ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

ROXBURY, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1947

SENTINEL PRINTING COMPANY
KEENE, N. H.
1948
TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
EDWARD E. BAKER

Town Clerk
JULIANA HOOPER

Town Treasurer
JULIANA HOOPER

Selectmen and Assessors
OLAND M. BLAKE Term expires 1948
EDWIN B. ELLIS Term expires 1949
ALPHEUS C. WHITE Term expires 1950

Tax Collector
FANNIE FERRIS

Road Agent
HERBERT J. RUSSELL

Overseer of Poor
OLAND M. BLAKE

Supervisors of Check List
MAY WHITE HAZEL RUSSELL
HERBERT J. RUSSELL

Auditor
HARRIET MILLER

Constables
EDWARD E. BAKER LEON D. MENTER

Sexton
EARL J. RUSSELL

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber
OLAND M. BLAKE EDWIN B. ELLIS
ALPHEUSD C. WHITE

Trustee of Trust Funds
MAY E. WHITE Term Expires 1948

Ballot Inspector
HAZEL E. RUSSELL
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(TOWN WARRANT)

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Roxbury in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Schoolhouse in said Roxbury on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To raise and appropriate $200.00 for pine blister rust.

4. To raise and appropriate $12.00 for Monadnock Region.

5. To see if the town will vote for T. R. A. and raise and appropriate the sum of $190.50 for same.

6. To raise and appropriate $200.00 for Town Hall and tool shed.

7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money.

8. To see if the town will vote to pay the Trustee of Trust funds a salary.

9. To see if the townspeople wish to have their driveways plowed at the town’s expense.

10. To see if the town will vote to raise money for poor relief.
11. To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers and for any action thereon.

12. To see if the town will vote to have a town counsel.

13. To transact any other business which may come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 11th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

OLAND M. BLAKE,
EDWIN B. ELLIS,
ALPHEUS C. WHITE,
Selectmen of Roxbury.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:
OLAND M. BLAKE,
EDWIN B. ELLIS,
ALPHEUS C. WHITE,
Selectmen of Roxbury.
# REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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<td>$14.00</td>
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<td>Town poor</td>
<td>$200.00</td>
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<td>Town hall and tool shed</td>
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<td>Pine blister rust</td>
<td>$200.00</td>
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<td>Reappraisal by tax commission</td>
<td>$300.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$5,978.57</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Amount committed to collector</strong></td>
<td><strong>$5,877.38</strong></td>
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**Tax rate**: $4.54 per $100.00.

**ESTIMATED**

Auto permits and bank tax $143.71
VALUATIONS

50 polls $100 00
14 horses 1,225 00
12 cows 1,225 00
13 sheep 130 00
2 tractors 1,700 00
3 neat stock 300 00
4 goats 40 00
Power lines 12,691 00

$16,270 00

30 cords logs 300 00

Total $16,570 00
Resident land and buildings 19,725 00
Resident timber 1,475 00
Non-resident land and buildings 57,669 00
Non-resident timber 30,775 00

Total valuation $126,214 00

OFFICERS' SALARIES

Edward E. Baker, moderator $10 00
Juliana A. Hooper, town clerk 30 00
Juliana A. Hooper, town treasurer 30 00
Oland M. Blake, chairman selectmen and assessor 70 00
Edwin B. Ellis, selectman and assessor 60 00
Alpheus C. White, selectman and assessor 60 00
Oland M. Blake, attending tax meeting 5 00
Edwin B. Ellis, attending tax meeting 5 00
Alpheus C. White, attending tax meeting 5 00
Fannie Ferris, attending tax meeting 5 00
Fannie Ferris tax collector 58 64
Earl J. Russell, sexton 3 00
Oland M. Blake, overseer of poor 3 00
May White, chairman supervisors of check list 6 00
Hazel Russell, supervisor of check list 3 00
Herbert J. Russell, supervisor of check list 3 00
Herbert J. Russell, road agent 20 00
Edward E. Baker, constable  2 00  
Leon D. Menter, constable  2 00  

