

1948

# ANNUAL REPORTS

*of the Town Officers*

BENTON, N. H.

*Year Ended*

DEC. 31, 1948



TOWN OF BENTON, N. H.

*Annual Report*

Year ended December 31, 1948

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## *Town Officers*

**Moderator**  
Ira E. Elliott

**Town Clerk**  
Floyd J. Hutchins

**Selectmen**  
Charles H. Tyler  
Term expires 1949

John Boutin  
Term expires 1950

Joseph Boutin, Jr.  
Term expires 1951

**Highway Agent**  
Ira E. Elliott

**Treasurer**  
Margaret E. Elliott

**Tax Collector**  
Ira E. Elliott

**Supervisors of the Checklist**  
Ethel A. Boutin      Forrest Clark      Margaret E. Elliott

**Surveyor of Wood and Lumber**  
Floyd J. Hutchins

**Library Trustees**  
Lulu Clark      Mildred Elliott

**Fence Viewer**  
Charles Royce

**Constable**  
Ira E. Elliott

**School Board**  
Ethel Boutin      Floyd J. Hutchins      Lulu Clark

**Trustees of Trust Funds**  
Napoleon Burke      Floyd J. Hutchins      Forrest Clark

**Sextons**  
C. Howard Tyler, *Mt. View and East Cemetery*  
William J. Harris, *Asst., Mt. View and East Cemetery*  
William Coates, *South Benton*

**Auditor**  
Ethel A. Boutin

**Ballot Clerks**  
Thelma Boutin      Mildred Elliott  
Francese Mardin      William Harris

**Librarian**  
Margaret E. Elliott

**Health Officer**  
John Boutin

**Relief Agent**  
Ethel A. Boutin

## *Town Meeting Warrant*

### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (March 8) at ten o'clock in the forenoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, Charles H. Tyler being the outgoing member, one highway Agent, one Tax Collector, one Town Treasurer, one Auditor, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee for one year, one Library Trustee for three years, and all other necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear the reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for town officers salaries and expenses, for the repair and maintenance and construction of highways and bridges, for the observance of Memorial Day, and for all other town charges and expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take in regard to how Memorial Day will be observed.

Article 5. To see what action the Town will take in regard to authorizing the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of property taken by the Town by tax deeds.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise the requested sum to be paid to the White Mountain Region Association.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to have the Benton's Veteran Plaque erected in a proper sized stone to be placed in the upper right hand corner of the Benton Community Building yard, with all plans and suggestions to be completed at said meeting.

Article 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 11th day of January, A. D. 1949.

CHARLES H. TYLER  
JOHN BOUTIN  
JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.  
*Selectmen of Benton*

## *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.

CHARLES H. TYLER  
JOHN BOUTIN  
JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.  
*Selectmen of Benton*

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT  
*Town Treasurer*

Jan. 5, 1948

## *Foreword*

To all the town officers for their cooperation in town business, the committee for the Benton veterans' plaque, the committee for the cleaning job at the town clerk's building and to all the taxpayers for being so cordial in regard to their property assessments—

The selectmen at this time wish to say this has made our work much more pleasant and

We wish to say, "Thank you," to all.

CHARLES H. TYLER  
JOHN BOUTIN  
JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.  
*Selectmen of Benton*

## *Budget for the*

### Estimate of Revenue for the Year 1949 Compared with Actual Revenue for the Year 1948

	Actual 1948	Estimated 1949
<b>Sources of Revenue</b>		
<b>From State</b>		
Interest and dividend tax		
Railroad tax	\$ 11.81	\$ 10.00
Savings bank tax	3.14	3.00
Bounties	118.00	114.50
<b>From Local Sources except Taxes</b>		
Interest and costs included	45.00	30.00
Auto permits	192.85	190.00
<b>From Local Taxes other than     Property Taxes</b>		
Poll taxes 1948	70.00	70.00
Dog taxes 1948 and '47	52.00	40.00
Income Forest Reserve for 1947	679.12	600.00
Income a-c Federal Forest Lands	1,224.44	900.00
Income from Trust Funds		
For cemeteries	54.03	54.00
For highways	56.37	56.00
Estimated Total Revenue		\$ 2,067.50
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes		3,677.50
<b>Total revenues</b>		\$ 5,745.00
Total Revenues from all sources except property taxes, estimated	\$ 2,067.50	
Amount to be raised by property taxes	3,677.50	
Total	\$ 5,745.00	



