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ROTON

Official Reports

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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

Town Clerk, School Board, and Librarian

OF THE

TOWN OF GROTON,

FOR THE

Year Ending February 15, 1903.



BRISTOL, N. H.:

From the Press of R. W. MUSGROVE,

1903.

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen, WILLARD H. HUNKINS, JAMES B.
SMART, JOSIAH WHEET

Town Clerk, WILLARD H. HUNKINS

Treasurer, DANIEL KIDDER

Collector, PRESCOTT M. PLUMER

Supervisors, JOSEPH W. BURLEY, JEROME D. L.
HALL, PRESCOTT M. PLUMER

Librarian, BARRON S. KINNE

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

VALUATION APRIL 1, 1902

Resident valuation, land and buildings	\$57,616 00
Non-resident valuation	15,336 00
Polls, 115	11,500 00
Horses, 114	3,232 00
Oxen, 14	614 00
Cows, 185	3,120 00
Neat stock, 97	1,426 00
Sheep, 215	556 00
Buildings not designated	150 00
Stock in trade	3,300 00
Mills and machinery	4,500 00
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	\$101,350 00

MONEY RAISED BY TOWN

For town charges	\$800 00
School money by vote of district	200 00
Required by law	252 00
State tax	178 50
County tax	211 68
Highway tax	1,013 50
Overlay	80 77
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	\$2,736 45

SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1902

Raised by vote of district	\$200 00
Required by law	252 00
State school fund	93 37
Literary fund, 1901	38 76
Dog license	48 20
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	\$632 33

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Paid:

E. A. Muzzey	\$69 77
P. M. Plumer	13 30
C. Blood	13 10
M. B. Kidder	9 29
A. A. Remick	110 35
D. G. Wells	43 93
J. H. Brown	81 34
J. B. Smart	48 37
J. W. Burley	1 94
Josiah Wheat	76 73
B. S. Kinne	1 50
L. Wheat	22 09
J. S. Kelley	19 95
D. H. Powers	127 06
W. A. Colburn	33 90
W. A. Elliott	7 37
G. C. Craig	42 30
H. H. Eastman	34 09
J. H. Pillsbury	361 09

C. D. Jewell	\$2 91
F. A. Davis	183 99
William Allen	2 77
A. A. Hall	5 10
F. C. "	4 50
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	\$1,316 74

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Paid :	
James B. Smart, water tub	\$2 00
D. Kidder & Son, housing road machine	1 00
Albert J. Marston, M.D., consultation in typhoid fever case	5 00
R. W. Musgrove, printing reports	19 50
Edson C. Eastman, town supplies	8 62
Ginn & Co., school books	18 25
E. E. Babb, "	13 61
Plymouth Record, book markers	75
Mary E. Cross, returning births	50
Library trustees	15 00
American Book Co., school books	6 40
Benj. H. Sanborn, "	5 85
John B. Varick Co., two police badges	3 03
Burleigh & Adams, making deeds	5 60
A. S. Russell, returning births and deaths	1 50
Josiah Wheet, express on books	1 56
Frank P. Morrill, tuition for Annie M. Wheeler	12 00
D. Kidder & Son, sharpening drills and dyna- mite	2 10
J. A. Drew, M. D., returning births and deaths	1 00
Clara Smith, " "	50

A. S. Cross, water tub	\$3 00
Cyrus Blood, care of town house	3 00
J. N. Kinne, making collector's deeds	1 00
W. H. Hunkins, water tub	3 00
J. N. Kinne, interest on Joanna Colburn note	8 34
Charlie D. Jewell, express on books	1 10
J. W. Coolidge, returning births and deaths	75
Jewell, Owen & Veasey, advice	1 00
W. H. Hunkins, postage and blanks	1 12
" lodging tramp	50
Independent Hall association, rent of hall	5 00
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	\$151 5

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

P. M. Plumer, collector 1901	\$45 00
" " 1902	42 50
F. A. Davis	7 12
Dimond G. Wells, supervisor	6 00
Josiah Wheet, school district clerk	1 50
" " board	10 50
James B. Smart, truant officer	1 75
J. D. L. Hall, supervisor	6 00
Charlie D. Jewell, school treasurer	5 00
" " board	11 25
" " land agent	6 00
B. S. Kinne, board of health	2 00
" librarian	5 00.
W. H. Hunkins, town clerk	15 00
" assistant librarian	2 00
" supervisor	2 50