$380 64

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Gardner C. Turner, legal advice  $15 95  
Chase's Book Store, supplies  16 20  
Chase's Book Store, trust fund book  10 75  
W. H. Watson, legal advice  5 00  
U. S. Auto and Truck Guide, auto rate guide  4 50  
U. S. Post Office, stamps  1 50  
Edwin B. Ellis, supplies  2 67  
Chase Book Store, supplies  11 15  
G. H. Aldrich & Sons, bonds  52 00  
Sentinel Printing, 100 town reports  90 20  
Juliana Alexander, 16 auto permits @ 50c  8 00  
Winfield M. Chaplin, 32 transfer cards  6 40  
Chase's Book Store, dog tags  2 95  
Oland M. Blake, use of car to meet tax commission  
in Concord  10 00  
Alpheus White, attending meeting with tax commis- 
mission in Concord  5 00  
Edwin B. Ellis, attending meeting with tax com-
mission in Concord  5 00  
Oland M. Blake, attending meeting with tax com-
mission in Concord  5 00  
Juliana Alexander, 6 auto permits @ 50c  3 00  
Juliana Alexander, stamps  3 00  
Sargent Bros., 200 poll bills and 300 property bills  7 00  
Mrs. Ruth Avery, dues for N. H. tax collectors  
association  4 00  
Keene Book Shop, 10 flags  2 50  
Oland M. Blake, fifty 3c stamps  1 50  
Juliana Hooper, 7 auto permits  3 50  
Edwin B. Ellis, use of car for assessing  5 00  
Fannie Ferris, stamps  6 00  

$287 77
Norman Duplissie, refund on auto permit $3 29

Total $291 06

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Fred K. Clark, chimney fire at Chas. Nye farm $12 00
City of Keene, chimney fire at Armond Prevost 10 00

Total $22 00

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO REASSESS
TOWN PROPERTY
Edwin B. Ellis, assisting tax commission $3 00
Herbert J. Russell, assisting tax commission and
assessors 16 00
Oland M. Blake, assisting tax commission 35 00
Oland M. Blake, assisting tax commission 22 00
Herbert J. Russell, assisting tax commission 20 00
Alpheus White, assisting tax commission 10 50
Edwin B. Ellis, assisting tax commission 10 50
Herbert J. Russell, assisting tax commission 7 00
Oland M. Blake, assisting tax commission 7 00

Total $131 00

TOWN ROADS AND BRIDGES
Paid to Leon D. Menter, overdraw on winter
maintenance $530 59
Paid to Herbert J. Russell, highways and snow 1,358 62
Paid to Herbert J. Russell, Class V money 586 70
Paid to state treasurer, T. R. A. appropriation 197 53
Paid to school district, 1947 appropriation 1,891 49
Paid to school district, dog taxes for 1945 23 05

Total $1,914 54

Bounties for 1947 23 00
County tax 329 45
Old age assistance 76 75
Cemeteries, partial payment, opening Gorst grave 57 53
To make Nye Cemetery funds $100.00 26 10

Total $83 63
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<td>Paid to state treasurer, special poll taxes</td>
<td>49 28</td>
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<td>Paid to Gerald Miller, bulletin board</td>
<td>25 88</td>
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<td>Paid to Don Plummer, erecting bulletin board</td>
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<td>Paid to Capital Reserve Fund</td>
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<td>Paid to Better Builders, cupboards for town records</td>
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<td>Repayment of loan with interest</td>
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<td><strong>Total amount of orders paid</strong></td>
<td>$7,842 47</td>
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Respectfully submitted,

OLAND M. BLAKE,
EDWIN B. ELLIS,
ALPHEUS C. WHITE,
Selectmen of Roxbury, N. H.
ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Town appropriation $1,000 00
Class V from state 519 00