## *Town of Benton*

### Estimate of Expenditures for the Year 1949 Compared with Actual Expenditures for the Year 1948

	Actual 1948	Estimated 1949
<b>Purpose of Expenditures</b>		
<b>Current Maintenance Expense</b>		
<b>General Government</b>		
1. Town officers' salaries	348.50	400.00
2. Town officers' expenses	313.76	400.00
3. Election and registration	226.45	80.00
4. Community Building Care	78.78	150.00
<b>Protection - Persons &amp; Property</b>		
5. Police department	5.00	5.00
6. Bounties	114.50	
<b>Health</b>		
7. Health officer	5.00	5.00
8. Vital statistics	9.00	10.00
<b>Highways and Bridges</b>		
9. Town roads	647.00	700.00
10. Snow removal	905.03	900.00
<b>Libraries</b>		
11. Librarian	12.00	12.00
<b>Charities</b>		
12. Town poor and old age assistance	304.36	400.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes</b>		
13. Memorial Day	28.39	40.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises</b>		
14. Cemeteries	126.67	100.00
15. Payment on Community Building	88.00	88.00
16. Interest on notes	16.65	65.00
17. Town road aid	87.86	90.00
<b>Payments to other gov. divisions</b>		
18. County tax	328.66	400.00
19. Payments to School District, dog tax and forest reserve included	2,541.56	1,900.00
<b>Total expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 5,745.00</b>

## *Summary Inventory of Valuation*

Land and buildings (exclusive of growing wood and timber)		\$ 69,570.
Growing wood and timber		8,070.
Electric plants, 2		30,990.
Horses, 18		2,000.
Bulls, 2		175.
Cows, 94		11,750.
Neat stock, 23		1,810.
Sheep, 10		100.
Wood and lumber, etc.		2,370.
Gasoline pumps and tanks, 2		250.
Stock in trade		585.
Total 1948 valuation		\$ 127,670.
1948 Total valuation	\$ 127,670.00	
1947 Total valuation	125,210.08	
1948 Increase	\$ 2,459.92	
61 polls at \$2.	\$122.	
Average rate of taxation for all purposes		\$ 2.70
Amount of property valuation exempted to soldiers		\$ 3,125.
Number of inventories sent out	80	
Number of inventories returned	51	

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## *Appropriations and Taxes Assessed*

for the Year of 1948

### Appropriations

Town officers' salaries	\$ 400.00
Town officers' expenses	300.00
Election and registration	215.00
Community building and town clerk's office	175.00

Police department	5.00	
Health department	5.00	
Vital statistics	7.00	
Town road aid	88.00	
Town summer maintenance	600.00	
Snow removal and sanding	1,000.00	
Snowplow rent and repairs	100.00	
Libraries	12.00	
Old age assistance	300.00	
Memorial day	25.00	
Cemeteries	75.00	
Interest on notes	65.00	
Payment on community bldg. note	88.00	
County tax	328.66	
School tax	1,400.00	
Total town and school appropriations		\$ 5,188.66
<b>Less estimated revenues and credits</b>		
Railroad tax	\$ 10.00	
Savings bank tax	4.00	
Reimbursement a-c state and federal	1,000.00	
Motor vehicle permits fees	130.00	
Forest reserve	600.00	
Interest received on taxes	20.00	
Total revenues and credits		\$ 1,764.00
		\$ 3,424.66
Plus overlay		144.43
<b>Net amount to be raised by taxation</b>		<b>\$ 3,569.09</b>
Less 61 polls at \$ 2.		122.00
<b>Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is figured</b>		<b>\$ 3,447.09</b>
Property taxes	\$ 3,447.09	
Poll taxes	122.00	
Total taxes committed to collector		\$ 3,569.09
Average tax rate for 1948, \$ 2.70		

## TOWN OF BENTON

*Balance*ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$ 1,481.77
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Accounts due to the town	
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From State—Bounties	114.50
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Unredeemed taxes (from tax sale on account of)	
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Levy of 1947	50.57
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Levy of 1946	38.75
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Uncollected taxes	
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Levy of 1948—property	440.11
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Levy of 1948—polls	52.00
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Levy of 1947—polls	2.00
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Levy of 1946—polls	2.00
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Total assets	\$ 2,181.70
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Grand total	\$ 2,181.70
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Surplus—Dec. 31, 1947	\$ 1,831.83
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Surplus—Dec. 31, 1948	917.70
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The 1948 Forest Reserve and National a-c Forest Fund were not received at the time accounts were closed on Dec. 31, 1948.

