
Arthur Skeggel,	Member School Board
John E. Witham,	Supervisor
John E. Lang,	Supervisor
Wilson Colman,	Supervisor
Mary E. Colman,	Librarian
George A. Wiggin,	Collector
Wilson Colman,	Police Officer
John F. Hackett,	Auditor
Henry Colman,	Auditor

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

IN ACCOUNT WITH

DUDLEY C. COLMAN, TOWN TREASURER.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For state tax,	\$ 300 00
For county tax,	350 00
For school purposes,	350 00
For town expenses,	200 00
For winter highway tax,	160 00
For summer highway tax,	400 00
For support of town library,	18 00
For decorating soldiers' graves,	5 00
For printing town reports,	14 00
	\$1,797 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid state tax,	\$300 00
Paid county tax,	348 20
	\$648 20

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

PAID

School Treasurer, amount from Treasurer of 1895.	
Treasurer of School Board, amount appropriated.	\$350 00

SUMMER HIGHWAY BILLS.

PAID

Thomas L. Churchill, Road Agent,	\$ 96 42
Luther M. Sanborn, Road Agent,	107 05
John F. Wiggin, Road Agent,	196 92
John F. Wiggin, work in 1895,	21 85
John F. Wiggin, for C. Morgan,	32 00
Caleb H. Pike, extra highway,	2 75
Luther M. Sanborn, extra highway,	2 25
James H. Willey, extra highway,	50
Louisa M. Tutt, extra highway,	7 15
Charles H. Tutt, extra highway,	4 00
John F. Robinson, extra highway,	1 50
Isaiah Palmer, extra highway,	3 87
John F. Weeks, winter highway,	9 50
Henry Boston, winter highway,	6 00
William H. Willey, plank for Chamberlin bridge,	11 31

 \$503 07

REPAIRING SANBORN BRIDGE.

PAID

William H. Willey, lumber for bridge,	\$ 42 28
Irving Foss, stringers for bridge,	9 00
Henry Peavey, stringers for bridge,	2 00
Garvin & Co., nails and bolts for bridge,	78
John C. Pike, loss of tools and labor,	5 00
Charles I. Churchill, drawing timber for bridge,	5 95
James H. Willey, labor for himself and others,	32 67
John F. Wiggin, labor on bridge,	15 00
Gilbert H. Cook, labor on bridge,	2 25
James L. Cook, labor on bridge,	3 75
Joseph Legary, labor on bridge,	2 25
George A. Wiggin, labor on bridge,	4 25

 \$125 18

WINTER HIGHWAY BILLS TO FEB. 15, 1896.

Amount on Collector's list, credited,	\$164 59
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DAMAGE BY DOGS.

PAID

Stephen H. Hutchins, loss of sheep,	\$ 5 87
Wilson Colman, loss of sheep,	20 93
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	\$ 26 80

ABATEMENTS FOR 1896.

Mark Remick,	\$ 1 64
Samuel Morgan,	2 46
Joseph Pike,	9 84
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	\$13 94

CASE—JOSEPH PIKE, vs. TOWN OF BROOKFIELD.

PAID

Worcester, Gafney & Snow, counsel fees,	\$100 00
James A. Edgerly, counsel fees,	247 48
Myron L. Johnson, sheriff,	10 41
John G. Cate, sheriff,	7 00
Myron L. Johnson, paid witnesses,	6 88
George W. Huse, board and horse hire,	14 00
Crosby Remick, use of teams,	3 00
Charles Churchill, money paid out,	16 80
Frank Meloon, board of Joseph Pike at jail,	25 00
Levi G. Hill, witness,	50 00
L. E. Grant, witness,	50 00
E. B. Andrews, witness,	15 00
Charles Willey, witness,	2 86
Dudley Colman, witness,	2 69
Mark Remick, witness,	1 49
Gilbert H. Cook, witness,	2 86
James L. Cook, witness,	2 31
Charles E. Clark, witness,	2 31
James C. Clark, witness,	5 17
John F. Wiggin, witness,	3 75
Charles H. Neal, witness,	2 86
Thomas L. Churchill, witness,	3 75
Stephen H. Hutchins, witness,	6 61

Luther M. Sanborn, public water,	\$ 3 00
George H. Gage, surveying highway,	1 50
John E. Witham, decorating soldiers' graves,	5 00
John E. Witham, printing check-lists,	6 15
John F. Robinson, painting guide-boards,	5 25
Charles Colman, school supplies,	30 98
Harry L. Lang, moving goods, money paid out,	5 80
Charles Churchill, money paid out,	11 45
Gilbert H. Cook, money paid out,	1 53
S. A. Colman, for board of town officers,	7 67
Dudley C. Colman, making report for printer,	2 00
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	\$134 83

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

From W. H. Hubbard, Treasurer 1895,	\$ 168 66
Town Clerk, dog licenses,	28 80
John C. Pike, dog license,	1 00
State, bounties refunded,	3 25
State, Literary fund,	45 50
State, Railroad tax,	47 55
State, Savings Bank tax,	310 82
Gilbert H. Cook, grass on Pike lot,	6 00
Harry L. Lang, use of Town Hall,	2 00
On notes given by Town,	360 00
George A. Wiggin, Collector for 1896,	1,874 29
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	\$2,847 87

EXPENDITURES.