$1,519 00
Class V money from 1946 597 00

$2,116 00
Snow appropriation 1,000 00

$3,116 00

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Middletown road $383 30
Davis road 231 60
Dawes road 132 40
Daking road 108 70
Marlboro road 54 32
Dillingham road 203 47
French road 157 23
Tools 87 60

$1,358 62

GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND CUTTING BRUSH

Middletown road $187 42
Dillingham road 207 65
Dawes road 109 35
Davis road 82 28

$1,945 32

Total balance 1,170 68

Respectfully submitted,
HERBERT J. RUSSELL,
Road Agent.
REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1947

Taxes committed to collector:

Property taxes $5,777.38
Poll taxes—regular @ $2.00 98.00

Total warrant $5,875.38

Added taxes:

Property taxes 18.16
Poll taxes—regular @ $2.00 2.00
Interest collected 52

Total debits $5,896.06

Remittances to treasurer:

Property taxes $5,105.01
Poll taxes—regular @ $2.00 66.00
Interest collected 52
Abatements 13.62

Uncollected taxes as per collector’s list:

Property taxes 676.91
Poll taxes—regular @ $2.00 34.00

Total credits $5,896.06

Abatements:

Clarence Davis $13.62
### UNCOLLECTED TAXES

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<td>Harriet Miller</td>
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$34 00 $676 91

*Paid after books were closed and final remittance made to Treasurer.
SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEY OF 1946

DR.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1947:

Property taxes $854 26
Poll taxes—regular @ $2.00 64 00

Added tax:
Poll tax (Robert S. Baker) 2 00

Interest collected during fiscal year ended December 31, 1947 21 70

Total debits $941 96

CR.

Remittances to treasurer during fiscal year ended December 31, 1947:

Property taxes $644 63
Poll taxes—regular @ $2.00 26 00
Interest collected during year 21 70
Abatements made during year 33 25

Uncollected taxes as per collector's list:

Property taxes $198 38
Poll taxes—regular @ $2.00 18 00

Total credits $941 96

Abatements:
Clarence Davis $11 25
John Boomhower 2 00
Rose Fuller 2 00
Joseph Gendron 2 00
Alphonse Labonville 2 00
Paul Labonville 2 00
Armanie Labonville 2 00
Louis Laflotte 2 00
Eugene Labonville 2 00
Robert Miner 2 00
Edgar Morin 2 00
Eugene Gendreau 2 00

$33 25

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$18 00 $198 38

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
YEAR OF 1945

DR.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1947:

Property taxes $10 25
Poll taxes—regular @ $2.00 14 00
Poll taxes—special @ $3.00 21 00
Interest collected during fiscal year ended December 31, 1947 49

Total debits $45 74

CR.

Remittances to treasurer during fiscal year ended December 31, 1947:

Poll taxes—regular @ $2.00 $2 00
Poll taxes—special @ $3.00 3 00
Interest collected during year 49
Uncollected taxes as per collector’s list:

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Total credits: $45 74

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<td>Mary Warner</td>
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Total: $30 00  $10 25

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**SUMMARY OF WARRANT**

**LEVY OF 1944**

**DR.**

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1947:

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Total debits: $5 00

**CR.**

Uncollected taxes as per collector’s list:

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<td>Woodrow French</td>
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Total credits: $5 00
UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES
ON ACCOUNT OF LEVY OF 1944

Clarence Davis $13 45

I hereby certify that the above lists showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1947, on account of Tax Levies for the years 1947, 1946, 1945 and 1944, are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FANNIE P. FERRIS,
Tax Collector.
TREASURER’S REPORT

On hand, January 1, 1947 $2,243 14

Received of Fannie Ferris, tax collector:
1945 poll tax and interest 5 49
1946 poll tax 26 00
1946 interest 21 70
1946 property tax 644 63
1947 poll tax 66 00
1947 interest 52
1947 property tax 5,105 01