Daniel Kidder, town treasurer	\$25 00
" moderator	3 00
W. H. Hunkins, selectman	37 97
James B. Smart, "	33 98
Josiah Wheet "	28 50
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	\$297 57

COUNTY PAUPER BILLS

Paid :

MARTHA M. HAZELTON

Ira Wheeler, board	\$17 33
W. H. Hunkins, conveying to county farm	5 78
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	\$23 11

JOHN P. SAWYER

W. H. Hunkins, transportation from Groton to county farm	\$1 50
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TOWN POOR

ALICE M. JEWELL AND CHILDREN

L. M. Muzzey, board	\$204 00
Merchandise and medicine	5 13
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	\$209 13

HORACE WILLOUGHBY

W. A. Colburn, milk furnished	\$16 29
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	\$250 03

ABATEMENTS

1902 :	
Ed. Calley, paid in Rumney	\$2 70
Ira Cummings, over tax	1 62
Frank Ford, paid in Rumney	2 70
Thomas Good, poll tax	2 70
Alfred Hall	2 70
Lewis D. Muzzey, paid in Laconia	2 70
P. B. Powers estate	1 08
Henry Reiley, poll tax	2 70
Cyrus Smith, paid in Plymouth	3 78
Town of Groton, W. A. Cilley place	1 08
Town of Groton, Currier, Smith & Gilman, Betsey Chase land	2 70
Town of Groton, Weeks land	3 24
James M. Moses	7 55
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	\$37 25

CASH RECEIPTS PAID

Charlie D. Jewell, school treasurer	: 632 33
H. W. Allen, county tax	211 68
Solon A. Carter, state tax	178 50
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	\$1,022 51

RECAPITULATION

Whole amount received by selectmen	\$4,501 77
Paid :	
Highways and bridges	\$1,316 74

Miscellaneous bills	\$151 58	
Town officers bills	297 57	
For support of poor	250 03	
Abatements	37 25	
Cash receipts	1,022 51	
In the hands of D. Kidder, treasurer		
Feb. 14, 1903	928 55	
In the hands of P. M. Plumer, col- lector, Feb. 14, 1903	497 54	
	<hr/>	\$4,501 77

The selectmen charge themselves with cash received
as follows :

Amount committed to collector		\$2,736 45
Received from State school fund		74 81
Literary fund		43 50
Savings bank tax		162 27
J. N. Kinne, collector, 1898		2 05
" " 1899		2 93
" " 1900		37 14
P. M. Plumer, " 1901		380 87
Town clerk, dog license		56 97
In the hands of D. Kidder, treas., Feb. 15, 1902		836 51
Received from Charlie D. Jewell, land agent		131 03
County on paupers		36 94
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		\$4,501 77

LIABILITIES FEB. 14, 1903

Joanna Colburn, note	\$154 45
J. W. Burley, note	1,295 36
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	\$1,449 81

ASSETS OF TOWN, FEB. 14, 1903

In the hands of D. Kidder, treasurer	\$928 55
J. N. Kinne, collector 1899	1 55
" " 1900	42 15
P. M. Plumer, " 1902	497 54
Due from Jesse Reed, for support of Bertha Jewell, 1901	39 00
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Due from county on paupers	10 86
Town safe	220 00
Road machine	20 00
Conditional notes	81 71
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	\$1,880 36
Liabilities Feb. 14, 1903	1,449 81
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Balance in favor of town	\$430 55

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD H. HUNKINS, } Selectmen
 JAMES B. SMART, } of
 JOSIAH WHEET, } Groton.

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOSEPH W. BURLEY, } Auditors.
 DIMOND G. WELLS, }

TREASURER'S REPORT

1902 :

Received of treasurer, 1901		\$836 51
Selectmen, 1902		448 85
Town clerk, dog license		56 97
John N. Kinne, collector, 1898		2 05
" " 1899		2 93
" " 1900		37 14
P. M. Plumer, " 1901		380 87
" " 1902		2,238 91
		\$4,004 23

Paid orders of selectmen 1 to 145 in-		
clusive	\$3,075 68	
In hands of treasurer, Feb. 20, 1903	928 55	
		\$4,004 23

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL KIDDER, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOSEPH W. BURLEY, }
 DIMOND G. WELLS, } Auditors.

REPORT OF LAND AGENT

Sold to George B. James :	
The J. D. Weeks land	\$43 19
Betsey Chase "	44 15
J. E. Cilley " near Orange	24 70
George Cilley " "	18 99
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Cash received for land sold	\$131 03
Cash paid the selectmen	\$131 03

Respectfully submitted, .

