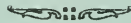


# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE SELECTMEN  
AND OTHER  
TOWN OFFICERS

ACWORTH, N. H.



FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
JANUARY 31, 1944



AND THE VITAL STATISTICS  
FOR THE YEAR 1943

# YOUR TOWN REPORT THIS YEAR IS A WAR CASUALTY

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Because of the scarcity of paper and the labor shortage, we could find no printer this year who would undertake to print up the full report for us. We, therefore, have been compelled to issue this condensed report which we believe gives you the most essential facts.

We hope another year conditions will be such that a full detailed report as in former years can be issued.

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## Town Officers . . . 1943

## Selectmen

MARCH CLARK SOLON L. NEAL  
MYRLE E. REED

Town Clerk LEON F. NEWTON

Town Treasurer HARRY B. GOWEN

## Supervisors

ALBERT J. DAVIS JOSEPH NICHOLS  
THOMAS B. SOUTHWICK

Moderator GLENN N. BASCOM

## Road Agents

LEONARD E. SMITH HAROLD GRANT

Overseer of the Poor MYRLE E. REED

Tax Collector LEON F. NEWTON

Constable THOMAS E. POTTER

Auditor HELEN M. SOUTHWICK

## Trustees of Trust Funds

HARRY B. GOWEN ERVING C. DAVIS

DOROTHY N. FAUGHT

## Report of the Selectmen

Inventory of the Town of Acworth, April 1, 1943

Lands and Buildings		\$315,260.00
Electric Plants		12,800.00
Horses 68		6,945.00
Oxen 4		700.00
Cows 332		29,295.00
Other Neat Stock 62		4,300.00
Sheep 37		235.00
Fowls 3095		2,855.00
Portable Mills 2		550.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.		8,875.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks 6		650.00
Stock in Trade		1,267.00
Aqueducts		4,150.00
Polls 237 @ \$2.00	\$474.00	
National Bank Stock Tax	11.00	
Total valuation		<u>\$387,882.00</u>
Exclusive of Soldiers' Exemption		\$381,687.00
Amount of taxes to be committed to collector, including poll taxes and National Bank stock taxes		\$12,698.98
Average rate percent of taxation for all purposes		\$3.20
Amount exempted to soldiers		\$6,195.00

### Statement of Appropriations and Taxes Assessed

Town Charges	\$ 1,400.00
Highways and Bridges	700.00
Winter Maintenance	3,000.00
Support of Town Poor	300.00
Old Age Assistance	300.00
Class V Roads	271.50
Lights	330.00

Debt and Interest		50.00
Old Home Day		50.00
Silsby Free Public Library		90.00
Memorial Day		30.00
Snow Fence		300.00
Town House Toilets		150.00
County Tax		1,437.86
School Tax		5,662.00
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		\$14,071.36
Less estimated revenue and credits		
Interest and dividend tax	\$	68.94
Savings Bank tax		100.00
Motor Vehicle permit fees		350.00
Reserved from surplus to lower tax rate		1,000.00
Plus overlay		180.00
Net amount to be raised by taxation		\$12,732.42
Less poll taxes	\$	474.00
National Bank stock taxes		11.00
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		485.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which town rate is figured		\$12,247.42
Taxes to be committed to collector		
Property taxes		\$12,247.42
Poll taxes		474.00
National Bank stock taxes		11.00
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		\$12,732.42

## Schedule of Town Property

Town House, land and buildings	\$	3,000.00
Library, land and building		5,000.00
Furniture, books, etc.		2,000.00

Parks and playgrounds	500.00
Schools, land and buildings	8,600.00
Equipment	800.00
Young lot	45.00
Rumrill lot	50.00
Gagne farm	200.00
Reba Creig lot	45.00
Northfield Savings Bank (Kemp land)	45.00
Carey land	15.00
Jennison lot	120.00
Patridge farm	90.00
John Allen lot	75.00

#### Town Clerk's Report

12 female dogs licensed @ \$ 5.00	\$	60.00	
50 male, spayed female @ \$ 2.00		100.00	
2 kennel licenses, 5 dogs each @ \$12.00		<u>24.00</u>	
	\$		184.00
Less fees due Clerk			
72 dogs @ 20¢	\$	14.40	
Paid Treasurer		<u>169.60</u>	
	\$		184.00
Auto permits 1942, 185-186	\$	1.00	
Auto permits 1943, 1-150 and 125,551-125,583		<u>420.89</u>	
Paid Treasurer	\$		421.89

Respectfully submitted,

LEON F. NEWTON, Town Clerk

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of Leon F. Newton, Town Clerk, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HELEN M. SOUTHWICK, Auditor



