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Town of
SUGAR HILL
New Hampshire

Year ending December 31, 1969



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TOWN OF SUGAR HILL
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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR — Enzo Serafini

TOWN CLERK — Edith Aldrich 823-5301

SELECTMEN

Ross N. Coffin, 1970 823-5252
Joseph Cushing Jr., 1971 823-5205
Roger H. Aldrich, Chairman, 1972 823-5937

TAX COLLECTOR — Gertrude Parker 823-7735

TREASURER — Raymond C. Martin

HIGHWAY AGENT — Harold Aldrich 823-5301

POLICE CHIEF — Gary Young 444-5953
823-5327

FIRE CHIEF

Albert Aldrich 823-5927
To Report Fire 823-8412

AUDITOR — William A. Norton

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Philip Robertson, 1970 823-5354
Robert Hayward, 1972 823-5564
Dorothy MacEwan, 1974 823-5602

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Rosalie Robertson, 1970
Gladys Jesseman, Chairman, 1971
Lucy Oakes, 1972

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Benton Moyer, Jr., 1970
Marshall Wilcox, Chairman, 1971 - Resigned
James Branch, 1971 - Appointed
Raymond Dickinson, 1972

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE — Mary E. Peckett

HEALTH OFFICER — Carolyn Grass

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Harold Aldrich, 1970
Enzo Serafini, 1971
Marshall Wilcox, 1972 - Resigned
Gregory Ball, 1972 - Appointed
Donald Jesseman, 1973
Harry Reid, 1974

PLANNING BOARD

Esther Serafini, 1970
Juna Grass, 1971
Joseph Cushing, Jr., 1971
Eugene Foss, 1972
Harry Reid, 1973

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sugar Hill, in the County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meeting House, Sugar Hill, N.H., Tuesday the tenth day of March, 1970, A.D. at seven-thirty (7:30) P.M. to act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Town Clerk, a Selectman for a term of three years, a Town Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, an Auditor, an Overseer of Public Welfare, a Library Trustee for a term of three years, a Constable, a Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years, a member of the Board of Adjustment for a term of five years and three persons for a term of one year each to act as appointing authority to appoint temporary members of the Board of Adjustment in case of disqualification, resignation, death, or absence of any permanent member or members.

ARTICLE 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	300.00
Expenses of Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	2,200.00
Reappraisal of Property	400.00
Police Department	9,000.00
Fire Department Salaries	1,000.00
Insurance	1,500.00
Conservation Commission	50.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	400.00
Bounties	10.00
Health Department, including Hospitals	752.00
Vital Statistics	15.00
Town Dump	500.00
Town Road Maintenance - Summer	12,000.00
Town Road Maintenance - Winter	6,500.00
Street Lighting	2,700.00
General Expense of Highway Department	5,000.00
Town Road Aid	598.92
Libraries	2,000.00
Town Poor	500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00
Memorial Day and Town Anniversary Day	225.00

Cemeteries	600.00
Advertising and Regional Association	1,591.40
Recreational Program	400.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	200.00
Lisbon Bridge Payment	2,767.86
Interest on Serial Notes	800.00
Principal Payment of Serial Notes	4,000.00
	<u>\$60,510.18</u>

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the Sugar Hill Fire Department.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new highway grader and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,500.00 for the same: \$15,000.00 of this to be withdrawn from the Equipment Reserve Fund and the balance (\$8,500.00) to be raised by taxation in the current year.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a 1,000 gallon tank and a gasoline pump with funds from the Highway Department General Expense Account.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Constable under the provisions of R.S.A. 245:6, said appointment to begin in 1971.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to direct a discount of one per cent (1%) to be made to those persons who shall pay their taxes within a period of three (3) weeks from the date of the tax bill.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a police cruiser through the State contract and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for same.

ARTICLE 10. If the above article is passed to see if the Town will decide whether to raise the sum of \$3,000.00 from current taxation or to authorize the Selectmen to borrow on the credit of the Town the sum of money so raised and appropriated and for this purpose authorize the issue of serial notes or bonds of the Town under and in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act or any other enabling authority, delegating to the Board of Selectmen the discretion of fixing the date, maturities, denominations, the interest rate, or discount rate in the case of notes, the place of payment, the form and other details of said bonds or notes, and of providing for the sale thereof; and to see if the Town will vote to accept any State or Federal monies available toward the purchase of the same.

ARTICLE 11. To hear reports of Committees previously chosen and pass any vote in relation thereto and to see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint such committees as seem necessary.

ARTICLE 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this sixteenth day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy.

ROGER H. ALDRICH
JOSEPH CUSHING, JR.
ROSS N. COFFIN

Selectmen of Sugar Hill

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL,

Estimate of the Revenue for the Year 1970 Compared with
Actual Revenue for the Year 1969

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1969	Actual 1969	Estimated 1970
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	18,000.00	21,160.18	21,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	150.00	207.04	200.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	700.00	981.76	900.00
Reimbursement a/c Gas Tax	150.00	286.09	150.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	190.00	181.40	180.00
Permits and Filing Fees		12.50	
Interest Received on Taxes	25.00	34.98	30.00
Interest on Deposits		187.50	
Highway Department Income	600.00	1,277.31	600.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	4,500.00	5,923.58	5,500.00
Gift - Meeting House		75.00	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	2,500.00	2,500.00	15,000.00
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
Meetinghouse Renovations		1,600.00	
Cruiser Notes			3,000.00
Reimbursement Library Social Security		47.56	
Reimbursement School District (Tractor)		628.50	
Insurance Refund		24.00	
Reimbursement Forest Fire Expense		15.00	
Cash Surplus	2,000.00	2,593.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes - Regular at \$2.00	300.00	322.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	50.00	64.00	
Yield Taxes	50.00		
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$29,215.00	\$52,523.40	\$46,560.00
AMT. TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES			\$52,975.18
TOTAL REVENUES			\$99,535.18

NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR 1970

Estimate of Expenditures for the Year 1970 Compared with
the Actual Expenditures for the Year 1969

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations 1969	Actual 1969	Estimated 1970
General Government:			
Town Officer's Salaries	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Town Officer's Expenses	2,000.00	1,832.03	2,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	25.00		300.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	1,000.00	959.05	2,200.00
*Employees' Retirement and Social Security			
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	9,000.00	8,880.29	9,000.00
Fire Department	4,500.00	5,079.36	3,500.00
Blister Rust	125.00		
Insurance	1,000.00	1,181.00	1,500.00
Conservation Commission			50.00
Bounties	10.00	2.00	10.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	200.00	400.00	400.00
Civil Defense	50.00		
Health:			
**Health Department, Inc. Hospitals & Ambulance	752.00	752.00	752.00
Vital Statistics	15.00	9.00	15.00
Town Dump	500.00	442.00	500.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance - Summer	12,000.00	12,026.44	12,000.00
Town Maintenance - Winter	6,500.00	6,597.91	6,500.00
Street Lighting	2,600.00	2,617.97	2,700.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	5,000.00	4,761.77	5,000.00
Town Road Aid	526.43	526.43	598.92
Library:	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	50.00		500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00	309.75	1,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Town Anniversary	215.00	213.92	225.00
Recreation:			
Town of Franconia Recreation Program	400.00	400.00	400.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	600.00	595.25	600.00
•Advertising and Regional Associations	1,485.00	1,485.00	1,591.40

Interest:

On Temporary Loans	200.00	220.68	225.00
On Long Term Notes and Bonds		400.00	800.00

Land, Buildings, and New Equipment:

New Buildings	20,000.00	18,561.90	
New Equipment - Grader \$23,500, Cruiser \$3,000	2,500.00	2,520.00	26,500.00

Payments on Principal of Debt:

Lisbon Bridge	2,854.07	2,854.00	2,767.86
Long Term Notes			4,000.00

County Taxes:

8,000.00	9,065.74	10,000.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$87,007.50	86,583.01	99,535.18
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- * Town has a credit of \$964.08 with State
- ** Littleton Hospital \$300.00, Wht. Mt. Com. Services \$300.00
District Nursing Assoc. \$152.00
- Ski 93 \$100.00, Wht. Mt. Reg. \$411.40, Franconia
Information Booth \$1,080.00

FROM THE SELECTMEN'S POINT OF VIEW

As we predicted in our message last year we had a substantial tax increase in 1969. Since we **had** predicted it, not only in our message, but also at both the Annual Town Meeting and the Annual School Meeting, it came as quite a shock to us to find so many people surprised by the size of their tax bills. Obviously, a great number of our people neither read nor listen, or maybe they just don't believe what they read or hear.