CHARLIE D. JEWELL, Agent.

LIBRARY REPORT

Books in circulation Feb. 15, 1903	830
Patrons during the year	116
Books read	861
New books added	41
Fines collected	\$2 29

B. S. KINNE, Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF GROTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR END-
ING FEB. 14, 1903

1902 :

Cash in treasury		\$3 68
Received from town		15 00
Catalogue		10
Fines		2 57
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		\$21 35

Paid :

For books	\$19 18	
Postage	09	
Feb. 14, 1903, cash on hand	2 08	
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JOSIAH WHEET, Treasurer.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

It seems almost unnecessary for the School Board to remind the citizens of Groton of their duty to the schools year after year, but we have a few parents who do not do their duty to the schools or their children either.

Our schools have been well sustained by all the teachers, but they have been prevented from making our schools what they should have been. Some parents seem to be very much afraid that their children will be imposed upon by the teacher or scholars. They need have no fear but their child will be used as well as he or she deserves; but even if the teacher does not do just as you think right that does not justify the parents in taking the part of the scholar thereby destroying the usefulness of the school for the rest of the term.

The teacher should feel that she has the sympathy of all the parents. What an inspiration a teacher would feel in her work if she knew that all the parents were in sympathy with all her efforts in trying to do the very best for their children. We do not expect perfect teachers or parents but the parents can at least let the teacher alone and not spoil the schools for those who wish to attend.

There is one other thing that causes more or less trouble in our schools. It is this, the child goes home and tells the parents that they have been punished for something that they were not to blame for, but A or B is

the one that should have been punished. Parents who have two or more children know how easy it is for one child to lay all the blame on the others when a parent has occasion to punish one or more of their children.

CHARLIE D. JEWELL, } School
JOSIAH WHEET. } Board.

STATISTICAL TABLE

No. of school	Term	Name of Teacher	No. Weeks	No. Scholars	Average attendance	Instances of tardiness	Visits by school board	Visits by citizens	No. pupils not absent	Wages per month
2	1	Lena M. Esty.....	10	10	9	5	2	7	..	\$20 00
	2	Louisa C. Lary.....	14	10	8	13	3	9	..	20 00
4	1	Olive A. Dodge.....	10	32	28	23	2	15	15	24 00
	2	“	10	35	28	11	2	35	11	26 00
8	1	Helen Z. Clay.....	12	15	14	23	1	9	2	22 00
	2	“	12	16	9	16	..	9	..	23 00
9	1	Myra M. Clough.....	10	9	8	6	1	15	1	21 00
	2	Lola G. Follansbee.....	14	10	7	17	1	2	3	21 00
10	1	Ida B. Ellsworth.....	10	10	8	2	1	7	1	21 00
	2	Frances H. Smith.....	14	1	21 00

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 14, 1903

CASH RECEIVED

In treasurer's hands, Feb. 15, 1902	\$78 20
Town treasurer, for year 1902	632 33
Town of Dorchester, tuition	20 50
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	\$731 03

CASH PAID OUT

Ida B. Ellsworth, teaching No. 10	\$35 00
Myra M. Clough, " " 9	40 00
Mrs. J. B. Smart, board " 2	20 00
D. Kidder & Son, glass and putty	16
Eliza Hall, cleaning schoolhouse	1 00
Olive A. Dodge, teaching No. 4	40 00
Mrs. Fred C. Hall, board " 4	20 00
Lena M. Esty, teaching " 2	30 00
Mrs. J. C. Cilley, cleaning schoolhouse	2 00
Helen Z. Clay, teaching No. 8	42 00
Ida Muzzey, boarding " 8	21 00
Ida Muzzey, cleaning schoolhouse	1 25
L. L. Cheever, board No. 9	17 50
D. H. Powers, " 10	17 50
D. H. Powers, drawing and sawing wood	1 00