## TREASURER'S REPORT

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### Summary of Receipts

#### From State of New Hampshire

Savings Bank tax	\$ 131.23
Interest and dividend	63.35
Class V maintenance	3,165.00
Myrle E. Reed, overpayment on bounties	2.40

#### Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector

Dog licenses	169.60
Abatements	20.97
Tax sales redeemed	990.38
Property taxes, 1943	10,381.31
Poll taxes, 1943	392.00
Previous years taxes	3,075.48
Previous years poll taxes	124.00

#### Leon F. Newton, Town Clerk

Auto permits, 1943-44	431.90
Interest and costs	422.84

John Spaulding, relief credit	140.00
State of New Hampshire, loss of taxes on public forest land	27.76
Forest fires	8.75
Town property sold by tax deed	80.00

Cash on hand February 1, 1943	4,918.83
	\$24,545.80

## Summary of Payments

Town Officers' salaries	\$ 571.50
Town Officers' expenses	458.96
Town House insurance	20.00
Police duty	37.50
Fires	24.75
Bounties	78.00
Vital statistics	5.50
Summer maintenance	3,116.71
Winter maintenance	4,164.03
Abatements	20.97
Street lights	327.36
Silsby Free Public Library	90.00
Old age assistance	323.75
Town poor	132.00
Memorial Day	80.00
Parks and playgrounds	9.00
Cemeteries	75.00
Taxes bought by the town	526.32
Victory tax	4.90
TRA roads	272.57
Highways and bridges	537.04
Rebate on auto permit	2.22
New equipment	450.50
County tax	1,437.86
Schools	4,600.00
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	\$17,366.44
Cash on hand February 1, 1944	7,179.36
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	\$24,545.80

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY B. GOWEN, Town Treasurer

## AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

Assets of the Town, January 31, 1944	
Cash in Treasury	\$ 7,179.36
Due on 1943 taxes	1,954.93
Due on 1942 taxes	21.18
Unredeemed previous years	401.96
Uncollected previous years	352.80
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	\$ 9,910.23
Liabilities of the Town, January 31, 1944	
Schools, balance of dog money	\$ 312.25
Schools, balance of appropriation	3,024.00
Net surplus, January 31, 1944	6,573.98
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	\$ 9,910.23
January 31, 1944, loss of surplus	\$ 991.04

## Cemetery Trust Funds for Perpetual Care

## Assets

Deposited in New Hampshire Savings Bank, January 31, 1944	\$ 3,716.36
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## Liabilities

Total trust funds received	\$ 3,507.08
Unexpended interest	209.28
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	\$ 3,716.36

## The Silsby Free Public Library Trust Funds

## Assets

Deposited in New Hampshire Savings Bank, January 31, 1944	\$ 1,789.06
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## Liabilities

Total trust funds received	\$ 1,658.22
Unexpended interest	130.84
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	\$ 1,789.06

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN M. SOUTHWICK, Auditor

Report of Trust Funds of the Town of Acworth, N. H., on January 31, 1944.

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS, Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance on Hand Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance on Hand End of Year
Apr. 22, 1913	Edward C. Ball	N. H. Sav. Bank	\$ 100.00	2%	\$.01	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.01	\$
Apr. 22,	Julia A. Buswell	"	200.00	2%	56.03	5.12	6.40	54.75
Apr. 26, 1916	Mary L. Bowers	"	300.00	2%	7.19	6.14	10.50	2.83
Mar. 1, 1919	George W. Neal	"	106.36	2%	15.00	2.30	4.10	13.20
July 8, 1922	T. W. Place	"	50.00	2%		1.00	1.00	
Aug. 5, 1924	William Warner	"	100.00	2%	.01	2.00	2.01	
Mar. 19, 1925	Henry A. Clark	"	200.00	2%	99.52	5.98	7.50	98.00
Jan. 3,	Horace G. Perham	"	50.00	2%		1.00	1.00	
July 13.	Laura J. McKeen	"	100.00	2%	.01	2.00	2.01	
Dec. 29.	Abram M. Mitchell	"	190.00	2%	38.12	4.56	9.25	33.43
May 3, 1929	Charles K. Wood	"	100.00	2%	.01	2.00	2.01	
Mar. 14, 1930	Charles Elliott	"	50.00	2%		1.00	1.00	
Apr. 1,	Hiram N. Hayward	"	100.00	2%	.01	2.00	2.01	
Jan. 12, 1931	Cynthia E. J. Finley	"	100.00	2%	.01	2.00	2.01	
Sept. 1,	Ada L. Wallace	"	200.00	2%	1.03	4.02	4.50	.55
Nov. 19,	White-Ryder	"	95.00	2%	.01	1.90	1.91	
Sept. 22, 1932	Oariett Eaton	"	25.00	2%		.50	.50	
Feb. 27, 1933	Samuel A. Nye	"	100.00	2%	.01	2.00	2.01	
Apr. 17, 1934	Ashton E. Hemphill	"	100.00	2%	.01	2.00	2.01	
July 12, 1937	George W. Buss	"	100.00	2%	.01	2.00	2.01	