Since the most frequent criticisms received by the Selectmen are about taxes, we think that some basic tax information would be helpful to some of you. Those of you who already understand how a tax rate is determined may find this dull stuff, but we feel that all voters should be armed with this knowledge.

To begin with, a **tax rate** is a **per-centage** figure. It tells you what per-cent of the value of your property you must pay in taxes. In New Hampshire the tax rate is officially expressed in dollars per one hundred dollars of valuation. Our **1969** tax rate was \$3.25 per \$100.00 of valuation. This can also be expressed as \$32.50 per \$1,000.00 or \$.0325 per dollar. All of these expressions mean the same thing - 3.25% of the assessed valuation of your property. If your valuation happened to be \$10,000.00 your taxes would be 3.25% of that figure: \$10,000.00 multiplied by .0325 equals \$325.00.

Your valuation added to all of the **other valuations** in town adds up to the **total assessed valuation** of the town upon which the tax rate is determined. At the Annual Town Meeting we, the voters, decide how much money we want to appropriate for the coming year. From this amount the Selectmen have to subtract the actual and estimated income (revenue other than taxes) of the town. The balance is the **amount to be raised by taxation**. The amount to be raised by taxation (let's call this A) divided by the total valuation of the town (let's call this B) determines the tax rate (let's call this C). So A divided by B equals C. Using the example expressed above, if we decide to appropriate \$400.00 and have \$75.00 income the amount to be raised by taxation will be \$400.00 minus \$75.00 or \$325.00. (A) If the **total valuation** is \$10,000.00 (B) we determine the **tax rate** (C) by dividing \$325.00 by \$10,000.00 which equals .0325. The last amount can be expressed as 3.25% or 3.25 cents per dollar or \$3.25 dollars per one hundred dollars or \$32.50 dollars per one thousand dollars.

By using the above described simple arithmetic it is an easy matter to come up with a reasonably accurate estimate of the new tax rate by adding the amount to be raised by taxation at the Annual School Meeting to the amount to be raised by taxation at the Annual Town Meeting, then dividing this sum by the total valuation of the town.

Another reasonably accurate method of estimating our tax rate is to determine how much it costs us in taxes to raise \$1,000.00. We do this by dividing \$1,000.00 by the latest assessed valuation. Usually we round off the valuation to the nearest 100,000 to avoid complicating the arithmetic. In the present case we divide \$1,000 by \$4,100,000.00 which gives us .000244 which we again round off for easy figuring to .00025. This is our percentage figure and means the same as .025% or .025 cents per dollar or \$.025 per one hundred dollars or \$.25 per \$1,000. What this means is that for **each \$1,000.00** we raise by **taxation** at the town or school meeting we must add 2 1/2 cents to the tax rate. If we raise \$50,000.00 by taxation for town purposes then 50 multiplied by .025 equals \$1.25 per \$100.

Please remember that these are only reasonably accurate **estimates** or **educated guesses**. The final figure must be determined by **accurate** and **actual valuation, appropriations** and **income**. We seldom have accurate valuation figures to work with until June or July. Our income figures can't be arrived at until late July or early August and our County tax rate usually comes in late August. We have had and will continue to have a policy of showing your total assessed valuation on your tax bill. If this figure remains the same, from one year to the next but your taxes have increased the answer is in the increase in the tax rate, which means that the voters have decided to spend more and you have no grounds for complaint to the Selectmen. If your valuation changes, find out why it changed by asking the Selectmen; maybe we made a mistake, we have before.

There you have it. We've initiated you into the mysteries of determining tax rates. We've told you all we know (notice that it didn't take us long). We expect you all to be experts at the school and town meetings.

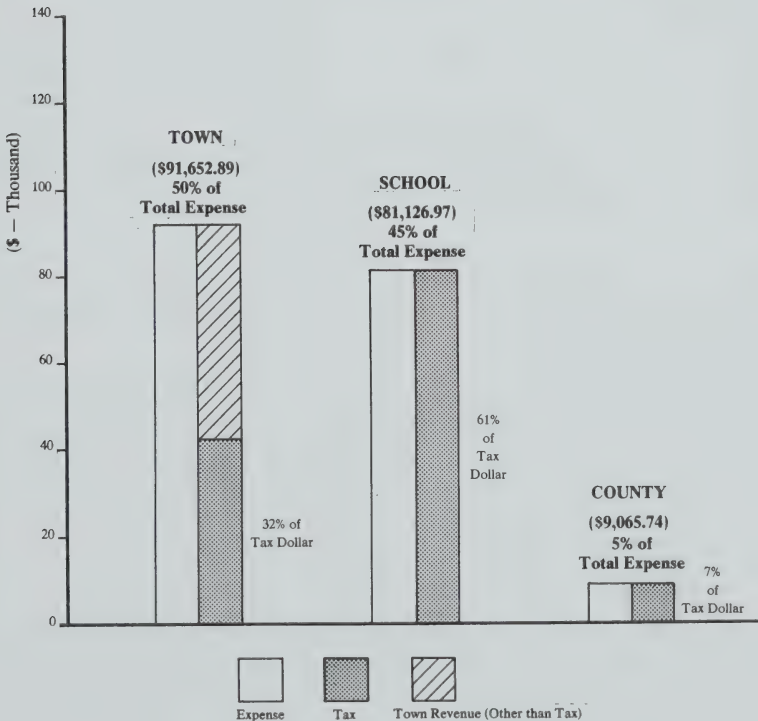
The major project this year was the Meetinghouse renovation. Everyone seems to have been highly enthusiastic about it. We found it necessary to depart somewhat from the Building Committee's recommendations for the basement due to increased costs since the 1967 estimates. The heating room is small but it fills the needs and we can always expand when we find it necessary and want to spend the money. Two heating units were installed, one for the auditorium and one for the rest of the building. They seem to be doing the job well. The upstairs was finished by September 1st., and we moved our office then. We have enjoyed being able to spread out and leave a place we could call home. We hope those of you who haven't seen our new quarters will do so at the Annual Meeting.

You will notice in the financial sections that despite the bad winter and continually rising costs, we managed to stay within the total appropriations. We have no cash surplus to fall back on this year, however, due to non-payment of last years taxes.

We are asking that the Town vote to purchase a new grader. The one we are presently using is 25 years old and is due for major repairs on the order of \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 if we keep it. Since the trade-in allowance is up to this amount, we feel that purchase of a new one is the wiser course of action.

If the budget is adopted as presented with no increases, we think that there will be no increase in the **Town** tax rate; if there is it will be slight. There will be an inevitable increase in the County tax rate as they are in the midst of a building program. There will also be an increase in the School tax rate no matter what road the voters follow on the proposed district combination. Therefore the only effect that our Town budget can leave is one of "lessening the blow". Our net increase in valuation in 1969 was small due to some disastrous losses, however, we expect a sizeable gain in 1970 which will help somewhat.

**SUGAR HILL - 1969
EXPENSE VS REVENUE**



SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land	\$ 645,089.00
Buildings	3,108,935.00
Factory Machinery	15,000.00
Public Utilities - Electric	252,920.00
Stock in Trade	29,700.00
Boats	100.00
Neat Stock - Dairy Cows (151)	15,900.00
- Other Cattle (47)	4,850.00
Gasoline Pumps	500.00
Road Building Machinery	<u>10,324.00</u>
Total Valuation before Exemptions Allowed	\$4,083,318.00
Neatstock Exemptions	5,300.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	<u>\$4,078,018.00</u>

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND TAXES ASSESSED**

1969

Total Town Appropriations	\$88,997.50
Less Revenues	49,310.01
Net Town Appropriations	39,687.49
Net School Appropriations	81,126.97
County Tax Assessment	9,065.74
	129,880.20
Total of Town, School & County	129,880.20
Add: War Service Tax Credits	1,900.00
Add: Overlay	755.39
	\$132,535.59
Property Taxes to be Raised	
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:	
Gross Property Taxes	\$132,535.59
Less: War Service Tax Credits	1,950.00
Net Property Taxes	130,585.59
Add: 1969 Poll Taxes	352.00
Add: National Bank Stock Taxes	50.00
	\$130,987.59