Received from state treasurer:
Forest fire refund 2 00
State highway department 519 00
Hedgehog bounties 7 00
Savings bank tax 1 86

Received from town clerk:
Auto permits 127 26
Dog licenses 31 00
J. A. Hooper, over-deposit 50

Received from selectmen:
Note 500 00
Pistol permits 2 50

Received from road agent:
Unspent road money 646 81

Total $9,950 42
Paid selectmen’s orders 7,842 47

Balance on hand December 31, 1947 $2,107 95

Respectfully submitted,
JULIANA ALEXANDER HOOPER,
Town Treasurer, Roxbury, N. H.
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Received for automobile permits  $127 26
Received for dog licenses  31 00
Received from J. A. Hooper, over-deposit  50

Total receipts  $158 76
Paid town treasurer  $158 76

Respectfully submitted,
JULIANA ALEXANDER HOOPER,
Town Clerk, Roxbury, N. H.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1947

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

December 31, 1947

MAY N. WHITE,
Trustee.
# REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ROXBURY

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1947

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<th>Trust Funds Purpose of Creation</th>
<th>How Invested</th>
<th>Amount of Principal</th>
<th>Rate of Interest</th>
<th>Balance of Income on Hand April 1, 1947</th>
<th>Income During Year</th>
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<td>July 12, 1940</td>
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<td>Keene Savings Bank, Book No. 20413</td>
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<td>Mar. 25, 1947</td>
<td>Town of Roxbury Trust Fund for Town Hall and Tool Shed</td>
<td>Keene Savings Bank, Book No. 23764</td>
<td>1,200.00</td>
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<td>Cheshire County Savings Bank, Book No. 5586</td>
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<td>Apr. 14, 1921</td>
<td>Ellen A. Davis Cemetery Fund</td>
<td>Cheshire County Savings Bank, Book No. 13980</td>
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<td>Jan. 11, 1946</td>
<td>Josiah and Eliza Davis Cemetery Fund</td>
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<td>100.00</td>
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<td>June 24, 1915</td>
<td>Roxbury Cemetery (Fund) Association</td>
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*This Book not a Trust Fund of the Town of Roxbury.*
FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF ROXBURY
IN CHESHIRE COUNTY
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1947

CERTIFICATE
This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Feb. 11, 1948

OLAND M. BLAKE,
EDWIN B. ELLIS,
ALPHEUS C. WHITE,
Selectmen.

JULIANA ALEXANDER HOOPER,
Treasurer.

ASSETS

Cash:
In hands of treasurer $2,107 95

Capital Reserve Funds:
New town hall and tool shed 1,212 00

Other bills due town:
(a) Opening of Gorst grave 57 53
    Unredeemed taxes (from tax sale on account of)
(d) Previous years 13 45
    Uncollected taxes:
(a) Levy of 1947 710 91
(b) Levy of 1946 216 38
(c) Levy of 1945 40 25

Total assets $4,358 47

Grand total $4,358 47
LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the town:

Fund to reasses the town by state $169 00
Blister rust money 200 00

Due to state—special $3 poll taxes:
(a) Uncollected—due state when collected (1944 $3.00) (1945 $18.00)
(b) Collected—not remitted to State Treasurer (1945 $3.00) 3 00

Due school districts:
(a) Dog licenses 20 00

Capital Reserve Funds:
(Offsets similar asset account) 1,212 00

Total liabilities $2,556 00
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus) 1,802 47

Grand total $4,358 47

RECEIPTS

Current revenue:
From local taxes:
(Collected and remitted to treasurer)
1. Property taxes—current year $5,105 01
2. Poll taxes—current year—
   Regular @ $2.00 66 00
4. Total of current year's taxes collected and remitted $5,171 01
5. Property taxes—previous years 644 63
6. Poll taxes—previous years—
   Regular @ $2 28 00
7. Poll taxes—previous years—
   Special @ $3 3 00
8. Interest received on taxes 22 71
From state:

10. For highways and bridges:
   (b) For Class V highway maintenance 519 00
13. Savings bank tax 1 86
17. Fighting forest fires 2 00
18. Bounties 7 00

From local sources, except taxes:

22. Dog licenses 31 00
23. Business licenses and permits 2 50
Over deposit of town clerk, later refunded 50
Registration of motor vehicles, 1947 permits 127 26
Received from Leon Menter, unspent road money 646 81

Total current revenue receipts $7,207 28
Receipts other than current revenue: 500 00

Total receipts from all sources $7,707 28
Cash on hand January 1, 1947 2,243 14

Grand total $9,950 42

PAYMENTS

Current maintenance expenses:

General government:

1. Town officers' salaries $380 64
2. Town officers' expenses 291 06
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings 49 93

Protection of persons and property:

7. Fire department, including forest fire 22 00
8. Moth extermination—blister rust 100 00
9. Bounties 23 00

Highways and bridges:

14. Town road aid 197 53
15. Town maintenance (Winter—$530.59) 2,475 91
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<td>Public welfare:</td>
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<td>$76.75</td>
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<td>Public service enterprises:</td>
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<td>27. Cemeteries, including hearse hire</td>
<td>$57.53</td>
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<td>Unclassified:</td>
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<td>30. Advertising and Regional Associations</td>
<td>$14.00</td>
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<td>31. Part payment to reassess town</td>
<td>$131.00</td>
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<td>Total current maintenance expenses</td>
<td>$3,288.76</td>
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<td>Interest:</td>
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<td>33. Payment on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes with interest</td>
<td>$3.75</td>
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<td>Total interest payments</td>
<td>$3.75</td>
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<td>45. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes</td>
<td>$500.00</td>
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<td>48. Payments to capital reserve funds</td>
<td>$1,200.00</td>
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<td>49. Payments to trustees, trust funds</td>
<td>$26.10</td>
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<td>Payments to other governmental divisions:</td>
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<td>51. Special poll taxes @ $3 paid to state</td>
<td>$49.28</td>
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<td>52. Taxes paid to county</td>
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<td>53. Payments to precincts</td>
<td>$1,914.54</td>
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<td>Total payments for all purposes</td>
<td>$8,842.47</td>
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<td>Cash on hand December 31, 1947</td>
<td>$2,107.95</td>
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<td>Grand total</td>
<td>$9,950.42</td>
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</table>
SEXTON'S REPORT

HILLSIDE CEMETERY
Mowed and cleaned
Gate painted

NYE CEMETERY
Mowed and cleaned

No charge

EARL J. RUSSELL,
Sexton.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE
For Year Ending December 31, 1947

This is to certify that I have examined books, vouchers and other financial records of the treasurer, clerk, selectmen, tax collector, road agent, trustees of trust funds, and find them complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET MILLER.

January 31, 1948.
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(SCHOOL WARRANT)

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Roxbury qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School House in said district on the ninth day of March, 1948, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see if the district will vote to close the Roxbury School, and transport the pupils to a school in another district as a temporary arrangement.

9. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Roxbury this sixteenth day of February, 1948.

HERBERT J. RUSSELL,
EDWIN B. ELLIS,
OLAND M. BLAKE,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:
HERBERT J. RUSSELL,
EDWIN B. ELLIS,
OLAND M. BLAKE,
School Board.
### SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1948-1949

School District of Roxbury

#### DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

**Budget No. 1**

**Elementary**

#### Support of schools:

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<td>Teachers salaries,</td>
<td>$2,000 00</td>
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<td>Textbooks</td>
<td>150 00</td>
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<td>Scholars' supplies</td>
<td>125 00</td>
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<td>Flags and appurtenances</td>
<td>5 00</td>
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<td>Other expenses of instruction</td>
<td>25 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Janitor services</td>
<td>100 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fuel</td>
<td>125 00</td>
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<td>Water, light, janitor's supplies</td>
<td>35 00</td>
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<td>Minor repairs and expenses</td>
<td>100 00</td>
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<td>Health supervision (medical inspection)</td>
<td>75 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transportation of pupils</td>
<td>500 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Payment of elementary tuitions</td>
<td>45 00</td>
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<td>Other special activities</td>
<td>30 00</td>
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#### Totals