*Sheet*

DEC. 31, 1948

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the town

Due to School District, balance of approp.	none
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Outstanding temporary loans in  
anticipation of taxes

Woodsville bank note	\$ 1,000.00
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Long term notes outstanding

Balance of community building note	264.00
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Total liabilities	\$ 1,264.00
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Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	917.70
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Grand total	\$ 2,181.70
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## *Schedule of Town Property*

Community building and school combined	\$ 5,000.
Furniture and equipment	1,000.
Town clerk's building	200.
Furniture and equipment	50.
Library, furniture and equipment	300.
Highway equipment	445.
Town safe	50.
Veterans' Plaque	65.
Total	\$ 7,110.

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## *Town Clerk's Report*

Received for 64 motor vehicle permit fees from Jan. 1, 1948 to Jan. 1, 1949	\$ 204.10
Received for dog licenses	
21 males	\$ 42.00
2 females	10.00
	\$ 52.00
	\$ 256.10

## *Tax Collector's Report*

1948 property tax collected	\$ 2,972.58
1948 discount	34.40
1948 poll tax collected	70.00
1948 interest	.05
Total 1948 collections	<u>\$ 3,077.03</u>
1948 uncollected property tax	440.11
1948 uncollected polls	52.00
1948 tax warrant	\$ 3,447.09
1947 property tax collected	\$ 856.01
1947 property tax sold	50.57
Property 1947 collections	\$ 906.58
1947 uncollected	2.00
1947 unredeemed	\$ 50.57
1947 poll tax collected	58.00
1947 interest collected	33.61
1947 cost of advertising	12.75
1947 cost of sale	1.75
1947 poll tax interest	.24
1948 collections	\$ 3,077.03
1947 property tax	856.01
1947 property tax sold	50.57
1947 polls	58.00
1947 interest	33.61
1947 cost of adv.	12.75
1947 cost of sale	1.75
1947 poll tax interest	.24
Total collections	\$ 4,089.96

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

IRA E. ELLIOTT  
*Tax Collector*

## *Treasurer's Report*

For Year Ended Dec. 31, 1948

Received from Ira E. Elliott, tax collector—

1948 property tax collected	\$ 2,972.58
1948 discount	34.40
1948 interest	.05
1948 poll tax	70.00
1947 property tax collected	\$ 856.01
1947 property tax bought by town	50.57
1947 interest collected	30.55
1947 interest paid by town	3.06
1947 poll tax	58.00
1947 poll tax interest	.24
1947 costs of sale	14.50
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	\$ 4,089.96

Received from State of N. H.—

Bounties on hedgehogs	73.00
Bounties on 3 bears	45.00
National forest reserve fund	679.12
Reimbursement a-c federal forest lands	1,024.44
Refund on T.R.A. account	411.80
Savings bank tax	3.14
Railroad tax	11.81
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	2,248.31

Received from Floyd Hutchins—

1947 motor tax	2.16
1948 motor vehicle tax	192.85
1948 dog tax	44.00
1947 dog tax	6.00
1946 dog tax	2.00



1948 trust fund for cemeteries	54.03	
1948 trust fund for highways	56.37	
		357.41
Received from Hazel Hobart		
Cemetery lot	5.00	
Received from Woodsville Bank note	1,000.00	
		1,005.00
Total receipts		\$ 7,700.68
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1947		1,436.99
		9,137.67
Less Selectmen's orders paid		7,655.90
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1948		\$ 1,481.77

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT  
*Town Treasurer*

## TOWN OF BENTON

*Receipts and*

## RECEIPTS

## Current Revenue

From local taxes (collected and  
remitted to treasurer)

1. Property taxes —1948	\$ 2,972.58
2. Poll taxes —1948	70.00
3. Discounts	34.40
4. Total current year's taxes collected	\$ 3,076.98
5. Property taxes —1947	856.01
6. Poll taxes —1947	58.00
8. Interest received on taxes	33.90
9. Tax sales and costs 1947	65.07

## From State

10. For highways and bridges	
Town road aid, refund for	
town payroll	411.80
12. Railroad tax	11.81
13. Savings bank tax	3.14
15. Reimbursement a-c state and	
federal forest lands	1,024.44
16. National forest reserve	679.12
18. Bounties bears and porcupines	118.00
	.....
	2,248.31

## From local sources except taxes

22. Dog licenses	52.00
27. Income from trust funds	110.40
31. Registration of motor vehicles	
1947 permits	2.16
1948 permits	192.85
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	357.41