1969 Tax Rates:

Town	\$1.03
County	.23
School	1.99

\$3.25 per Hundred or \$32.50 per Thousand

Town of Sugar Hill**BALANCE****Assets**

Cash	\$46,915.17
Equipment Reserve Fund	16,730.09
Social Security Credit with State	964.08
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1968	5,181.13
State Head Taxes - Levy of 1969	75.00
Total Assets	<u>69,865.47</u>
Excess of Liabilities over Assets (Net Debt)	11,549.48
Grand Total	<u>\$81,414.95</u>

Surplus, December 31, 1968 - \$ 4,568.23

Net Debt, December 31, 1969 11,549.48

Increase of Debt - \$ 6,981.25

Liabilities

Unexpended Special Appropriations	
Meetinghouse Renovation	\$ 1,438.10
Town Garage	344.79
Due to State:	
State Head Taxes Uncollected 1969	75.00
Due to School District:	
Balance of School Tax	46,826.97
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Total Current Liabilities	48,684.86
Capital Reserve Fund	16,730.09
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
Meetinghouse Renovation Notes	16,000.00
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Total Liabilities	81,414.95
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Grand Total	\$81,414.95

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES, FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1969

	Forwarded From 1968	Appro- priations	Receipts	Total Amount Available	Expendi- tures	Balances Un- Expended	Over- Drafts	Carried to 1970 Liabilities
Town Officers' Salaries		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00			
Town Officers' Expenses		2,400.00		2,400.00	2,221.55	178.45		
Election & Registration Expenses		25.00		25.00		25.00		
Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.		1,000.00		1,000.00	961.05	38.95		
Police Department		9,000.00		9,000.00	8,880.29	119.71		
Fire Department		4,500.00	15.00	4,515.00	5,079.36		564.36	
Blister Rust		125.00		125.00		125.00		
Insurance		1,000.00	24.00	1,024.00	1,181.00		157.00	
Legal Expenses		200.00		200.00	400.00		200.00	
Civil Defense		50.00		50.00		50.00		
Health Dept. & Hospitals		752.00		752.00	752.00			
Vital Statistics		15.00		15.00	9.00	6.00		
Town Dump		500.00		500.00	442.00	58.00		
Town Maintenance - Summer		12,000.00	1,277.31	13,277.31	12,026.44	1,250.87		
Town Maintenance - Winter		6,500.00		6,500.00	6,597.91		97.91	
Street Lights		2,600.00		2,600.00	2,617.97		17.97	
General Expense of Highway Dept.		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,781.77	218.23		
Town Road Aid		526.43		526.43		526.43		
Library		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00			
Old Age Assistance		1,000.00		1,000.00	309.75	690.25		
Town Poor		50.00		50.00		50.00		
Memorial Day & Town Anniversary		215.00		215.00	213.92	1.08		
Recreation Program		400.00		400.00	400.00			
Cemeteries		600.00		600.00	595.25	4.75		
Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1,485.00		1,485.00	1,485.00			
Town Garage	564.80			564.80	220.01			344.79
Meetinghouse		20,000.00	703.50	20,703.50	19,265.40			1,438.10
Interest on Temporary Loan		200.00	187.50	387.50		166.82		
Interest on Notes					400.00		400.00	
Capital Reserve Fund - New Equipment	8,863.14	10,000.00	366.95	19,230.09	2,500.00			16,730.09
County Tax		9,065.74		9,065.74	9,065.74			
School District	36,011.35	81,126.97		117,138.32	70,311.35			46,826.97
Lisbon Bridge Payment		2,854.07		2,854.07	2,854.00	.07		
	\$45,439.29	\$86,497.50	\$2,574.26	\$224,703.76	\$157,830.67	\$2,983.18	\$1,437.24	\$65,339.95
				Net Unexpended Bal. -	\$1,545.94			

TREASURER'S REPORT

1969

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand January 1, 1969		\$ 39,229.15
Gertrude Parker, Tax Collector	\$126,727.48	
Edith Aldrich, Town Clerk	6,106.98	
State of New Hampshire	25,250.52	
Littleton National Bank (Temporary Loans)	20,000.00	
Littleton National Bank (Long Term Notes)	16,000.00	
Interest on 30 day Bank Certificates	187.50	
Highway Department Revenue	1,277.31	
Trustees of Trust Fund (Capital Res. Fund)	2,500.00	
School District Refund (Blower-Plow)	628.50	
Insurance Premium Refund	24.00	
Richardson Memorial Library (social security)	47.56	
Accident Report Fees	12.50	
Meeting House Donation	75.00	
Gifts	2.00	
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Total Receipts		198,839.35
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Total Available		\$238,068.50

PAYMENTS

Orders of Selectmen:

Payment of Accounts	\$191,153.33	\$191,153.33
Purchase of Bank Certificate	<u>30,000.00</u>	
	221,153.33	

In Treasurer Account:

Cash on Hand December 31, 1969	236.22	
Checking Account Balance	16,678.95	
30 Day Bank Certificate	<u>30,000.00</u>	
		<u>46,915.17</u>
		\$238,068.50

Respectfully Submitted

Raymond C. Martin, Treasurer

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land and Buildings	\$30,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Library, Land and Building	10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,000.00
Forest Fire Equipment	350.00
Highway Department, Land and Building	5,000.00
Equipment	10,000.00
Sugar Hill Dump	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$60,450.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my eighth annual report of the financial doings of my office for the year 1969.

Auto Tax Permits issued for 1968	56.16
Auto Tax Permits issued for 1968	\$ 56.16
Auto Tax Permits issued for 1969	5,869.42
Dog Licenses sold for 1969	<u>181.40</u>
Total Receipts	\$6,106.98

The sum of the total receipts was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Aldrich
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrant

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes, Levy of 1969

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector	
Property taxes	\$130,585.59
Poll taxes	352.00
National Bank Stock	64.00
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Total Warrant	\$131,001.59
Yield Taxes	418.54
Added Taxes	
Property Taxes	1.62
Poll taxes	<u>2.00</u>
	3.62
Interest collected	<u>1.08</u>
	\$131,424.83

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer

Property taxes	\$124,455.85
Poll taxes	322.00
National Bank stock	64.00
Interest collected	<u>1.08</u>
	\$124,842.93

Discount Allowed 738.16

Abatements:

Property taxes	240.07
Poll taxes	4.00

Uncollected Taxes as Per Collector's list.

Property taxes	5,153.13
Poll taxes	28.00
Yield taxes	<u>418.54</u>
	\$131,424.83

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Poll and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1968**

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - as of January 1,1969	
Property taxes	\$367.64
Poll taxes	<u>36.00</u>
	\$403.64
Interest Collected During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969	
	<u>7.82</u>
Total debits	\$411.46

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year, Ended December 31, 1969	
Property taxes	\$367.64
Poll Taxes	36.00
Interest Collected During Year	<u>7.82</u>
	\$411.46

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1969**

DEBITS

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector	
Original Warrant	\$1,030.00
Added Taxes	<u>5.00</u>
	\$1,035.00
Penalties Collected	<u>1.00</u>
	\$1,036.00

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer	
Head Tax	\$950.00
Penalties	<u>1.00</u>
	\$951.00
Abatements	10.00
Uncollected Head Taxes - as Per Collector's List	<u>75.00</u>
Total Credits	\$1,036.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

State Head Tax

Levy of 1968

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - as of January 1, 1969	\$65.00	
Penalties Collected during 1969	<u>6.00</u>	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$71.00
CREDITS		
Remittances to Treasurer during 1969		
Head Taxes	\$65.00	
Penalties	<u>6.00</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$71.00

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS

As of Dec. 31, 1969

Tax Sale on Account of Levies of --

DEBITS

	1968	1967	1966
Taxes sold to town during current fiscal year	\$212.28		
Balance of unredeemed taxes, Jan. 1, 1969		86.92	96.07
Interest collected after sale	11.93	10.83	16.89
Redemption costs	.73	3.48	7.68
Total Debits	<u>\$224.94</u>	<u>\$101.23</u>	<u>\$120.64</u>

CREDITS

Remittances to Treas. during year.	\$224.94	\$101.23	\$120.64
Total Credits	<u>\$224.94</u>	<u>\$101.23</u>	<u>\$120.64</u>
Total		\$446.81	

