

**Annual Report**  
OF THE  
**TOWN of CROYDON**  
NEW HAMPSHIRE



For the Year Ending  
**December 31, 1949**



**Annual Reports**  
**OF THE**  
**OFFICERS**  
**OF THE**  
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**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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## TOWN OFFICERS

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### **Moderator**

Willis H. Ballou

### **Town Clerk**

Dana S. Gross

### **Selectmen**

George Vaine

Frank McIntosh

Wilfrid H. Dent

### **Town Treasurer**

Dana S. Gross

### **Tax Collector**

George T. Blanchard

### **Supervisors of the Check List**

Homer P. Fletcher

Ernest P. Kibbey

Wilbur M. Lewis

### **Overseer of Poor**

George Vaine

### **Police Officer and Dog Warden**

Joseph A. Le Duc

### **Health Officer**

Rowland Dent

### **Road Agent**

Ralph E. Curtis

### **Trustees of Trust Funds**

Ernest P. Kibbey

Wilbur M. Lewis

Dana S. Gross

### **Trustees of Library**

Dana S. Gross

Sadie E. Muzzey

Pearl F. Sawyer

### **Forest Fire Warden**

Willis H. Ballou

### **Auditor**

Doris R. Persons

## TOWN WARRANT

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(L. S.) THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Croydon, in the County of Sullivan, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 14th day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon (the polls not to close earlier than 6 o'clock in the afternoon) to act upon the following subjects:

Art. 1. To choose one Selectman, for three years, a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, two Auditors, one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee for three years and all such other officers and agents as may be necessary for the transaction of the Town's business for the ensuing year.

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

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Class V roads and raise and appropriate money for the same. Town to raise \$374.25 and State to give \$1,496.99.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will accept State Aid for Class V highway bridges and raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for that purpose.

Art. 5. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for highways and bridges and keeping the roads open during the winter.

Art. 6. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Expense of the Highway Department.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road from "Fletcher's Corner" to the "Newport Town Line" known as the Brighton Road. Also the road beginning at the Springfield Town Line and leading by the Crowningshield land, so called, known as the Lower Road.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue road in front of school house, to take effect when State builds new approach to Route 10.

Art. 9. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of cutting brush on the roadsides of town highways.

Art. 10. To see if the Town wishes to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for Equipment Depreciation Fund.

Art. 11. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lighting and for lighting town buildings.

Art. 12. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the upkeep of cemeteries.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 to reimburse the selectmen for the time and expenditures required in evaluating land for new timber tax law, which will require inspection of all timber land within the town.

Art. 14. To see what action the Town will take in regard to real estate taken over by the town for non-payment of taxes.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire all necessary sums of money for its use during the year, in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding one one hundredth of one percent ( $1/100$  of 1%) of the assessed valuation based on the assessment of 1949 for the purpose of

publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the town, together with other towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to refinish Town Hall floor.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for White Pine Blister Rust Control to be spent in cooperation with the State Forestry Department.

Art. 19. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Old Age Assistance.

Art. 20. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at said Croydon this ..... day of February, 1950.

GEORGE VAINE,  
WILFRID H. DENT,  
FRANK McINTOSH,  
Selectmen of Croydon.

A true copy of warrant.

Attest:

GEORGE VAINE,  
WILFRID H. DENT,  
FRANK McINTOSH,  
Selectmen of Croydon.

## Budget of the Town of

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the En-  
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Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1949	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1949	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1950
From State:			
Interest and dividends tax	\$ 373.00	\$ 409.81	\$ 400.00
Railroad tax	94.00	100.85	100.00
Savings bank tax	120.00	88.13	80.00
For fighting forest fires		10.67	
From Local Sources			
Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses		135.25	100.00
Business licenses, permits, filing fees	4.00	11.50	5.00
Rent of town hall and other buildings	20.00	30.00	25.00
Interest received on taxes and deposits	10.00		5.00
Motor vehicle permit fees		510.48	450.00
Sale of town property		12.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll taxes, regular, at \$2		120.00	250.00
National Bank stock taxes		16.00	16.00
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes		1,444.69	1,431.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes			19,307.64
Total revenues			\$20,738.64