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*Payments*

YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1948

PAYMENTS

## Current maintenance expenses

## General government

1. Town officers' salaries	\$ 348.50
2. Town officers' expenses	313.76
3. Election and registration	226.45
4. Town hall and other buildings	78.78

## Protection of persons and property

5. Police department	5.00
6. Bounties	114.50

## Health

7. Health officer	5.00
8. Vital statistics	9.00

## Highways and bridges

9. T.R.A. appropriation to state	87.86
10. Snow removal, sanding, etc.	905.03
11. Town maintenance —summer	647.00
12. T.R.A. Refund account	411.60

## Libraries

13. Libraries	12.00
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## Public welfare

14. Old age assistance	304.36
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## Patriotic purposes

15. Memorial day	28.39
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## Public service enterprises

16. Cemeteries	126.67
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## Unclassified

17. Taxes bought by town	57.13
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Total current maintenance	\$ 3,681.03
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## TOWN OF BENTON

*Receipts and*

## RECEIPTS

*Continued*

Total current revenue receipts	\$ 6,695.68
Receipts other than current revenue	
32. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	1,000.00
Lot in Mt. View Cemetery	5.00
Total receipts from all sources	\$ 7,700.68
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1948	1,436.99
Grand total	\$ 9,137.67

*Payments*

YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1948

## PAYMENTS

*Continued*

18. Interest on notes		16.65
Indebtedness		
19. Payment on Community building	88.00	
20. Payment on short term note	1,000.00	
		1,088.00
Payments to other gov. divisions		
21. Taxes paid to County	328.66	
22. Payments to School District	2,541.56	
		2,870.22
Total payments for all purposes		7,655.90
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1948		1,481.77
Grand total		\$ 9,137.67

## *Detailed Statement of Payments*

### General Government

#### Detail 1 Town Officers' Salaries

Ethel A. Boutin, auditing 1947 acc'ts	\$ 11.20
Charles H. Tyler, selectman	60.00
John Boutin, selectman	33.60
Joseph Boutin, Jr., selectman	31.80
Floyd J. Hutchins, town clerk	50.00
Margaret E. Elliott, town treas.	50.00
Ira E. Elliott, tax collector	50.00
" " attending tax meeting	5.60
" " for tax sales	10.00
Floyd J. Hutchins, 23 dog fees at .20	4.60
" " 61 motor fees at .50	30.50
" " 1 day, to Lisbon, Trustees business	5.60
Forrest Clark, " " " " " "	5.60
Total	\$ 348.50

1948 appropriation \$400.00

#### Detail 2 Town Officers' Expenses

Twin State News, printing town reports	\$ 207.50
Joseph Boutin, Jr., 2 selectmen's dinners	1.20
Wheeler & Clark Co., selectman's stamp	2.33
Charles H. Tyler, selectman's postage & phone	4.58
F. J. Shores, Register of Deeds, transfers	3.92
Brown & Saltmarsh, tax bills & supplies	25.15
Edson C. Eastman Co., dog tags	3.10
Ira E. Elliott, 1 tax collector's dinner	.60
John Boutin, selectman, use of car & dinners for selectmen	10.50
R. T. Bartlett Insurance Co., officers' bonds	21.00
N. H. Tax Collectors Ass'n, collector's dues	4.00
Charles R. Hardy, Jr., town clerk's dues	2.00

F. J. Shores, Register of Deeds, tax notices & discharge	5.00
Lisbon Bank, rent of trustees' box	4.80
Floyd J. Hutchins, town clerk's postage	4.89
" " use of car & dinners for trustees	5.00
Ira E. Elliott, tax collector's postage	2.85
Margaret E. Elliott, town treasurer's postage	5.34
Total	\$ 313.76
1948 appropriation	\$300.00

### Detail 3 Election and Registration

#### For March

Edson C. Eastman, check lists	\$ 3.70
Ethel Boutin, supervisor, March meeting	11.20
Joseph Boutin, Jr., supervisor, March meeting R	8.40
Chester Elliott, supervisor (R) March meeting	11.20
William Harris, ballot clerk, March meeting	5.60
Thelma Boutin, " " " "	5.60
Mildred Elliott, " " " "	5.60
Frances Mardin " " " "	5.60
Forrest Clark (A) supervisor " "	2.80
Ira E. Elliott, moderator " "	5.60
	65.30

#### For June Setting

Forrest Clark, supervisor	5.60
Ethel Boutin " "	5.60
	11.20

#### For September Primary

John Elliott, Jr., supervisor	11.20
Ethel Boutin " "	11.20
Forrest Clark " "	11.20
Mildred Elliott, ballot clerk	5.60
Frances Mardin " "	5.60
Thelma Boutin " "	5.60
William Harris " "	5.60