Town of Sugar Hill**RECEIPTS AND**

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year - 1969	\$124,455.85	
Poll Taxes, Current Year - 1969	322.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes - 1969	64.00	
State Head Taxes at \$5.00 - 1969	950.00	
Total Current Year's Taxes Remitted		<u>\$125,791.85</u>
Property Taxes - Previous Years		367.64
Poll Taxes - Previous Years		26.00
State Head Taxes at \$5.00 - Previous Years		65.00
Interest Received on Taxes		34.98
Penalties on State Head Taxes		7.00
Tax Sales Redeemed		435.01

From State:

For Town Road Aid	2,592.43	
Interest and Dividends Tax	21,160.18	
Savings Bank Tax	207.04	
Reimbursement a/c State Head Tax Expense	8.02	
Fighting Forest Fires - Equipment	15.00	
Reimbursement a/c Gas Tax	286.09	
Meals and Rooms Tax	981.76	
		<u>25,250.52</u>

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	181.40	
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	12.50	
Interest Received on Deposits	187.50	
Highway Department Income	1,277.31	
Motor Vehicle Permits	5,925.58	
		<u>7,584.29</u>
Total Current Revenue Receipts		\$159,562.29

PAYMENTS

December 31, 1969

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,832.03
Expenses of Town Buildings	959.05
Reappraisal of Property	389.52

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	8,880.29
Fire Department	5,079.36
Insurance	1,181.00
Bounties	2.00

Health:

Health Department including Hospitals	752.00
Vital Statistics	9.00
Town Dump	442.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	3,092.69
Town Maintenance - Summer	\$12,026.44
Town Maintenance - Winter	<u>6,597.91</u>
Street Lighting	18,624.35
General Expense of Highway Department	2,617.97
	4,761.77

Libraries

2,000.00

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	309.75
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Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Town Anniversary Day	213.92
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Recreation:

Town of Franconia Recreation Program	400.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	595.25
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Unclassified:

Damages and Legal Expenses	400.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	1,485.00
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	<u>14.51</u>

Total Current Maintenance Expenses \$55,541.46

Receipts (continued)

Total Receipts Brought Forward		159,562.29
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Temporary Loan in Anticipation of Taxes	20,000.00	
Long Term Notes During Year	16,000.00	
Insurance Adjustments	24.00	
Refund - Sugar Hill School District	628.50	
Gifts - For Meetinghouse	77.00	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	2,500.00	
From Library Trustees - Librarians S.S.	47.56	39,277.06
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Sub-Total		198,839.35
Credit Employees F.I.C.A.		194.60
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Total Receipts from All Sources		199,033.95
Cash on Hand January 1, 1969		39,229.15
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Grand Total		\$238,263.10

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
December 31, 1969

Meetinghouse Renovation Notes	1970	\$ 4,000.00
	1971	4,000.00
	1972	4,000.00
	1973	4,000.00
		\$16,000.00

Payments (continued)

Interest		620.68
New Equipment and Buildings:		
Buildings	19,442.70	
Highway Equipment	<u>2,520.00</u>	21,962.70
Indebtedness:		
Payments on Temporary Loans	20,000.00	
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	<u>10,000.00</u>	30,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
State Head Taxes	992.00	
County Taxes	9,065.74	
Town of Lisbon, Bridge Payment	2,854.00	
School District	<u>70,311.35</u>	<u>83,223.09</u>
Total Payments for all Purposes		<u>191,347.93</u>
Cash on Hand December 31, 1969		46,915.17
		<u>46,915.17</u>
Grand Total		\$238,263.10

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
(For acquiring and replacing equipment)

Cash on Hand January 1, 1969 \$ 8,863.14

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation for 1969	\$10,000.00	
Interest on Trust Funds	366.95	10,366.95
	<u> </u>	<u>\$19,230.09</u>

PAYMENTS

Purchase of GMC Truck	\$ 2,500.00	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
Cash on Hand December 31, 1969		\$16,730.09

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Benton L. Moyer, Jr.
Raymond C. Dickinson
James Branch

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the town clerk, tax collector, town treasurer, selectmen, trustees of trust funds, and library trustees and found them correct and properly vouched.

WILLIAM A. NORTON
Town Auditor
February 2, 1970



Many people ask how Sugar Hill got its name. This is how.





1895 view of Sugar Hill taken from lo



of former Lookoff Hotel, looking west.



Mountain wagon of Sunset Hill House, we count 12 passengers and driver, one passenger seems to be equal to two others.



Looking west from the church, 1890 or thereabout.

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Roger Aldrich, Selectman Chairman	\$300.00
Joseph Cushing, Jr., Selectman	200.00
Ross Coffin, Selectman	200.00
Raymond Martin, Treasurer	200.00
Mary Peckett, Overseer of Public Welfare	25.00
William Norton, Auditor	25.00
Enzo Serafini, Moderator	50.00
Gertrude Parker, Tax Collector	300.00
Edith Aldrich, Town Clerk	200.00
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	\$1,500.00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

N.H. Municipal Association, dues	\$50.00
N.H. Assessors Association, dues	5.00
N.H. City & Town Clerks Association, dues	6.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Association, dues	5.00
Courier Printing Co., notices	45.32
Harrison Publishing House, printing	101.18
Harrison Publishing House, Town Reports	127.50
Sugar Hill School District, office rent	166.80
Edith Aldrich, clerical work for selectmen	312.00
Branham Publishing Co., books	9.40
Franconia Insurance Agency, bonds	221.00
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies	37.45
Postmaster, Lisbon, N.H., stamps	14.70
Edith Aldrich, fees & expense	532.72
Charles A. Wood, Register of Deeds	19.22
Northern Office Supply, supplies	11.05
Equity Publishing Co., books	25.00
Gertrude Parker, fees & expense	86.28
Raymond Martin, supplies	10.28
Brown & Saltmarsh Inc., supplies	21.75
Anna Proctor	.30
Roger Aldrich	24.08
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	\$1,832.03

TOWN HALL AND OTHER TOWN BUILDINGS

Public Service Co., electricity at Town Hall	\$166.49
Public Service Co., electricity at Town Garage	100.56
Sugar Hill Fire Department, fire extinguishers (Town Hall)	125.84
New England Telephone	67.04
Franconia Hardware, supplies	17.87
F.E. Aldrich & Son, supplies	5.27
Prescott Lumber Co., supplies	103.18
James Cyrs, care of Town Clock	104.00
B.R. McCulloch, fuel	212.80
Clifford Hall, repair & tuning piano	20.00
John Aldrich, lawn mowing at Meeting House	36.00
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	\$959.05

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY	
N.H. Treasurer of State	\$389.52
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Gary Young, Constable, Salary	\$6,164.00
Gary Young, mileage	2,414.60
Gary Young, telephone	10.99
Franconia Hardware, supplies	7.85
Harrison Publishing House, printing	10.80
Ralph A. Parker, MD., call	6.00
James Cyrs, police officer	11.50
Mark Young, Jr., police officer	157.90
Leon Uniform Co.	96.65
	<u>\$8,880.29</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Fire Department, appropriation	\$3,500.00
Fire Department, payroll	
Albert Aldrich	\$ 82.00
Harold Aldrich	66.00
Homer Aldrich	16.00
Roger Aldrich	76.00
Charles Casey	22.00
Virgil Coffin	78.00
Durand Cooley	78.00
James Cyrs	38.00
Edgar deSantos	14.00
Herbert Hunt	56.00
Robert Hayward	36.00
Selden Hunter	34.00
Theodore Koffman	6.00
David McPhaul	36.00
Neil McLaughlin	8.00
Newell Murray	84.00
Donald Jesseman	76.00
William Norton	34.00
David Presby	26.00
Harry Reid	80.00
James Stewart	86.00
Fred Spidell	12.00
Harold Smith	24.00
Robert Ward	56.00
Robert Wutzdorff	34.00
Ralph Whipple	58.00
Frank Zuk	48.00
Lauren Howard	8.00
Francis Kidder	64.00
Donald Eastman	34.00
Fred Nowe	26.00
David Shepard	10.00
Gary Young	42.00
Donald Jesseman, Jr.	24.00
	<u>\$1,472.00</u>
N.H. State Treasurer, Forest Fire equipment	\$ 66.66
Albert Aldrich, Forest Fire Training	30.30
Harold Aldrich, Deputy Warden Training	10.40
	<u>\$107.36</u>

107.36
\$5,079.36

BOUNTIES

Edward Wessels	\$.50
Richard Hunt	1.50
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	\$2.00