## Croydon, N. H.

During Year, January 1, 1950 to December 31, 1950

and with

of the Previous Year, January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations	Actual	Estimated
	Previous Year 1949	Expenditures Previous Year 1949	Expenditures Ensuing Year 1950
<b>CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:</b>			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries		\$ 695.00	
Town officers' expenses		301.65	
Election and registration expenses		94.50	
Expenses of town hall and other town buildings	0	41.85	0
Protection of Persons and Property:	0		0
Police department	0	10.00	10.00
Fire department	1	163.71	163.71
Moth extermination - Blister Rust	\$	198.80	\$
Health:			
Health department		13.00	
Vital Statistics		7.50	
Insurance		199.27	
Town dump	— —	17.25	— —
Highways and Bridges:			
Cutting brush	400.00	409.00	400.00
Town maint., summer		1,978.60	4,000.00
Town maint., winter		1,304.30	
Street lighting	400.00	386.79	450.00
General expenses of highway department	1,000.00	971.88	1,000.00
Town road aid	373.65	373.65	373.65
Libraries:		20.40	20.40
Public Welfare:			
Town poor		97.00	100.00
Old Age Assistance	500.00	476.39	900.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day		10.50	11.00

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PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations	Actual	Estimated
	Previous Year 1949	Expenditures Previous Year 1949	Expenditures Ensuing Year 1950
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:			
(Continued from preceding page)			
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	150.00	258.45	300.00
Unclassified:			
Damages and legal expenses		37.67	40.00
Advertising and Regional Ass'n.	43.68	43.68	45.00
Refunds and abatements		137.27	
Interest:			
On temporary loans		39.50	
Outlay for new construction and permanent improvements:			
Highways and Bridges,			
Equipment Depreciation fund			1,000.00
Indebtedness:			
Payment on principal of debt,			
On temporary loans		3,000.00	
Payments to other governmental divisions:			
County taxes		2,421.00	2,400.00
School taxes		6,499.19	7,598.59
Total expenditures		\$20,207.99	\$20,738.64

## INVENTORY

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### of Valuation for the Tax Year, 1949

DESCRIPTION	VALUATION
Lands and buildings	\$333,825.00
Growing wood and timber	30,700.00
Electric plants, 1	19,951.00
Horses, 31	2,750.00
Oxen, 2	200.00
Cows, 115	11,260.00
Other neat stock, 19	1,425.00
Sheep and goats, 30	300.00
Fowls, 550	827.00
Portable mills, 1	1,000.00
Wood, lumber etc.	2,300.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks, 4	640.00
Stock in trade	600.00
Compressor, 1	2,250.00
Total valuation, exclusive of soldiers' exemptions	\$408,028.00
Poll taxes, 139 @ \$2.00	\$278.00
National Bank stock taxes	\$16.00
Total amount of taxes to be committed to Collector, including town taxes, poll taxes and National Bank stock taxes	\$18,043.22
Average rate of taxation per one hundred dollars valuation for all purposes	\$4.35
Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans	\$14,550.00

## APPROPRIATIONS and Taxes Assessed, 1949

To defray town charges	\$1,898.80
Town Road Aid	373.65
Town maintenance	4,000.00
Cutting brush	400.00
Street lighting	400.00
General expenses of highway department	1,000.00
Library	21.00
Old Age Assistance	500.00
Memorial Day	8.64
Cemeteries	150.00
Damages and legal expense	41.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	43.68
Interest	125.00
County tax	2,421.00
School tax	7,598.59
Total town and school appropriations	<u>\$18,981.36</u>
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits:	
Interest and dividend tax	\$402.04
Railroad tax	94.00
Savings bank tax	120.00
Motor vehicle permit fees	400.00
Business licenses and permits	3.00
Rent of town property	30.00
Total revenues and credits	<u>1,049.04</u>
	\$17,932.32
Plus overlay	<u>110.90</u>
Net amount to be raised by taxation	\$18,043.22
Less:	
Poll taxes, 139 @ \$2	278.00
National bank stock taxes	16.00      294.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured	<u>\$17,749.22</u>

## Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

### Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1949

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance
General government	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,543.73	\$
Bliſter ruſt	198.80	198.80	198.80	
Town road aid	373.65	373.65	373.65	
Town maintenance	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,282.90	
Street lighting	400.00	400.00	386.79	
Gen. expenſes of highway	1,000.00	1,000.00	971.88	
Old age aſſiſtance	500.00	500.00	476.39	
County tax	2,421.00	2,421.00	2,421.00	
D. L. S.	43.68	43.68	43.68	
Library			20.40	
Town poor			97.00	
Memorial Day			10.50	
Interest			39.50	
Cutting brush	400.00	400.00	409.19	
Cemeteries	150.00	258.45	258.45	
School tax	7,598.59	7,725.84	3,575.00	4,150.84
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$18,785.72</b>	<b>\$19,021.42</b>	<b>\$14,108.86</b>	<b>\$4,150.84</b>

# **Financial Report**

**for the**

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949**

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## **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.

January 26, 1950.

GEORGE VAINE,  
WILFRID H. DENT,  
FRANK McINTOSH,  
Selectmen.

DANA S. GROSS, Treasurer.

## Schedule of Town Property

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DESCRIPTION	VALUE
Town hall, land and buildings	\$3,000.00
Furniture and equipment	300.00
Library	
Furniture and equipment	60.00
Fire department	
Equipment	200.00
Highway department, lands and buildings	800.00
Equipment	1,750.00
Schools, lands and buildings	2,400.00
Equipment	200.00
Town dump	150.00
Land acquired through tax collector's deed	
Alexander Cronin lot	300.00
	\$9,160.00

## Town of Croydon

Balance

**ASSETS**

<b>Cash</b>	
In hands of treasurer	\$4,390.71
<b>Accounts Due to the Town</b>	
Due from State:	
Bounties	153.50
<b>Unredeemed Taxes</b>	
Levy of 1948	138.46
Levy of 1947	9.12
<b>Uncollected Taxes</b>	
Levy of 1949	3,076.29
Levy of 1948	211.65
Levy of 1947	17.68
Total assets	<u>\$7,997.41</u>
Net surplus, December 31, 1948	\$2,349.00
Net surplus, December 31, 1949	3,646.57
Increase of surplus	1,297.57



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December 31, 1949

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**LIABILITIES**
**Accounts Owed by the Town**

Unexpended balances of special appropriations:		
Soldiers' memorial		\$ 200.00
Due to School District:		
Dog licenses	127.25	
Balance of appropriation	4,023.59	
		<u>4,150.84</u>
Total liabilities		<u>\$4,350.84</u>
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)		<u>3,646.57</u>
Should equal this Grand Total		\$7,997.41

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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### Dog Licenses

1949 licenses issued: 57	
37 males @ \$2.00	\$74.00
1 male @ \$1.65	1.65
5 females @ \$5.00	25.00
13 females @ \$2.00	26.00
1 kennel license	20.00
	\$146.65
Less 57 license fees @ 20¢	11.40
	\$135.25

### Motor Vehicle Tax Permits

Number permits issued: 145	
Received for 2, 1948 permits	\$ 7.84
Received for 143, 1949 permits	510.48
	\$518.32
Paid town	\$518.32

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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1949 taxes committed to me for collection	\$18,046.90
Added poll tax	2.00
	\$18,048.90
Collected and paid to treasurer	14,972.61
Leaving a balance to collect of	\$ 3,076.29

GEORGE T. BLANCHARD, Collector.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### RECEIPTS

George T. Blanchard, Collector:	
1949 taxes	\$14,972.61
1948 taxes	2,974.07
1947 taxes	110.45
Interest on taxes	15.93
First National Bank, temporary loans	3,000.00
State:	
For forest fire expenses	10.67
For 1948 bounties	153.00
Savings bank tax	88.13
Railroad tax	100.85
Interest and dividends tax	409.81
For Class V roads	626.50
Town Clerk:	
Dog licenses	135.25
1948 motor vehicle tax permits	7.84
1949 motor vehicle tax permits	510.48
Town officers filing fees	8.00
H. L. Porter, for tiles	12.00
Selectmen:	
For rent of town hall	30.00
For 7 pistol permits	3.50
Receipts for the year	\$23,169.09
Balance from 1948	<u>2,348.11</u>
Total receipts	\$25,517.20
Paid on orders of the Selectmen	<u>21,126.49</u>
Balance, cash on hand	\$ 4,390.71

Croydon, N. H.