Charles H. Tyler, selectman	5.60
John Boutin           "	5.60
Joseph Boutin, Jr.   "	5.60
Ira E. Elliott, moderator	5.60
	<u>78.40</u>

## November Election

Mildred Elliott, ballot clerk	5.60
Frances Mardin       "       "	5.60
Thelma Boutin       "       "	5.60
William Harris       "       "	5.60
Edson C. Eastman, 12 checklists	4.35
Ira E. Elliott, moderator	5.60
Charles H. Tyler, selectman	5.60
John Boutin           "	5.60
Joseph Boutin, Jr.   "	5.60
Ethel Boutin, supervisor	11.20
Forrest Clark       "	11.20
	<u>71.55</u>

## Elections

For March	65.30
For June	11.20
For September Primary	78.40
For November Election	71.55
Total	<u>\$226.45</u>

1948 appropriation \$215.00

## Detail 4 Town Hall and Other Buildings

Howard Tyler, janitor	\$ 21.00
Wells River Five & Ten Cent Store, dishes	18.43
Cota's Store, Marvalon for tables	4.05
Lester Hood, supplies	1.70
	<u>45.18</u>



Forrest Clark, town clerk's cleaning work	11.20
Lulu Clark       "       "       "       "	11.20
Margaret Elliott   "       "       "       "	11.20
	33.60
Community Building	45.18
Town Clerk's Building	33.60
Total	\$78.78

1948 appropriation \$175.00

### Protection of Persons & Property

#### Detail 5 Police Department

Ira E. Elliott, constable	\$	5.00
1948 appropriation		\$5.00

#### Detail 6 Bounties

3 bears at \$20.00	\$	60.00
109 porcupines at .50		54.50
Total	\$	114.50

#### Detail 7 Health Department

John Boutin, health officer	\$	5.00
1948 appropriation		\$5.00

#### Detail 8 Vital Statistics

Floyd Hutchins		
11 deaths at .50	\$	5.50
1 marriage at .50		.50
1 reporting at .25		.25
Dr. Paul Burnett, 10 deaths at .25		2.50
Dr. H. C. Pickwick, 1 death at .25		.25
Total	\$	9.00
1948 appropriation		\$7.00

**Detail 9 T. R. A. Town Road Aid**

Town's appropriation to State Highway Dep't \$	87.86
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**Detail 10 T. R. A.**

Town Road Aid labor payments	\$ 411.60
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This was refunded by State checks.

**Detail 11 Snow Removal, Sanding, Etc.**

Ira E. Elliott, plowing, sanding, snow fence		
labor (self & truck)	\$	561.60
Joseph Boutin, Jr., labor		112.00
Chester Elliott, labor		59.15
Dexter's Garage, labor on snow plow		4.46
John Elliott, Jr., labor		2.80
John Elliott, Sr.     "		9.10
Robert Elliott       "		2.80
Wayne Wheeler, snow fence posts		10.00
Ernest Coates, labor		4.90
State Highway Garage, snow plow labor		
& repairs		126.72
Tilden Day, sand for winter use		5.60
Howard Tyler, labor		1.40
Slim's Service Center, welding		4.50
Total	\$	905.03

1948 snow removal appropriation	\$1000.00
snow plow             "	100.00
Total winter         "	\$1100.00

**Detail 12 Town Road Maintenance****Summer Work**

Ira E. Elliott, labor, self & truck	\$ 428.60
Joseph Boutin, Jr., labor	169.40
John Elliott, labor	5.60

Frank Powers, labor	16.80
Town of Haverhill, gravel	6.00
New England Culvert Co.	16.80
Tilden Day, gravel	3.80
Total town road expense	\$ 647.00

Town road 1948 appropriation	\$600.00
From trust funds for highways	56.37
	\$656.37

### Detail 13 Libraries

Margaret Elliott, librarian	\$ 12.00
Appropriated	\$12.00

### Detail 14 Old Age Assistance and Town Poor

Expended on town poor	None
Old age assistance	\$ 304.36
1948 appropriation	\$300.00

### Detail 15 Memorial Day

Frank Norris, Memorial Day dinner supplies	\$ 23.32
Norene Hood, salt pork	2.70
Flags for cemeteries	2.37
	28.39
Appropriated	\$25.00

### Detail 16 Cemeteries

Cemeteries: Mt. View, East and South Benton

Grafton County Feed Co., grass seed	\$ 2.27
Ira Elliott and truck, hauling loam	7.65
Joseph Boutin, Jr., labor on loam	3.15
Jack Douglas, sharpening mower	2.00

Chamberlin's Greenhouse, flower sets	1.75
William Harris, assistant sexton, labor	40.25
Howard Tyler, sexton, Mt. View and East	54.60
William Coates, sexton, South Benton	15.00
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	\$ 126.67

1948 Town appropriation	\$75.00
Received from trust funds	54.03
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	129.03

A new chart of the Mountain View Cemetery is being made by James M. Leonard.