INSURANCE

Franconia Insurance Agency	
Contractor Equipment	\$622.00
Workmans Compensation, Fire Dept.	136.00
Contractors Equipment	6.00
Workmans Compensation	195.00
Workmans Compensation, audit adjustment	112.00
Adjusting policy to audit adjustment	110.00
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	\$1,181.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Littleton Hospital, appropriation	\$300.00
Lisbon District Nursing Assoc., appropriation	152.00
White Mts. Community Services, appropriation	300.00
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	\$752.00

VITAL STATISTICS

Edith Aldrich	\$9.00
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TOWN DUMP

Churchill & Brown, bulldozing	\$42.00
Harold Aldrich	400.00
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	\$442.00

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE — SUMMER

Harold Aldrich, Agent	\$3,111.29
Thomas Kidder	490.50
Lauren Howard Jr.	2.70
John Aldrich	16.00
Lewis Mardin, truck	1,784.25
Lewis Mardin, backhoe	217.50
Fred Hunt, loader	360.00
Fred Hunt, truck	51.85
William Presby, trucks	153.85
Marro Tree Experts, removing stumps	120.00
MacEwan Realty Trust, aeroil kettle	250.00
N.H. Bituminous Co.	3,195.10
Edward Wessels	5.00
Orison Smith, gravel	415.80
Crushing Inc., sidewalk material	204.13
Edward Wessels, sand	145.80
Clifton Dexter, loader	306.00
Howard Lipson, culverts & bands	120.00
Cyrs Heating & Plumbing, air compressor	27.50
Commercial Credit Equipment Corp., tractor rental	854.28
Agway	24.78
Eric Davis, gravel	9.00
Churchill & Brown, bulldozer	56.00
Campton Sand & Gravel	105.11
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	\$12,026.44

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE — WINTER

Harold Aldrich, Agent	\$2,836.89
Thomas Kidder	72.00
Edward Wessels	40.00
Clarence Pickens	1,455.00
Lewis Mardin	17.00
John Aldrich	47.10
Joseph Darvid	4.00
Mark Young, Sr., bulldozer	25.00
Clifton Dexter, loader	15.00
Fred Hunt	56.00
Commercial Credit Equipment Corp., tractor rental	610.20
International Salt Co.	1,419.72
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	\$6,597.91

TOWN ROAD AID

Harold Aldrich, T.R.A.	\$756.26
Thomas Kidder, T.R.A.	176.40
Lewis Mardin, T.R.A., truck	744.20
Lewis Mardin, T.R.A., backhoe	32.00
Treasurer, State of N.H., T.R.A., appropriation	526.43
Clifton Dexter, loader T.R.A.	245.70
Edward Wessels, sand, T.R.A.	35.10
Orison Smith, gravel, T.R.A.	265.50
Town of Landaff, truck, T.R.A.	311.10
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STREET LIGHTING

Public Service Co. of N.H., street lights \$2,617.97

GENERAL EXPENSE OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Champlain Oil Co., gasoline	\$1,515.54
Del Chemical Corp., supplies	64.90
Oxygen & Welding Supply Co. Inc., cylinders	22.98
Franconia Hardware Inc., supplies	51.21
Agway, loader tire service & supplies	54.50
B.R. McCulloch, fuel oil	202.42
B.R. McCulloch, motor oil	48.52
Chemical Corp.	151.50
Franconia Garage, repairs & supplies	144.85
Reed Supply Co. Inc., cable	11.67
McLarens, loader chains, supplies & repairs	277.64
Mt. View ESSO, tire repair	2.00
Jessemans Garage, center bolt & windshield wiper motor	48.80
Johnsons Chevron, grader battery, blades & gas	39.35
Montgomery Ward, posts	64.50
N.H. Explosives	290.00
McKenzie Auto Parts, parts & supplies	65.70
Whitefield Hardware, dynamite	24.50
Bartlett Auto, Title & supplies	15.12
Steel Products Co. of America, grader & plow blades & chains	697.60
R.C. Hazelton Co., Inc, sander parts, blade & hose	79.44
Jordon-Milton Machinery	468.18
Campton Sand & Gravel, cold patch	50.77
Community Oil	40.83
Sanel Industrial	183.76
Goldbergs Auto Service	47.08
Hunts Auto Center	94.46
Ross Express	3.95
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	\$4,761.77

LIBRARIES

Richardson Memorial Library, appropriation \$2,000.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer of N.H.	\$308.75
N.H. Division of Welfare, OASI Fund	1.00
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	\$309.75

MEMORIAL DAY AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS

Lorraine Hunt, flags for Memorial Day	\$13.92
Atlas Display Fireworks, Town Celebration	200.00
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	\$213.92

RECREATION

Town of Franconia \$400.00

CEMETERIES

Sunnyside Cemetery Association, appropriation \$500.00
 Herbert Hunt, care of Streater Pond Cemetery 95.25
\$595.25

DAMAGES & LEGAL EXPENSE

Wyman, Bean & Tefft, retainer fee \$400.00

ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

White Mts. 93 Association, appropriation \$100.00
 White Mountain Regional Association, appropriation 305.00
 Town of Franconia, Information Booth 1,080.00
\$1,485.00

DISCOUNTS, ABATEMENTS, REFUNDS

Francis Corbett, refund \$14.51

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Littleton National Bank \$30,000.00

INTEREST

Littleton National Bank
 Temporary 220.68
 Long Term 400.00
\$ 620.68

LANDS, BUILDINGS, NEW EQUIPMENT

Littleton Sand & Gravel, Town garage \$ 50.01
 Harry T. Andross, wiring, Town Garage 150.00
\$ 200.01

Bartlett Auto, GMC Truck \$ 2,500.00

E.O. Ott, lettering Town Truck 20.00
\$ 2,520.00

MEETINGHOUSE

Harry T. Andross, lights & wiring	\$ 209.06
Pilgrim Furniture, chairs	514.35
Edward Lauderbaugh	10,464.71
Taskers' Well Co.	1,141.70
Whitneys' Weatherproofing Co., Inc.	848.70
Franconia Gas Corp., heating	3,748.88
Franconia Gas Corp., plumbing, well & hot water heater	902.00
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	\$17,829.40

Montgomery Ward, ladder	52.29
N.H. State Treasurer, Town Safe	130.00
Clifton Dexter, moving safe & stones	36.00
Sears Roebuck & Co., tractor	1,195.00

\$21,962.70

TEMPORARY LOANS

Littleton National Bank	\$20,000.00
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CAPITAL RESERVE — EQUIPMENT

Trustees of Trust Fund, equipment reserve	\$10,000.00
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STATE & COUNTY

Grafton County Tax	\$ 9,065.74
Treasurer, State of N.H., Head Tax	992.00

\$10,057.74

TOWN OF LISBON

Town of Lisbon, bridge payment	\$ 2,560.82
Town of Lisbon, interest	293.18

\$ 2,854.00

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sugar Hill School District, appropriation	\$70,311.35
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SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

1969

Balance on Hand January 1, 1969 \$ 483.31

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	\$3,500.00
Donations	125.00
Use of Grill	20.00
Town of Easton (Kenney fire)	55.00
Twin Mt. Fire Dept. (Litters & Freight)	34.90
Sales of fire extinguishers	211.34
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	3,946.24
Total Receipts	\$4,429.55

PAYMENTS

Insurance Premiums	\$ 619.19
Fuel Oil	296.25
Electricity	72.26
Telephone	321.65
Supplies	103.96
Hunts Auto Center	139.50
Blanchard Associates	2,106.28
Leonard Joseph Co.	59.00
Franconia Hardware	31.06
Lancaster Services	69.21
Fred Locke	100.00
Del Chemical	29.05
Training School	25.00
Harry Andross	137.00
Albert Aldrich (Plowing 68-69)	50.00
Twin State Firemens Ass'n. dues	23.00
N. H. State Firemens Ass'n dues	29.00
Flowers and Gifts	26.39
Bank Service Charges	2.10
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Total Payments	\$4,239.90
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Balance on Hand December 31, 1969	\$ 189.65

SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Active Members

Aldrich, Albert - Chief	McLaughlin, Neil
Aldrich, Harold	McPhaul, David
Aldrich, Homer	Murray, Newell
Aldrich, Roger - Clerk	Norton, William
Casey, Charles	Nowe, Fred
Coffin, Virgil	Presby, David
Cooley, Durand	Reid, Harry - Assistant Chief
Cyrs, James	Smith, Harold - Treasurer
deSantos, Edgar	Spidell, Fred
Hayward, Robert	Stewart, James
Hunt, Herbert - Assistant Chief	Ward, Robert
Hunter, Seldon	Whipple, Ralph
Jesseman, Donald	Wutzdorff, Robert
Kidder, Frances	Zuk, Eric
Koffman, Ted	Zuk, Frank
Lyndes, Russell	

The department belongs to the Twin State Firemen's Association which consists of about 15 towns. The purpose of the Association is to promote cooperation among the several towns in fire fighting through mutual aid without cost. The Association also seeks to promote efficiency in fire-fighting through firemen's schools to be held from time to time, and to promote harmony and friendship among the several departments and their members.