$3,315 00

#### Other statutory requirements:

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<td>Salaries of district officers (fixed by district)</td>
<td>$114 00</td>
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<td>Truant officer and school census</td>
<td>10 00</td>
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<td>Tuition in high schools and academies (estimated)</td>
<td>480 00</td>
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<td>Superintendent's excess salary (fixed by union)</td>
<td>80 00</td>
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<td>Per capita tax (report of state treasurer)</td>
<td>58 00</td>
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Other obligations imposed by law or established by the district including insurance, teachers' retirement assessment, and Administration 168 25

Total amount to meet school board's budget $4,225 25

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

Balance June 30, 1948 (estimated) $400 00
State aid (December 1948 allotment) 1,533 00
Dog tax (estimated) 30 00
Elementary school tuition receipts (estimated) 45 00

Deduct total estimated income not raised by taxation $2,008 00

Assessment required to balance school board's budget $2,217 25

EDWIN B. ELLIS,
OLAND M. BLAKE,
School Board.


SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1948-1949
School District of Roxbury

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
Budget No. 2

Support of schools:
Transportation of pupils 1,458 00
Payment of elementary tuitions 1,125 00

$2,583 00
Other statutory requirements:

Salaries of district officers (fixed by district) $114 00
Truant officer and school census 10 00
Tuition in high schools and academies (estimated) 480 00
Superintendent’s excess salary (fixed by union) 80 00
Per capita tax (report of state treasurer) 58 00
Other obligations imposed by law or established by the district including insurance, teachers’ retirement assessment, and administration 113 25

Total amount to meet school board’s budget $3,438 25

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

Balance June 30, 1948 (estimated) $400 00
State aid (December 1948 allotment) 1,533 00
Dog tax (estimated) 30 00

Deduct total estimated income not raised by taxation $1,963 00

Assessment required to balance school board’s budget $1,475 25

EDWIN B. ELLIS,
OLAND M. BLAKE,
School Board.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE ROXBURY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1946
and Ending June 30, 1947

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

JOHN H. FRYE,
Superintendent.

HERBERT J. RUSSELL,
EDWIN B. ELLIS,
OLAND M. BLAKE,
School Board.

June 30, 1947.

RECEIPTS

State and federal aid:
Equalization fund for elementary schools $1,489 36

Income from local taxation:
For support of schools, tuition, salaries, debt and interest and other statutory obligations 2,550 00

From sources other than taxation:
Dog licenses (from selectmen) 23 05
Elementary school tuitions 248 29

Total receipts from all sources $4,310 70
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1946 218 83

Grand total $4,529 53
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<td>Tax for state wide supervision</td>
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<td>Teachers' salary</td>
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<td><strong>Total payments for all purposes</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1947)</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,580.52</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Grand total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$4,529.53</strong></td>
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ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1947

Cash on hand June 30, 1946     $218 83
Received from selectmen,
  Appropriations for current year 2,550 00
  Dog tax                      23 05
Received from state treasurer, state aid 1,489 36
Received from all other sources  248 29

Total amount available for fiscal year     $4,529 53
Less school board orders paid               2,949 01

Balance on hand as of June 30, 1947         $1,580 52

MARGARET MENTER,
District Treasurer.

July 1, 1947

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Roxbury, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 and find them correct in all respects.