#### **Detail 17 Taxes Bought by Town**

Interest and costs included	\$ 57.13
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#### **Detail 18 Interest**

Paid on notes	\$ 16.65
Appropriated	\$65.00

#### **Detail 19 Payment on Long Term Notes**

Community building annual payment	\$ 88.00
Appropriated	\$88.00

#### **Detail 20 Payment on Short Term Notes**

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$1,000.00
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#### **Detail 21 County Tax**

Harry Huckins, County Treasurer	\$ 328.66
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#### **Detail 22 Schools**

School payments, one-half share of forest reserve and dog taxes included	\$ 2,541.56
1948 town's appropriation	\$1,400.00

## *Highway Agent's Report*

### Summer Maintenance

1948 Town road appropriation	\$ 600.00
" Received from trust funds	56.37
	.....
	\$ 656.37
Total expended on highways	647.00
	.....
Balance	9.37
 Expended Town Road Aid	 \$ 411.60
TRA town's appropriation	87.86
 Expended for snow removal, sanding, snow fence, labor and snowplow repairs	 \$ 905.03
Appropriated for plow and snow removal	\$ 1100.00

IRA E. ELLIOTT  
*Highway Agent*

## *Auditor's Report*

I have examined the accounts of the selectmen, tax collector, town clerk, treasurer, road agent, and trustees of trust funds, and found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN  
*Town Auditor*

Jan. 5, 1949

## *Librarian's Report*

For Year Ended Dec. 31, 1948

Books in library Dec. 31, 1947	1018
Books loaned in 1948	90
Books in circulation	10
Books in library Dec. 31, 1948	1008
Books loaned by bookmobile	70

We wish to thank the Bookmobile for the books loaned during the year.

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT  
*Librarian*

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1948	\$ 71.88
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Interest not placed on account for three years.

LULU M. CLARK  
MILDRED A. ELLIOTT  
*Library Trustees*

# Report of the Trust Funds, Town of Benton, N. H., on Dec. 31, 1948

Name of Fund	Purpose	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Balance of Income on hand Dec. 31, 1947	Income During Year	Expended for			Balance of Income on hand Dec. 31, 1948
						Cem.	Sch.	Hwy.	
Ira Whitcher	Cemetery	U S Treasury bond	500 00	10 63	12 50	10 00			13 19
Whitcher and Mann	Cem lot, bal if any, sch'l - highw'y	"	500 00		12 50	8 50	2 00	2 00	
"	Cemetery	"	1000 00		25 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	
"	School	"	1500 00		49 38		49 38		
	Highways	"	250 00						
		"	1500 00		49 37			49 37	
		"	250 00		1 00	1 00			
Ella Mann	Cemetery lot	Lisbon Savings Bank	50 00	14 90	3 30	3 00			15 20
George H Clark	"	"	200 00		84	84			1 00
William T Torsey	"	"	50 00	1 00	84	84			1 00
Samuel C Annis	"	"	50 00	1 00	84	84			1 00
Jonathan Davis	"	"	50 00	1 00	84	84			1 00
J C Speed	"	"	134 71	11 19	2 25	2 00			11 48
Samuel Hitcher & William Kendall	"	"	200 00	14 32	3 30	3 00			14 62
Kendrick L Howe	"	"	80 00		1 00	1 00			
Daniel M & Kendrick L Howe	"	"	100 00		2 01	2 01			
Isabella M Tyler	"	"	50 00		1 00	1 00			
L H Parker	Rent of cemetery field	"			5 00				

## TRUST FUND TOTALS

Total amount received from trust funds, year ended Dec. 31, 1948	\$ 170.17	
Balance Dec. 31, 1947	54.10	
		\$ 224.27

Total amount paid for care of cemetery lots, for repairing and beautifying Mountain View Cemetery, and for school and highways	\$ 166.78	
Balance Dec. 31, 1948	57.49	
		\$ 224.27

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS  
 NAPOLEON BURKE  
 FORREST CLARK