Several members belong to the Ammonoosuc Fire Wardens Association which regulates outdoor burning. This is a strong organization and anyone interested in fire prevention may join.

Several members have attended fire training schools at Meadow Wood Drill Field in Fitzwilliams and at the Civil Defense Training Center in Gilford.

Last year the department installed a dry hydrant at the park, the first of its kind in town. If this proves successful, we hope to be able to install several more. A committee, Harry Reid, chairman, has with the cooperation of the Soil Conservation Service made a study with recommendations for future sites.

We have a Building Committee which is planning a bigger meeting room and a separate boiler room. The boiler room is now behind our trucks and is supposed to be a separate fire-proof room. The committee consists of Ralph Whipple, Charles Casey and Frank Zuk. The Building Fund consists of about \$3,000; plans are to get started this summer on the building.

During the year 1969 we had 15 calls, 12 in town and 3 outside. Five of these were major fires with considerable property loss.

The department wishes to express thanks to the ladies in town for their response with coffee and refreshments at the fire sites. The department also extends thanks to everyone who has supported and assisted the department in any way. Special thanks go to the staff at Donovan's Nursing Home for making announcements over the radios and being ready to accept and relay all fire calls.

New equipment bought this year includes smoke ejector, Jet X Foam generators plus 20 gallons foam, 2 1/2 in. cellar nozzle, 1 1/2 in. Bayonet Piercing Applicator, 2 1/2 in. line shut off, 2 1/2 in. Turbojet nozzle, 1 lightweight basket type stretcher kit, replaced 150 g.p.m. pump in the Chevrolet. We would be glad to show and demonstrate this equipment to anyone interested; we meet on the first Tuesday of each month.

The Chevrolet Tank Truck will need replacing in the near future, probably in 1972 at a cost of \$20,000. If the Reserve Equipment Fund is in order, it shouldn't be too heavy a burden on the taxpayer.

Chief Albert Aldrich

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

The 1969 fire season was a quiet one in this area. Frequent rains kept the danger to a minimum and there were few violations. Your Forest Fire Warden's job would be easier if everyone understood the State laws that govern the kindling of outdoor fires. A synopsis of these laws follow:

Fire Permit

A **fire permit** is needed for all outdoor fires in or near woodland anytime the ground is not covered with snow. This includes household waste burning, even if in an incinerator, grass burning, garden trash as well as brush burning. Such burning is restricted by regulation to be **prior to 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.**

Exceptions

Commercial or industrial burning is allowed anytime under normal conditions with permission of the District Chief and a permit from the Fire Warden.

Camp or cooking fires are allowed on your own property with permission of the Fire Warden. On another's property with written permission of the landowner and permission of the Fire Warden. The Warden can forbid such fires if in a hazardous area. Permits for cooking fires in the White Mountain National Forest can be obtained from the Laconia Office or at the Ranger Stations. Permits are not required in public camp or picnic grounds where fireplaces have been built for this purpose.

Penalties

1. For kindling a fire without a permit. Maximum of \$200.00 fine; or imprisonment for not more than 60 days.
2. For kindling a fire by any means wilfully or recklessly that shall endanger woodlands the maximum fine is \$500.00 or one year's imprisonment.
3. For failure to totally extinguish a camp or cooking fire before leaving it the same penalties as in (1) above.
4. For dropping inflammable material in or near woodland maximum fine of \$25.00.

Fire prevention is a personal matter and a good habit. Keep our town free from smokes in 1970.

Fires reported - State 453

Fires reported - District 6

Forest Fire Warden, Albert Aldrich
District Chief, John Q. Ricard

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, N.H.

Gary G. Young, Chief of Police

This annual report is respectfully submitted upon the completion of our third year with a full time Police Department.

Through the course of the year of 1969, the Department made 101 arrests. Of these, there were 22 arrests for violations of a criminal nature, the remainder being for motor vehicle violations.

Hampered by recent Supreme Court rulings which made procedures in regards to the law of arrest, Rules of Evidence, and Search and Seizure much more difficult, we were unable to act in time on certain criminal cases upon which we spent considerable time investigating.

With these New Rulings in mind, we shall continue to fight the National trend for Lawlessness which was once centralized mainly in the cities and is now quite evident in the smaller towns as is partly illustrated by the following:

The Arrests for Criminal Violations are as follow:

- 7 Arrests for Larceny
- 2 Arrests for Possession of a Narcotic Drug
- 2 Arrests for Assault on an Officer
- 2 Arrests for Lewd and Lascivious Behavior
- 2 Arrests for being present where a Narcotic Drug was knowingly being kept.
- 2 Arrests for Derisive Words
- 1 Arrest for Failure to Answer a Summons
- 1 Arrest for Reckless Operation, Death Resulting
- 1 Arrest for Threatening an Officer
- 1 Arrest for Assault and Battery

The Arrests for Motor Vehicle Violations are as follow:

- 21 Arrests for speed, ranging as high as 120 miles per hour in a 60 miles per hour zone.
- 13 Arrests for Defective Equipment
- 13 Arrests for an Uninspected Vehicle
- 7 Arrests for an Unregistered Vehicle
- 7 Arrests for Operating without a License
- 5 Arrests for Crossing Solid Yellow Line
- 2 Arrests for Failure to Display Proper Registration
- 2 Arrests for Failure to Produce a License
- 3 Arrests for Operating under the Influence of Alcohol
- 2 Arrests for Reckless Operation
- 1 Arrest for Allowing an Improper Person to Operate
- 1 Arrest for Operating After Revocation
- 1 Arrest for Operating without Corrective Lenses
- 1 Arrest for Following to Close

REPORT OF POLICE COMMITTEE

January 5, 1970

MEMBERS: (Appointed by the Town Moderator.)

Mr. Donald Jesseman, Chairman
Mrs. Howard Lipson
Mr. Robert Hayward
Mr. Fred Hunt
Mr. Lauren A. Howard

OBJECTIVE:

To assist the Selectmen in an evaluation of police department requirements for the Town of Sugar Hill.

The committee met numerous times throughout the summer and fall. During the interviews with the Selectmen, Police Chief and interested parties it was necessary to ask the participants many personal and direct questions. We feel that their answers were objective, honest and cooperative.

Selectman, Roger Aldrich, informed the committee of the necessity for the temporary appointment of Police Chief, Gary Young.

The present law requires that an elected official must be a legal resident of the town in which the election is authorized. Chief Young was not able to find suitable housing in Sugar Hill prior to last September. It is necessary that his legal residency be re-established six months before the 1970 annual election to be eligible for office.

To retain the present police chief, the Selectmen could insert an article in the annual warrant requesting authority to appoint the police chief, in lieu of continuing the present method of election. If the Town votes affirmatively the elective process is relinquished, temporarily by the townspeople. The Selectmen then have the authority to renew, or deny appointment, or appoint an individual of their choice. The appointment system has good, as well as undesirable features. The Town may revert to the elective system in the future through proper legal procedure.

The Sugar Hill police department is presently staffed by one officer, Chief Gary Young. The total appropriation raised for the department in 1969 was \$9000. (Salary - \$6500 --- Expenses - \$2500)

The Town does not own the equipment used by Chief Young. He owns the radio, special lights and cruiser now in use.

The Town owns one gasoline pump which provides regular gasoline only. This is used jointly by the Fire and Highway Departments. Chief Young's cruiser uses hi-test gasoline which he purchases privately.

Hi-test gasoline purchased locally costs approximately 41¢ per gallon. The yearly mileage of the cruiser, for Town purposes, has been approximately 30,000 miles. It is obvious that the gasoline expense is about double what it could be if the Town furnished the hi-test gasoline at approximately 20¢ per gallon. Oil and tires are also more expensive when procured privately.