FANNIE P. FERRIS,
Auditor.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

1946
July 23, City of Keene, elementary tuition 1945-1946 $164.54
Oct. 26, Town of Roxbury, appropriation 1,000.00
Dec. 31, Town of Roxbury, appropriation 1,550.00

1947
Feb. 15, State of New Hampshire, state aid 1,489.36
June 13, City of Keene, elementary tuition 1946-1947 83.75
June 28, Town of Roxbury, dog tax 23.05

Total receipts during year $4,310.70

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS, JUNE 30, 1947

Cash on hand $1,580.52
Grand total $1,580.52

LIABILITIES, JUNE 30, 1947

Account owed by district $45.00
Amounts reserved for special purposes 400.00
Excess of assets over liabilities 1,135.52

Grand total $1,580.52

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Roxbury, N. H. of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FANNIE P. FERRIS,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE
Roxbury School District

Examinations by the nurse, November, 1947:

Total number of pupils examined 19
Number with dental caries 13
Pupils with poor posture 2
Number with symptoms of diseased tonsils 2

Cases of contagious diseases reported during the year:
Whooping cough 7
Measles 4
Chicken pox 1
Mumps 9

Total number of visits during school year 1946-1947 11
Number of class room inspections 8
Number of pupils given vision test 19
Number of pupils given hearing test with the audiometer 12
Number of pupils with defective hearing 2
Number of dental corrections 8

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET E. HARRIS, R. N.
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Roxbury:

I herein submit my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The general demand for better educational opportunities for the youth in our rural schools is indeed a serious problem at the present time. School districts maintaining one or two room rural schools should make a careful study of the school program and facilities in order to determine the best solution.

In order to meet the various individual needs of boys and girls and to prepare most of them to enter high school the modern elementary school has many new responsibilities. The development of the basic skills and abilities in reading, writing, and arithmetic are as essential as ever. More effective learning in the social studies with increased emphasis on democratic living is needed to develop better citizenship both within and outside the school. An adequate school program should also provide the opportunities for directed experiences in music, the fine arts, manual arts, domestic arts, health, general science and wide social contacts. The facilities for these objectives will be limited in many schools during this present period of shortages and high costs.

The maintenance of well qualified teachers in our rural schools is almost an impossibility unless nearby resident teachers become available. At the present time 70,000 teaching jobs are vacant in the United States. More than 350,000 teachers have left our public schools since 1941. Over 2,000,000 school-age children are not in school and millions of those in school are receiving inferior education due to the fact that 110,000 teachers, or one out of every eight, are serving on sub-standard permits. This problem is enhanced by increased enrollments in our schools and fewer students preparing to teach.
A committee to work with the members of the School Board might be appointed by the district to investigate the costs, services, and efficiency of the present school program and make recommendations for possible improvements. The advantages of consolidation have already closed about seventy percent of the one room rural schools in New Hampshire in the last two decades. The new law permitting cooperative schools for adjoining districts should be considered before attempting extensive changes in the present school plant.

The Roxbury School District has provided good textbooks and abundant scholars' supplies. The building is well heated and has adequate artificial light. On the other hand the study of improvements should include the problems of congestion, natural light, sanitation, ventilation and adjustable furniture. The present situation does not meet the minimum requirements recommended for an approved classroom.

ORGANIZATION AND CLASSIFICATION

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Mrs. Juliana Alexander Hooper resigned from teaching at the Roxbury School in October, 1947, after more than three years of service in the district. Mrs. Etta Thurston of Milton Mills, N. H. taught successfully until late in November, 1947 and then resigned because of poor health. Miss Isabel Blake, an instructor at Keene Teachers College for many years before reaching the retirement age, is now the teacher.
Miss Margaret Harris has attended the pupils as school nurse. Her report included herewith explains the health work.

A cumulative permanent record sheet is kept for each pupil in Grades 1-8 inclusive. This record shows the individual growth of the pupil over the eight year period as indicated by mental and physical tests. The report card marks are also recorded along with other pertinent information including attendance, health and deportment.

ATTENDANCE

Romaine Clark was neither absent nor tardy for the entire school year ending in June, 1947. This pupil has maintained perfect attendance for several years.