Solon A. Carter, state tax,	\$ 300 00
J. Frank Farnham, county tax,	348 20
Dudley C. Colman, school treasurer,	350 00
Road Agents' highway bills,	503 07
Repairing Sanborn bridge,	125 18
Case, Joseph Pike vs. Town of Brookfield,	591 29
Salaries, town officers,	249 00

Damage to sheep by dogs,	\$ 26 80
Abatements for year 1896,	13 94
Winter highway bills to February 15, 1896,	164 59
Miscellaneous bills,	134 83
Cash to balance,	40 97
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	\$2,847 87

GENERAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.

Due from George A. Wiggin, Collector, 1896, \$	28 29
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	40 97
Due from Joseph Pike on execution,	98 00
Due from Joseph Pike, damage to highway,	20 50
Joseph Pike land, estimated value,	100 00
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	\$287 76

LIABILITIES.

Due James C. Clark, on note,	\$100 00
Due Charles E. Clark, on note,	50 00
Due Gilbert H. Cook, on note,	25 00
Due Dudley C. Colman, on note,	100 00
Due Mary E. Colman, on note,	35 00
Due Leon C. Colman, on note,	50 00
Due Worcester, Gafney & Snow,	100 00
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	\$460 00

Liabilities over assets, \$172 24

DUDLEY C. COLMAN, Town Treasurer.

BROOKFIELD, N. H., Feb. 17, 1897.

We, the undersigned, Auditors for the Town of Brookfield, having carefully examined the foregoing accounts find them to be correctly cast, and a proper voucher for each payment.

HENRY COLMAN. } Auditors for the
JOHN F. HACKETT. } Town of Brookfield.

Report of School Board for 1896.

The steady and unceasing revolution of old Time's clock again reminds us that as trustees of the funds of the town for educational purposes we must give an account of our stewardship for the year just closed, and as we attempt it, we are impressed with the importance of the responsibility of all those, who, in any way, hold and disburse public funds that are obtained in almost every instance as the result of the closest economy and unceasing labor. Unfortunately for us, a race of imperfect beings, our mistakes are generally consummated before we discover them, so if we have made mistakes in our duties of the past year, they will stand as silent monitors to remind and prompt us to more vigilance in the future.

In all departments of life the great secret of success depends on adaptation to the kind of work or business we are engaged in. A first-class carpenter, engineer, or dressmaker, even if well educated, might be a very ordinary school teacher, or indeed be totally unfit for that vocation. All persons proposing to teach should be examined as to their fitness for the work as carefully, as by the searching test questions, for ability, now required by law.

Six terms of eight weeks each have been taught, all by female teachers, two in Hackett School by Miss M. Vernon Whelpley, one in Stoneham School by Miss Ethel Ham, and one by Miss N. Beacham. The Summer term in Churchill School was taught by Miss Mary E. Colman, Fall term by Miss Mary E. Robinson. The Churchill School contains as many pupils as both the others. It costs a little more than fifty cents

per year for each pupil for school supplies and wear of books. Whole amount paid teachers in wages, including board, \$316. Average per week, \$6.50.

Painting and shingling are needed repairs in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. HUTCHINS.	}	School Board
CHARLES COLMAN.		of
ARTHUR SKEGGEL.		Brookfield.

Report of Treasurer of School Board.

RECEIPTS.

From W. H. Hubbard, School Treasurer,	
1895,	\$ 7 89
From D. C. Colman, Town Treasurer, 1896,	350 00
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	\$357 89

EXPENDITURES.

PAID

M. Vernon Whelpley, Hackett District,	\$ 56 00
Mary A. Robinson, Churchill District,	56 00
Nellie A. Beacham, Stoneham District,	48 00
M. Vernon Whelpley, Hackett District,	56 00
Mary E. Colman, Churchill District,	52 00
Ethel A. Ham, Stoneham District,	48 00
Charles Colman, supplies for schools,	6 00
Arthur Skeggel, supplies for schools,	2 40
James H. Willey, supplies for schools,	3 50

Stephen H. Hutchins, supplies for schools,	\$ 4 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	25 99
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	\$357 89

DUDLEY C. COLMAN, School Treasurer.