Radio contact with the Lancaster Highway Maintenance Office has proved invaluable for police work in Sugar Hill. Police Chief Young purchased his radio equipment from personal funds and at considerable sacrifice to his family budget. The total cost of the radio was approximately \$900. It appears that the Town could have purchased the same equipment for approximately half this amount.

A seventy to ninety hour work week is not unusual for Chief Young. By law he is entitled to a day of rest per week; however he is on 24 hour call and this rest period is used often in response to emergency calls.

Since as an official, elected by the Town, he has not been eligible for Social Security and other benefits enjoyed by officials who are duly appointed for the position.

Every summons issued to an offender must be followed by a session in the Littleton Municipal Court. This work is exacting, tiring, and requires much administrative detail with reports, etc. The committee found that few people realize the extent of time required in pursuing a case in court. Chief Young is respected by police and court officials for his diligent and determined approach to these problems.

The New Hampshire State Police are available to cover during any temporary absence of the Chief from Sugar Hill. This reciprocal agreement allows for Chief Young's participation in emergencies when the State Police can use assistance. Accidents require close cooperation between these officials.

Duties of the Chief vary from traffic and property patrol, surveillance, court work to truant officer. There are many related duties which require courage, patience, steady nerves, a trained sense of timing, and a working knowledge of the applicable laws.

FINDINGS

The committee is in agreement that the Sugar Hill Police Department, staffed by Chief Young, on temporary appointment, is being handled effectively and well. We consider the Town fortunate in having a low percentage of automobile accidents, thefts, property damage, cases of drug abuse, and other criminal actions. Much of the credit for this low percentage can be attributed to the courageous and diligent efforts of Chief Young in behalf of the Town.

The committee compared the current police problems of Sugar Hill with those of surrounding towns and found ours to be relatively stable.

Municipal court records show a marked increase, however, in cases of motor vehicle violations, as well as more serious infractions involving traffic in drugs, etc. We feel the need for maintaining a small, experienced, full time police department is more and more evident.

Chief Young possesses above average training level and experience for a small town police department. He has attended the thirty week (one night per week) course at the Lebanon College of Law Enforcement, a two week full-time course at the New Hampshire Police Training School, and seminars sponsored by the State Police on drugs and narcotics, as well as motor vehicle violations. His record for court cases processed is substantial.

Since the temporary appointment became effective, the police department has been under the direct control of the Selectmen. Chief Young was instructed to submit a weekly report of activities which is being accomplished. This report provides for better understanding for all parties concerned.

While holding control, the Selectmen have allowed Chief Young to run his department without interference. Pressures do build up occasionally and friction is visible; however, this committee is convinced that the appointment arrangement is workable.

The committee chairman has checked with automobile agencies who might lease cars for cruiser duty. It appeared unlikely that any local agency was interested at a cost that would be economical.

The Town could purchase a suitably equipped cruiser at much less than list price. (A recent State bid is attached.) It appears that a price of under \$3000. -- is feasible for a radio-equipped cruiser. The Town could assume the insurance, operating maintenance, and reserve for replacement costs. A trade and replacement could be accomplished every two years. The mileage would be approximately 60,000 miles in two years. It is desirable to keep the condition and value of the cruiser as high as possible without excessive maintenance costs.

As we see the facts unfold, it is clear to us, that Town ownership of the cruiser and its equipment is mandatory. Chief Young is continually acquiring personal obligations to keep the police department operational. Payment of these obligations must be drawn from his personal earnings so Chief Young's generosity is commendable. The Town cannot continue to allow this.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Town support the continuance of an effective police department, and provide the approval and the funds to accomplish the following:
 - a. The Selectmen's appointment of Police Chief Gary Young in accordance with applicable laws and proper elective procedure.
 - b. Approve the Police Department budget for 1970 as follows:

1. Salary (same as 1969)	\$6500.00
2. Operating expense	2500.00
3. Appropriation for purchase of radio equipped cruiser.	3000.00
4. Yearly Reserve for cruiser replacement.	500.00
5. Appropriation for Social Security and other benefits authorized by law.	
6. A token reimbursement to Chief Young for six years use of equipment -- and a payment for expenses, assumed personally, which were in excess of the authorized operating expense budget.	1000.00
 - c. The Selectmen consider the feasibility of purchasing hi-test gasoline for use in all town equipment. The regular pump could be used. Other alternatives are to purchase a cruiser which uses regular gasoline or install another tank and pump for hi-test gasoline.
 - d. The Selectmen take appropriate steps to minimize the costs of police department equipment, operating supplies, and parts if purchase of cruiser is authorized.
 - e. The Town authorize a higher hourly rate of pay to persons used by the Selectmen or the Police Chief as a deputy to be available for emergency. It is hoped this feature may encourage local individuals to become more interested in part time police work.
 - f. That the Town be encouraged to be more conscious of the dedication to duty of its fine public officials. People in public office need the reassurance and an occasional thank you for a job well done. It is hoped that this encouragement could be disseminated in the Annual Report

Respectfully submitted,
 Donald Jesseman, Chairman
 Mrs. Howard Lipson
 Robert Hayward
 Fred Hunt
 Lauren A. Howard

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

In these times of population expansion, especially in the State of New Hampshire, it is imperative that we as a Town look after our natural resources.

Your committee is in the process of setting up a map with the outstanding natural resources marked, giving us a basis with which to work.

We are also in the process of making a map of Coffin Pond, with the idea in mind of developing it as an Educational Nature Study Area, also in improving the environment for wild life, in the planting of fruit producing shrubs, etc.

This is being done in conjunction with the Grafton County Soil Conservation Office in Woodsville.

To anyone who wishes to contribute to the Town either of money or land, the Commission has the authority to accept such contributions for the Town.

This committee would be very pleased to receive constructive ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

Aubrey K. Reid, Chairman

SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Annual Financial Report December 31, 1969

Balance March 1969 \$ 156.05

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	\$ 500.00	
Sale of Lots	220.00	
Care of Lots	276.00	
Interest - Transferred from Trust Fund to General Fund	381.24	
		1,377.24
		\$1,533.29

EXPENDITURES

Safety Deposit Box	\$ 4.00	
Supplies	58.42	
Labor	1,225.10	
		1,287.52
Balance December 31, 1969		\$ 245.77

Donald Jesseman, Treas.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Our library continues to grow in service to our community being open a total of 8 hours per week. Many adults and high school students find the Thursday evening hours 7-9 especially convenient.

Mrs. Loretta Brown, our librarian and Mrs. Reta Presby, assistant librarian are always willing to give assistance and accept recommendations for new books.

During the spring the library was closed a week while the floors were refinished and several "work bees" were held for general cleaning and hanging of the new curtains. This coming year we hope to make needed repairs to the reading room.

The Sugar Hill Grange gave a gift of money and several people contributed for the new curtains.

For the first time a Summer Reading Program for the school children was conducted which was very worth while.

During Book Week in the fall the school children in kindergarten, grades 1 and 2 visited the library.

Mr. Ralph Riley, the district consultant has visited the library several times giving helpful assistance.

In October we had a 4-H Exhibit and in December the prize winning exhibit of the N.H. Republican Women's Club. The latter made us aware of the colorful history of our state.

To make it easier to choose books and records, three new bookcases and a record cabinet have been added.

The Bookmobile visits quarterly. This year 952 books were borrowed from it compared with 389 in 1968.

During the year the N.H. State Library discontinued its Cooperative Book Buying Dept. which means our book money does not go quite so far as formerly.

We purchase new books regularly and have had many books and records donated this year by the Sugar Hill Grange, R.C.A., P. Chesley, E. Brummer, R. Brummer, Miss Ruth Bowles, Miss Rebecca Bowles, Mrs. Rosalie Robertson, Orrie Jesseman, Mrs. Betty Elliot Leitch, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Coffin, Mrs. Deborah Theis, and Mrs. J.H. Devereux.

A trust fund has been established by Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw Langmaid in memory of Miss Ethel (Aunt Jane) Osborne, a former librarian of Richardson Memorial Library.

Mrs. Brown's report for 1969

Adult Non-fiction loaned	407
Adult Fiction loaned	878
Children's books loaned	1443
Magazines loaned	81
Recordings	137
Grand Total	2946 - (1,943 in 11 mo. of 1968)

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
No. Volumes Beginning of year	3545	458	4003
No. Volumes added	130	103	233
No. Volumes discarded	56	42	98
Total no. at end of year	3619	519	4138
No. of recordings owned	121	22	143
No. magazines received	5	0	5

Total attendance was 1291 compared with 872 in 1968.