CEMETERY FUNDS

Oct. 23,	Frank McLaughlin	100.00	2%	.01	2.00	2.01	
Dec. 15,	Walter Slader	300.00	2%	.02	6.00	5.00	1.02
Mar. 15, 1938	George W. Call	100.00	2%	.01	2.00	2.01	
Jan. 1, 1939	Alger E. Hemphill	100.00	2%	.01	2.00	2.01	
Mar. 4, 1940	Charles M. Thornton	100.00	2%	.01	2.00	2.01	
Mar. 12, 1941	Gertrude C. Reed	200.00	2%	.35	4.00	3.35	1.00
Dec. 9,	Weston Kemp	100.00	2%	.01	2.00	2.01	
Dec. 9,	Weston Kemp-Orien Kemp	50.00	2%		1.00	1.00	
July 23, 1942	James Jeffery	100.00	2%	.83	2.00	2.83	
July 23,	H. W. Allen	100.00	2%	.83	2.00		2.83
Feb. 18, 1943	Ella M. Prentiss	100.00	2%		1.67		1.67
		\$3,716.36		\$ 219.07	\$ 78.19	\$ 87.98	\$ 209.28

#### LIBRARY FUNDS

Apr. 5, 1915	Rebecca W. Madison	150.00	2%	6.06	3.12		9.18
Aug. 25, 1924	W. L. Woodbury	1,000.00	2%	46.20	20.71	25.00	41.91
Dec. 29, 1925	Abram M. Mitchell	475.00	2%	51.51	10.52		62.03
Mar. 15, 1937	Walter Slader	164.06	2%	14.16	3.56		17.72
		\$1,789.06		\$ 117.93	\$ 37.91	\$ 25.00	\$ 130.84

ERVING C. DAVIS,  
HARRY B. GOWEN,  
DOROTHY N. FAUGHT, Trustees.

# Silsby Free Public Library

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## REPORT OF TREASURER FOR THE YEAR 1943-1944

### Town Appropriation Account

#### Receipts

Balance on hand February 1, 1943	\$ .23
From Town Treasurer, July 24, 1943	90.00
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Total Receipts, 1943-44	\$ 90.23
Total Disbursements, 1943-44	54.00
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Balance on hand, February 1, 1944	\$ 36.23

#### Disbursements

1943	
Jennie E. Smith, Librarian Feb. 1 to July 1	\$ 15.75
Janitor Feb. 1 to July 1	10.00
1944	
Jennie E. Smith, Librarian and Janitor July 1, 1943 to Feb. 1, 1944	23.25
Jan. 20, American Library Ass'n. dues 1944	5.00
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Total Disbursements 1943-44	\$ 54.00
Balance on hand, February 1, 1944	36.23
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	\$ 90.23

## Trust Fund Account

## Receipts

Balance on hand, February 1, 1943	\$	19.77
From Trustee of Trust Fund, H. B. Gowen		25.00
Total Receipts, 1943-44	\$	44.77
Disbursements, 1943-44		42.45
Balance on hand, February 1, 1944	\$	2.32

## Disbursements

1943		
Aug. 4, Jennie E. Smith for books	\$	10.91
May 1, American Library Ass'n., dues 1943-44		5.00
Aug. 22, Mayfair Agency, books		14.65
Sept. 21, Jennie E. Smith for books		8.73
Nov. 9, Jennie E. Smith for books		3.16
Total disbursements, 1943-44	\$	42.45
Balance on hand, February 1, 1944		2.32
	\$	44.77

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. AMSDEN, Treasurer

I hereby certify that I have examined the account of George S. Amsden, Treasurer of the Silsby Free Public Library and find it correct.

HELEN M. SOUTHWICK, Auditor

## SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1944-1945

## Detailed Statement of Expenditures

## Support of Schools

Teachers' salaries, provides for 3 teachers		\$ 3,600.00
Text books		80.00
Scholars' supplies		100.00
Flags and appurtenances		5.00
Other expenses of instruction		15.00
Janitor service		380.00
Fuel		475.00
Water, light, janitors' supplies		95.00
Minor repairs and expenses		150.00
Health supervision—Medical inspection		130.00
Transportation of pupils		
High School and Elementary	\$3,500.00	
Board for pupils remote		
from bus lines	700.00	4,200.00
Payment of Elementary tuitions		1,110.00
Other special activities		10.00
		<u>\$10,350.00</u>