*Trustees of Trust Funds*



# *Benton School Report*

## DISTRICT OFFICERS

### SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Floyd Hutchins, Chairman	Term expires 1949
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Term expires 1950
Mrs. Lulu Clark	Term expires 1951

### OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

Charles H. Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Mildred Elliott	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Ira A. Elliott	Moderator
Ronald A. Perham	Superintendent of Schools
Forrest Clark	Truant Officer

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## Certificate

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

FLOYD HUTCHINS  
ETHEL BOUTIN  
LULU CLARK  
*School Board*

RONALD A. PERHAM  
*Supt. of Schools*

Feb. 1, 1949

## Warrant for School Meeting

### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said district on the eighth day of March, 1949, at two 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 agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of agents auditors, committees or officers heretofore 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 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.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

FLOYD HUTCHINS  
ETHEL BOUTIN  
LULU CLARK

*School Board*

## RECEIPTS

1947-1948

State and Federal Aid		
Equalization fund for elementary schools (from State)	\$ 1,297.42	
Federal Forest Reserve	339.56	
		1,636.98
Income from Local Taxation		
(Raised by selectmen)		
For support of elementary and high schools 1947-48		2,000.00
Income from Other Sources		
Income from Local Trust Funds	56.38	
Dog Licenses	28.00	
Elementary Tuition	130.04	
		214.42
Total Receipts from all Sources		3,851.40
Cash on hand at beginning of year July 1, 1947		695.96
Grand Total	\$ 4,547.36	

## PAYMENTS

1947-1948

Administration		
Salaries of district officers	\$	55.66
Superintendent's excess salary		68.68
Tax for state-wide supervision		74.00
Expenses of administration		
(a) Clerical assistants		8.67
(b) Supplies and expenses		7.70

## Instruction

Teachers' salaries	1,793.50
Textbooks	91.59
Scholars' supplies	52.03
Other expenses of instruction	
(b) Supplies, other expenses	65.53

## Operation of School Plant

Janitor's salaries	359.85
Fuel	159.75
Water, light, janitor's supplies	58.20
Repairs and replacements	41.05

## Auxiliary Activities

Health supervision	
(a) Salaries	32.95
Transportation of pupils	444.00
Tuition - elementary and secondary	536.70

## Fixed Charges

Insurance	45.00
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## Debt, Interest and Other Charges

Payments of principal of debt	240.00
Payments of interest on debt	42.00
Bank service charge	5.88

Total payments for all purposes 4,182.74

Cash on hand at end of year,  
June 30, 1948 364.62

Grand Total \$ 4,547.36

## BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1948

### ASSETS

Cash on hand, June 30, 1948	364.62	
Accounts due to District		
Town appropriation	898.77	
Total Assets		\$ 1,263.39

### LIABILITIES

Bonds outstanding	960.00	
Total liabilities	960.00	
Excess of assets over liabilities	303.39	
		\$ 1,263.39

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### Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Benton, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1948, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

July 14, 1948

MILDRED A. ELLIOTT  
*Auditor*

## Annual Report of District Treasurer

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1948

Cash on hand, June 30, 1947	\$ 695.96
Received from Selectmen	
Appropriations for current year	\$ 2,000.00
Dog tax	28.00
Income from trust funds	56.38
Received from state treasurer	
State aid	1,297.42
Federal forest reserve	339.56
Tuition	130.04
	<u>3,851.40</u>
Total amount available for fiscal year	4,547.36
Less school board orders paid	4,182.74
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1948	\$ 364.62

CHARLES H. TYLER  
*Treasurer*

July 14, 1948

## School Board's Estimate for 1949-1950

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1949.

### Detailed Statement of Expenditures

#### Support of School

Teacher's salary	\$ 1,900.00
Textbooks	100.00
Scholars' supplies	100.00
Flags and appurtenances	5.00
Other expenses of instruction	70.00
Janitor service	450.00
Fuel	175.00
Water, light, janitor's supplies	75.00
Minor repairs and expenses	50.00
Health supervision	32.95
Transportation of pupils	444.00
Payment of elementary tuitions	300.00
Other special activities	10.00
	.....
	\$ 3,711.95

#### Other Statutory Requirements

Salaries of district officers	43.00
Truant officer and school census	10.00
Payment of tuition in high schools	800.00
Superintendent's excess salary	68.75
Per capita tax	40.00
Payment of district debt	240.00
Interest on district debt	42.00
Other obligations	735.00
	.....
	1,978.75

#### *Amount required to meet School*

#### *Board's budget*

\$ 5,690.70

### Estimated Income of District

Balance, June 30, 1949	
State aid	\$ 1,200.00
Dog tax	25.00
Income from trust funds	50.00
Other estimated income	250.00
<i>Deduct total estimated income (not raised by taxation)</i>	<i>1,525.00</i>
<i>Assessment required to balance School Board's Budget</i>	<i>4,165.70</i>
<i>Total assessment required to cover budget and appropriations</i>	<i>\$ 4,165.70</i>

We recommend that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 4,165.70 for the coming school year.