Gladys A. Jesseman, Chrm.
 Rosalie Robertson
 Lucy Oakes

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Balance Jan. 1, 1969 \$ 288.64

RECEIPTS

From Town	\$1,900.00
From Grange	25.00
Other Gifts	60.00
Co-op Book Fund Refund	45.29
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	2,030.29
Total receipts	<u>\$2,318.93</u>

EXPENDITURES

Librarian's salary	446.24
Asst librarian	147.00
New books	373.46
Magazines	34.45
Recordings	30.64
Maintenance	
John Aldrich 1968	\$124.00
John Aldrich 1969	122.00
Whitney's - shovel snow off roof	44.40
Geo. Manley - refinish floors	260.00
Don Jesseman - lumber to repair railing	1.60
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	552.00
Cray Oil	159.49
Public Service	87.43
New Equipment	
Grant's - curtains	65.00
Varney-Smith - bookcases, record rack	210.85
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	275.85
Miscellaneous	
Filing cards, envelopes, book labels, stamps, box rent, etc.	54.20
Insurance	
1968 and 1969	157.00
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Total expense	<u>\$2,317.76</u>
Balance Jan. 1, 1970	\$ 1.17

WHITE MT. COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.
 11Cottage Street
 Littleton, New Hampshire 03561

ANALYSIS OF EXPENSE AND INCOME

July 1, 1969 - December 31, 1969

INCOME

Private Contributions	\$12,470.00		
Grant from State of New Hampshire	24,525.00		
Local Town Governments	15,257.00		
Spaulding Potter Charity Fund	1,000.00		
Other	8,844.00	\$62,096.00	

EXPENSES

Clinical Services	\$33,884.00		
salaries and expenses of clinical personnel			
Administration	7,776.00		
Equipment, maintenance and supplies	2,014.00	43,674.00	\$43,674.00

CASH ON HAND, December 31, 1969 \$18,422.00

January 1, 1970 - June 30, 1970

INCOME

All other sources	\$11,875.00		
Borrow from Contingency Fund	11,377.00	23,252.00	
			\$41,674.00

EXPENSES

Clinical services	\$32,754.00		
Administration	6,988.00		
Equipment, maintenance and supplies	1,932.00	41,674.00	41,674.00

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR FULL YEAR \$85,348.00

BIRTHS - 1969

Date of Birth and Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
April 27, 1969 Heidi Anne Casey	F	Charles Baker Casey	Barbara Lee Silver	Sugar Hill, N. H.	N. H.	N. H.
April 28, 1969 Lance Alexander Ball	M	Gregory Norwood Ball	Eileen Theresa O'Neil	Sugar Hill, N. H.	N. H.	N. Y.

DEATHS - 1969

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Occupation	Name of Father	Name of Mother
March 31, 1969 Littleton, N. H.	Harry Willis Bailey	62	N. H.	M	U. S. Mail Clerk	Edward Bailey	Bessie Messer
April 11, 1969 Haverhill, N. H.	Ethel Osborne	92		F	Social Worker		
October 8, 1969 Sugar Hill, N. H.	Paul Dubey	89	Canada	M	Parker & Young Co.	Joseph Dubey	Hattie Gonyer
November 5, 1969 Sugar Hill, N. H.	Thomas Leon Selby	73	Canada	M	Sulfite Super (Ret.)	Thomas Selby	Matilda ?

MARRIAGES -- 1969

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
May 3, 1969 Littleton, N. H.	James Bailey Aldrich Patricia Helen Hunt	Franconia, N. H. Sugar Hill, N. H.	Frederick Aldrich Mary Bourassa	Alexander J. Corey Justice of the Peace Littleton, N. H.
June 12, 1969 Sugar Hill, N. H.	James Edwin Bush Judith Ann Burchell	Yellow Springs, Ohio St. Paul, Minn.	Helen Hunt Dixon Addison Bush Virginia McConnell Howard Bertram Burchell Margaret Helmholz Henry deRham Edith Colby Horace E. McKnight Jean Richardson	Richard R. Ruopp Clergyman Franconia, N. H.
August 16, 1969 Sugar Hill, N. H.	Charles deRham Anne M. Farquhar	Bedford Hills, N. Y. Norwich, Vt.	Chester E. Thompson, Jr. Margery Knight Hodder Stuart McKenzie Marjorie Lois Noyes Kenneth L. Murray Henrietta Nichols Christopher Disbrow Doris McKelvey Robert L. Parent Virginia E. Adams Harley E. Burt Sylvia King	Oscar M. Polhemus Clergyman Littleton, N. H.
August 16, 1969 Sugar Hill, N. H.	Chester Edwin Thompson III Susan Jane McKenzie	Framingham, Mass. Franconia, N. H.		Charleton Schaller, Jr. Clergyman Littleton, N. H.
November 2, 1969 Franconia, N. H.	Newell Wallace Murray Beverly D. Edwards	Sugar Hill, N. H. Sugar Hill, N. H.		Robert E. Allten Clergyman Franconia, N. H.
December 21, 1969 Franconia, N. H.	Robert Leo Parent Jr. Karen Ann Burt	Lincoln, N. H. Sugar Hill, N. H.		Rev. Robert E. Allten Clergyman Franconia, N. H.



The Village sometime after 1893. First view looking up the street, second looking down.

The Franconia Iron Mine

In 1805 a deposit of iron ore was opened and mined in Lisbon, New Hampshire. Within several years a furnace was built in nearby Franconia and a small industry was started in what was a wilderness. The mines and furnace directly employed fifty men full time, and an additional fifty for just half year. I do not know which season the additional fifty worked but I would guess it was in the winter, as there is less farm work then. Other men were employed gathering wood and reducing it to charcoal for the furnace. The entire labor force in the small village of Franconia was large enough to warrant eleven saloons and a dance hall.

According to C. T. Jackson (1842, P.198) the first years of the mine and the furnace were not profitable.

"It should be remembered that in the early stages of this enterprise, the Franconia iron company expended vast sums of money in learning the business, and in researches for iron ores; and if they have since made their works profitable, it has been by their own enterprise, industry and acquired skill."

By the year 1838 the mine was profitable as the following account indicates.

131,649 bushels coal, * at 4 1-2 c.,	\$5,924.20
690-17-1-21 lbs. ore, at \$6.50	4,490.20
77-17-0-0 lbs. limestone, at 1.25	97.31
8 loads clay at 1.00	8.00
labor and board of hands	2,297.97
blacksmith's bill	85.48
moulding sand for blast	40.00
use of flasks and patterns	25.00
hearth drawings and laying same	100.00
agency and clerks	500.00
26-10-0-0 lbs. shot iron, at \$20	530.00
Net,	7,775.47
	21,904.10
729,749 lbs. pig and scrap, at 2c.,	14,594.98
182,728 lbs. castings, at 4c.,	7,309.12
	21,904.10

* probably charcoal

(Ibid, p.198)

In addition to pig and bar iron the furnace produced ox chains, andirons, and huge box stoves which were famous for their size and known as Franconia Stoves.

The operation stopped for the last time after the Civil War. A lack of wood for charcoal, competition from Europe and Pittsburg, the mine petering out, and a fire have been given as reasons for the closing. A fire in 1880, that may have been started as a prank, destroyed the wooden buildings which were with the furnace. The furnace still stands on the property of Mrs. Frank Casey in Franconia.

The mines were located a mile south of the town of Sugar Hill and three miles south-west of the town of Franconia at an area known as Ore Hill. Ore Hill is actually three hills which form a triangle. Two large hills are in the north-east of the area and a small one at the south-west. Between the two large hills is a small pond which was used as a reservoir. Between the large hills and the small one there is a swamp which is crossed from west to east by a raised road. There is also a road leading around the western side of the hills. The relief of the area is from 1350 to 1980 feet.

Glacial till covers most of the area of the mines. On the south-east and the south sides of the larger hills there is a talus slope. There is also another on the eastern side of the smaller hill.



- △ - Audit
- ⊗ - Prospect Pit
- - Shaft
- ▬ - Trench

MINE WORKINGS AT THE
FRANCONIA IRON MINE



Local woods operation prior to the Yield Tax.



The "Old Timer's" will remember Issac "Ike" Cole. The stories about him are legion. He is remembered by "Cole Hill".