A. M. Plumer, cleaning schoolhouse	\$2 00
C. N. Merrill, 1 cord wood	1 25
J. P. Huckins, window shades	2 45
Lovisa C. Larry, teaching No. 2	42 00
Mrs. J. B. Smart, board	28 00
Olive A. Dodge, teaching and board No. 4	65 00
F. C. Hall, carrying teacher to Rumney	1 00
Josiah Wheat, wood, cleaning schoolhouse, etc.	9 35
Lola G. Follansbee, teaching and board No. 9	73 50
Frances H. Smith, " No. 10	49 00
D. H. Powers, board No. 10	24 50
Helen Z. Clay, teaching No. 8	48 00
E. A. Muzzey, board No. 8	21 00
E. A. Muzzey, wood and repairs	7 24
P. M. Plumer, wood	3 00
C. D. Jewell, glass and supplies	3 73
Frank Gurney, painting blackboard	1 50
Town of Dorchester, tuition	19 50
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	\$690 43
In hands of treasurer Feb. 14, 1903	40 60
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	\$731 03

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLIE D. JEWELL, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOSEPH W. BURLEY, Auditors.
DIMOND G. WELLS,

Births Registered in the Town of Groton for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1902.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Father's Name.	Mother's Maiden Name.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
June 7 th	How'rd Rus'ell	M	Living...	6	All White	Lester W. Cross	Addie M. Getchell	All White	Groton	Engineer	Franklin	Barre, Vt.	33	25
29	Helen Martha	F	"	7	"	Edgar E. Smith	Bertha E. Bixby	"	"	Merchant	Peabody, Mass	Webster, Mass	30	33
Sept. 8 th	Helen Martha	F	"	8	"	H. W. Blanchard	Ada Kidder	"	Hudson	Farmer	Hudson	No. Groton	35	34
24	Claron Herbert	M	Living...	1	All White	Alfred A. Remick	Flora Gurney	"	Groton	Laborer	"	Amesbury, Ms	27	21
Dec. 2 nd	Claron Herbert	M	Living...	9	All White	H. J. Eastman	Elizabeth Dimond	"	No. Groton	"	"	No. Groton	22	19

Marriages Registered in the Town of Groton for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1902.

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place and Birth	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation or Parents	1st, 2d, or 3d Marriage	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
June 28	Groton	Edward J. Young Jessie F. Dodge	Stratford Groton	21 18	White	Farmer Housekeeper	Stratford Littleton	Melvin Young Martha Hapgood	Stratford Bethel, Me.	Farmer Housekeeper	1	Geo. E. Colburn Justice of Peace Groton
Oct. 8	Rumney	Perley Cummings May E. Cutting	No. Groton "	23 21	White	Laborer Housekeeper	No. Groton Wentworth	Clarence L. Dodge Lucy Fisk	Hyde Park, Vt Dalton	Doctor Housekeeper	1	Rev A. M. Shattuck Rumney
Nov. 16	Groton	Frank W. Jewell Lizzie Merry	Groton "	34 20	White	Farmer Housekeeper	Groton	Ira Cummings Effie Bailey	No. Groton Rumney	Farmer Housewife	1	Geo. E. Colburn Justice of Peace Groton
29	"	Albert B. Heacock Elizabeth Johnson	" "	21 19	White	Laborer "	G't Mavern Eng. Sweden	Eldridge W. Jewell Arazina Reed	Wentworth Dorchester	Housewife Farmer Laborer	1	Geo. E. Colburn Justice of Peace Groton
								Albert J. Heacock Catherine E. Bayliss	G't Malvern Cheltham Eng	Carpenter Housekeeper	1	Geo. E. Colburn Justice of Peace Groton
								Axel Johnson Amanda S. Hedding	Sweden "	Laborer Housewife	1	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Groton for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1902.

Date of Death.	Name.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, Married, or Widowed.	Occupation.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.										
Jan. 1	Amie Allen.....	57			Saxon, Eng..	F	W	Housewife	Franklin..	Barre, Vt..	Ester W. Cross.	Addie M. Getchell	Heart Failure.	
June 25	Howard R. Cross.....	18			Groton.....	M			Wentworth..	Dorchester.	Franklin A. Davis	Izetta A. Davis	Spinal Meningitis.	
July 1	Perley F. Davis.....	2	1	2	S. Winty' rth	M			Groton.....	Groton.....	Ester W. Cross.	Annie L. Eastman	Eufurtis	
Aug. 17	Inez M.E. Eastman.....	2	13		Woborn, Ms.	F			Franklin..	Barre, Vt..	Ester W. Cross.	Addie M. Getchell	Int'm Hemor'age	
Oct. 15	Earl Morris Cross.....	7	1		Groton.....	M					Josies Hunkins.	Mary Cheney.....	Old Age.....	
Nov. 15	Martha M Hazelton.....	7	10	10	"	F								

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

WILLARD H. HUNKINS, TOWN CLERK.