GRADUATION

Herbert Russell was the only pupil to graduate from the Roxbury school in June, 1947.

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1946-1947

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<td>Number of different pupils registered</td>
<td>32</td>
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<td>Number of pupils promoted, June, 1947</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Number of pupils not promoted, June, 1947</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of half days school was in session</td>
<td>345</td>
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<td>Average membership</td>
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<td>Average attendance</td>
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<td>Percent of attendance</td>
<td>93.03</td>
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<td>Average number of tardinesses per pupil</td>
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<td>Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy</td>
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<td>Number of visits by the superintendent</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Number of visits by the school nurse</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>Number of visits by the parents and citizens</td>
<td>23</td>
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CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the teachers, members of the school board, and other school employees for their services to the district. The cooperation of the parents and citizens is also greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. FRYE,
Superintendent of Schools.

Marlborough, N. H.
January 26, 1948.
VITAL STATISTICS

At the request of the Selectmen, there is submitted herewith a transcript of the births, marriages and deaths as recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 1947.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ROXBURY, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1947

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<th>Date of Marriage</th>
<th>Place of Marriage</th>
<th>Name and Surname of Groom and Bride</th>
<th>Residence of each at time of Marriage</th>
<th>Age in years</th>
<th>Occupation of Groom and Bride</th>
<th>Place of Birth of each</th>
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No Births or Deaths were recorded in the office of the Town Clerk for the year ending Dec. 31, 1947.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JULIANA ALEXANDER HOOPER,
Town Clerk.
FOREST FIRE PROBLEM SERIOUS

The year 1947 was one of the worst periods of drought and forest fire occurrence in eastern United States history. Lack of water ruined crops lowered water levels and dried up brooks everywhere. Three months of deficient rainfall and abnormally high temperatures resulted in many fires which were mostly well controlled and kept within bounds. Only the high winds beginning on October 23rd caused a few fires to escape beyond immediate control. These few fires resulted in burning some 15,000 acres and the loss of 63 or more buildings in four New Hampshire towns.

All October fires were costly. They burned deeply in the ground and required day and night patrol of large crews of men until the rains came late in October. Towns which escaped from serious fires might easily have been in the midst of the most serious conflagration we had.

Governor Dale closed the woods effective at midnight of October 15th. With the blow-up of October 23rd, a second proclamation closed all back roads and authorized towns to inaugurate patrol. The effect of this was to cut down subsequent fires for the rest of the dry period.

Local fire warden forces performed an admirable job to hold the more than 200 fires that occurred during this October period. Many men were taxed to the utmost as the emergency continued. To them and all those who did their work, the people of New Hampshire owe a debt of gratitude. The state forest fire control agency based on local town wardens and town crews wherever adequately equipped rose to the occasion and met the test in whatever town their services were needed.

It is now time to take stock everywhere of our fire fighting facilities for the season ahead and to make them adequate where necessary. To this end town fire plans and training programs for wardens, deputies and other key men in each district are being arranged or in progress. If equipment and tools are insufficient to properly equip the available man power in each community with the right tools for the job, they should be provided for at once. The yearly addition of fire tools to the town supply will generally need to be built up. The state sells tools to the towns and shares one-half their cost. Good equipment is important and can help greatly to keep both damage and fire costs at a minimum.

For many years we have requested our wardens not to issue burning permits except on rainy days. This regulation will be in effect again this year as it is one of the best means of assuring such fires from getting out of control. Nine out of every ten fires can be prevented, 98 percent of all fires being due to human carelessness. Be sure to get a permit for any fire in or near woodland when the ground is free from snow. Be sure your fires are always out before you leave them. Help us in getting the travelling public to keep from throwing out lighted matches or cigarettes. Be careful of all fires in or near woodland.

F. J. BAKER,
District Chief.

Number of Fires, None.
Acreage Burned, None.
Number of Fire Permits Issued, None.

HERBERT J. RUSSELL,
Forest Fire Warden.