FLOYD HUTCHINS

ETHEL BOUTIN

LULU CLARK

*School Board*

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I herewith submit my sixth annual report as Superintendent of Schools:

The total enrollment of the school in 1947-48 was 22; the average membership 17.19 and the percentage of attendance 97.57. There were no tardinesses. There was one pupil attending Lisbon High School, two attending Woodsville High School, one elementary pupil attending at Warren and one attending at North Haverhill.

At Benton Street School this year the total enrollment is 22. There are five pupils attending high school, four at Haverhill and one at Lisbon. Two pupils are attending elementary school at Pike and two at Glencliff.



The Town of Benton is to be congratulated on sending so many of its pupils to high school. The pupils who are attending high school from Benton have a good foundation in elementary work and seem to get along well in high school.

Your school has doubled in size during the past five years. When I first began work in your district, there were ten pupils. Now there are twenty.

All of these things speak very well for your school system, but they also cost money. Under present conditions, it costs about \$5,000.00 to run your school each year. From State Aid and other sources you receive about \$1,500.00 leaving a balance of \$3,500.00 to be raised annually by taxation. In addition to this sum of \$3,500.00, we will need \$650.00 because enough was not appropriated last year for 1948-49 expenses. The total appropriation required is approximately \$4,150.00. This is not excessive and is in line with what other districts are doing when they desire to maintain a one-room school. Although the appropriation is larger this year the only sharp increase in your school expense is tuition. High school tuition is now \$158.74 per pupil and elementary tuition is \$75 per pupil. For the past two years we have been using surplus appropriations to meet current expenses; therefore the school appropriation has been small. Now the surplus has been used, and we must raise the annual costs if we are to maintain our school.

I have enjoyed the work in your community and appreciate the excellent cooperation of the school board and the community.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM  
*Supt. of Schools*

# Marriages Registered in the Town of BENTON, N. H., for the Year Ended Dec. 31, 1948

Date	Place	Persons Married	Residence of Each	Age	Occupation	Birthplace	Parents' Names	By Whom Married
May 22	Benton	Chester A Boutin	Benton	23	laborer	Haverhill	Napoleon Boutin Alexzena Demers	Floyd J. Hutchins Benton
		Jeanette R Nelson	Woodsville	19	at home	"	Elmore Tyler Edith Nelson	Justice

# Deaths Registered in the Town of BENTON, N. H., for the Year Ended December 31, 1948

Date	Cause of Death	Name and Surname of the deceased	Age			Place of Birth		Sex	Single, Married or Widowed	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days							
1948												
Feb 21	pulmonary t'culosis	Mary D Griffin	48	10	27	Manchester		F	S		Michael Griffin	Mary Cordell
Mar 9	chronic nephritis	Raymond J Faro	47	11	6	Lebanon		M	M		Jodeau Faro	Rose Lapoint
Jun 6	pulmonary t'culosis	Ellen P Murphy	35	11	1	Farmington		F	M		John Pike	Eliza Clautman
Jun 6	"	Jeanne Usereau	26	7	1	Montmagny Can da		F	M		Aldede Roy	Annie Lacombe
Jul 25	"	Tracy L Claffin, Jr	17	11	11	Peterboro		M	S		Tracy L Claffin	Doris Paquette
Jul 30	"	William J Fielding	55	5	22	Chicago Ill		M	S		John Fielding	Mary Malley
Oct 5	"	Kitty C Exas	26	3	12	Dover		F	S		Christopher Exas	Angelina Coopers
Oct 16	"	Helen Liopus	24	9	4	Nashua		F	S		James Liopus	Anna Dramas
19	"	Bertha E Holden	21	25		Dover		F	S		Alfred Roy	Blanche Stenerw'ld
Dec 27	general tub'culosis	Alfred U Mardin	27	3	27	Whitefield		F	W		Herbert Blakslee	Claribel Curtis
			51	5	3	Sugar Hill		M	M		Ervin Mardin	Clara Hill



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