BROOKFIELD, N. H., Feb. 17, 1897.

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JOHN F. HACKETT. }
HENRY COLMAN. } Auditors.

Vital Statistics of the Town of Brookfield.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

DATE OF MARRIAGE.	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE. RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE.	AGE OF EACH IN YEARS.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF GROOM AND BRIDE.		NAMES OF PARENTS.	WHETHER FIRST, SECOND, OR OTHER MARRIAGE.	NAME, OFFICIAL STATION, AND RESIDENCE OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED.
			GROOM AND BRIDE.	OCCUPATION OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE.			
June 21.	Everett J. Tibbets, Brookfield. Susie L. Weeks, Wakefield.	25	Brookfield.	Farmer.	James H. Tibbets, Eliza Avery. Brackett M. Weeks, Matilda Allen.	Second.	Frank Hooper, Clergyman, Brookfield.
Brookfield.		20	Wakefield.	Housekeeper.		First.	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ROBERT L. CHAMBERLAIN, Town Clerk.

Vital Statistics of the Town of Brookfield.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME AND SURNAME OF THE DECEASED.	AGE.			SEX.	CONDITION.			OCCUPATION.	NAME OF FATHER.		PLACE OF BIRTH.
		YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.		MALE.	FEMALE.	SINGLE.		MARRIED.	WIDOWED.	
1896. February 20. Brookfield.	Hannah Tappan. East Kingston.	89		23	F	F	Widow.	Housekeeper.	Barnard Eastman. Elizabeth Hoyt.		Salisbury.	Newton.
February 24. Brookfield.	Frances Blake.				F							
March 2. Brookfield.	John F. Brown. Nottingham.	76	11		M	M	Married.	Farmer.	Samuel Brown. Betsey Brown.		Brookfield.	
April 23. Brookfield.	Nathan W. Tibbets. Brookfield.	63	2	1	M	M	Single.	Farmer.	John Tibbets, Jr. Nancy Dow.		Brookfield. Tuftonboro.	
April 30. Brookfield.	Eliza W. Blake. Brookfield.	79	22		F	F	Widowed.	Housekeeper.	Thos. W. Wentworth. Mary Hanson.		Berwick, Me. Brookfield.	
May 5. Brookfield.	Thomas Goodhue. Brookfield.	51	3	22	M	M	Married.	Farmer.	Joseph Goodhue. Hannah Stevenson.		Nottingham. Wolfeboro.	
August 9. Brookfield.	Lawrence G. Thomas. Brookfield.		1	4	M	M	Single.		Horace L. Thomas. Hattie M. Goodhue.		Denmark, Me. Brookfield.	
December 13. Brookfield.	Thomas E. Plummer. Brookfield.	39	4		M	M	Married.	Farmer.	Samuel M. Plummer. Jane Rankins.			Monmouth, Me.
1897. January 9. Brookfield.	Mary A. Sawyer. Wakefield.	53	1	13	F	F	Divorced.	Housekeeper.	William Sawyer, Jr. Mehitable Yeaton.			

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BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

DATE OF BIRTH.	PLACE OF BIRTH. NAME OF THE CHILD. (IF RECORDED.)	SEX AND CONDITION.			NAME OF FATHER. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER. RESIDENCE OF PARENTS.	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER.	AGE OF FATHER, LAST BIRTHDAY.	AGE OF MOTHER, LAST BIRTHDAY.
		MALE.	FEMALE.	LIVING OR STILL-BORN.					
February 29.	Brookfield.	M		L	Henry W. Drew.	Farmer.	Brookfield.	60	46
April 28.	Brookfield. Mattie A. Cilley.		F	L	Emeline Dyer. Anthony Cilley.	Brookfield. Farmer.	Brownfield, Me. Plymouth.	57	32
May 5.	Brookfield.		F	L	Rozetta Foss. John M. Harmon.	Brookfield. Farmer.	Stowe, Me. Freedon.	26	31
July 5.	Brookfield. Lawrence G. Thomes.	M		L	Sarah M. Eaton. Horace L. Thomes.	Brookfield. Farmer.	Wolfeboro. Denmark, Me.	32	26
July 31.	Brookfield. Everett G. Perry.	M		L	Hattie M. Goodhue. John Perry.	Brookfield. Farmer.	Brookfield. Wolfeboro.	21	19
September 14.	Brookfield.		F	L	Lena Eaton. George Leighton.	Brookfield. Laborer.	Brookfield. Dover.	30	17
December 10.	Brookfield.		F	L	Ethel Churchill. Charles R. Smith. Ida Foss.	Dover. Laborer. Brookfield.	Dover. Nova Scotia. Stowe, Me.	37	35

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