## Other Statutory Requirements

Salaries of District Officers		\$ 145.00
Truant officer and school census		5.00
Payment of tuition in high school		2,640.00
Superintendent's excess salary		135.00
Per capita tax		220.00
Other obligations (expense of administration)		55.00
		<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>
Total amount required to meet school board's budget		<u><u>\$13,550.00</u></u>



## Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1944		
Deficit of about \$100.00		
State aid (Dec. 1944 allotment)	\$ 4,308.21	
Dog tax (estimate)	130.00	
Other estimated income	180.00	
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Deduct total estimated income		
(Not raised by taxation)		\$ 4,618.21
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Assessment required to balance		
School Board's budget		\$ 8,931.79
Special appropriation proposed		
(Articles in warrant)		
Deficiency appropriation to balance		
1943-44 budget	\$ 100.00	
Contingency fund for 1944-45	500.00	
New equipment	100.00	
Dental clinic	50.00	
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		\$ 750.00
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Total assessment required to cover		
budget and appropriations		\$ 9,681.79

## TREASURER'S REPORT

1942-1943

## Receipts

Cash on hand June 30, 1942	\$ 568.69
Dog licenses	132.66
Town of Langdon for transportation	180.00
Refund from American Book Co.	6.50
Money returned by Mrs. Mary Hemphill and teachers unused for the year 1942-43 for janitor service	30.50
Town treasurer, part town appropriation	5,550.00
State treasurer, state aid	4,708.57
Town treasurer, balance of previous appropriation	<u>1,011.12</u>
Total receipts for year	\$12,188.04

## Disbursements

Orders paid by treasurer	<u>11,603.19</u>
Cash on hand June 30, 1943	\$ 584.85

## AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, bank statements, and other financial records of the Treasurer of the School District of Acworth of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, and find them correct in all respects.

MAUDE H. MOODY, Auditor

July 10, 1943

School Board's Report of Expenditures  
for School Year, July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943

Summary Statement of Expenditures

Salaries of District Officers	\$ 115.00
Superintendent's Excess Salary	109.44
Truant Officer and Taking Census	5.00
Expenses of Administration	49.99
Teachers' Salaries	2,775.00
Text Books	13.00
Scholars' Supplies	24.34
Flags and Appurtenances	00.00
Janitor Service	377.70
Fuel	214.75
Water, Light, Janitor Supplies	92.49
Minor Repairs and Expenses	144.16
Medical Inspection—School Nurse	128.53
Transportation of Pupils	3,449.00
High School Tuition	1,372.88
Elementary Tuition	1,101.00
Other Special Activities	10.90
Insurance	136.07
State Per Capita Tax	222.00
Alteration of old Buildings	764.46
New Equipment	497.48
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Total Expenditures for the Year	\$11,603.19

# Vital Statistics Registered in the Town of Acworth, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1943.

## BIRTHS

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex	Living or Stillborn	No. Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents
Feb. 9	Walpole, N. H.	Robert Laurence	M	L	3	All White	Robert F. Champney	Laura M. Thurber	So. Acworth, N. H.
May 17	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Patricia Ann	F	L	2	All White	Winslow H. Neal	Helen Yuhas	Acworth, N. H.
Nov. 15	Bellows Falls, Vt.	James Walter	M	L	3	All White	Clarence N. Ells	Jennie A. Pitkin	Acworth, N. H.

## MARRIAGES

Date 1943	Place of Marriage	Name of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Age	Color	Occupation of Each	Birthplace of Each
July 1	Acworth, N. H.	Joseph Charles Taylor Marian Lersedna Pitkin	New London, Conn. Acworth, N. H.	22 18	White	U. S. Navy Waitress	Cambridgeport, Vt Cavendish, Vt.
Sept. 30	Charlestown, N. H.	Alvah L. Knapp Beverly C. Bushey	Acworth, N. H.	28	White	U. S. Army At home	Cabot, Vt. Bridgeport, Conn.
Nov. 17	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Carl Preston Brown Cora Estella Clogston	So. Acworth, N. H. Claremont, N. H.	46 38	All White	Lumbering Housekeeper	Bedford, N. H. Sudbury, Vt.

## DEATHS

Date 1943	Place of Birth	Name and Surname of Deceased	Yrs. Mos. Days	Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Condition	Occupation
Mar. 28	Acworth, N. H.	Mason, Herbert A.	57	Acworth, N. H.	M	White	W	Woodsmen
Sept. 23	Acworth, N. H.	Smith, Daniel N.	89	Woodbury, Vt.	M	White	W	Retired
Sept. 25	Pittsfield, Mass.	Grant, Robert Lyle	31	Acworth, N. H.	M	White	M	Lineman
Dec. 28	Newport, N. H.	Santti, Edla	59	Finland	F	White	M	Weaver

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

LEON F. NEWTON, Town Clerk.