Receipts and

**RECEIPTS****Current Revenue**From Local Taxes: (collected and  
remitted to treasurer)

Property taxes, current year	\$14,836.61
Poll taxes, current year, regular @ \$2	120.00
National Bank stock taxes	16.00
Total current year's taxes collected and remitted	14,972.61
Property taxes, previous years	3,084.52
Interest received on taxes	15.93
From State:	
For highways and bridges:	
For town road aid, gas tax money	626.50
Interest and dividend tax	409.81
Railroad tax	100.85
Savings bank tax	88.13
Fighting forest fires	10.67
Bounties	153.00
Total of above current revenue receipts	\$19,462.02

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## Payments for the Year Ended December 31, 1949

### PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses		
General Government:		
Town officers' salaries	\$	695.00
Town officers' expenses		301.65
Election and registration expenses		94.50
Expenses town hall		41.85
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police department		10.00
Insurance		199.27
Fire department, including forest fires		163.71
Moth extermination—Blister Rust		198.80
Bounties		153.50
Damage by dogs		22.67
Health:		
Health department		13.00
Vital statistics		7.50
Town dump		17.25
Highways and Bridges:		
Cutting brush		409.19
Town road aid		373.65
Town maintenance,		
Summer	1,978.60	
Winter	<u>1,304.30</u>	3,282.90
Street lighting		386.79
General expenses of highway department		971.88
Libraries:		
Library		<u>20.40</u>
Total of above current maintenance expenses		\$7,363.51

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Croydon, N. H.

Receipts and

**RECEIPTS**

(Brought forward from page 18)		\$19,462.02
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog licenses		135.25
Business licenses, permits and filing fees		11.50
Rent of town property		30.00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1948 permits		7.84
Registration of motor vehicles, 1949 permits		510.48
Total current revenue receipts		<u>\$20,157.09</u>
<b>Receipts Other Than Current Revenue</b>		
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during the year	\$3,000.00	
Sale of town property	<u>12.00</u>	
Total receipts other than current revenue		<u>3,012.00</u>
Total receipts from all sources		<u>\$23,169.09</u>
Cash on hand January 1, 1949		<u>2,348.11</u>
This Grand Total		<u>\$25,517.20</u>

## Payments for the Year Ended December 31, 1949

### PAYMENTS

(Brought forward from page 19)	\$7,363.51	
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance	476.39	
Town poor	97.00	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day	10.50	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	258.45	
Unclassified:		
Damages and legal expenses	15.00	
Advertising and Regional Associations	43.68	
Taxes bought by town	138.46	
Discounts, abatements and refunds	137.27	
Total current maintenance expenses		\$8,540.26
<b>Interest</b>		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		39.50
<b>Outlay for New Construction, Equipment   and Permanent Improvements</b>		
Highways and bridges—Town construction, Gas tax money		626.54
<b>Indebtedness</b>		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		3,000.00
<b>Payments to Other   Governmental Divisions</b>		
Taxes paid to County	2,421.00	
Payment to School District, (appr. \$6,363.94)(dog lic. \$135.25)	6,499.19	
Total payments to other gov. divisions		8,920.19
Total payments for all purposes		\$21,126.49
Cash on hand December 31, 1949		4,390.71
Should equal this Grand Total		\$25,517.20

## DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

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### Town Officers' Salaries

George Vaine, Selectman	\$120.00
Wilfrid H. Dent, Selectman	120.00
Frank McIntosh, Selectman	120.00
Dana S. Gross, Town Clerk and Treasurer	150.00
George T. Blanchard, Tax Collector	150.00
Sadie Muzzey, Librarian	25.00
Doris Persons, Auditor	10.00
	\$695.00

### Town Officers' Expenses

First National Bank	\$ 3.00
W. H. Dent	1.80
First National Bank	.85
D. L. Garrison	5.00
Howe Press	118.15
George Vaine	6.00
W. H. Dent	6.00
Frank McIntosh	6.00
Transportation	1.50
Edson C. Eastman	10.92
W. H. Dent	3.00
John R. Kelly	.90
Bernice McWilliams	.20
C. K. Barton	6.00
Wm. R. White	5.00
First National Bank	1.15
Association N. H. Assessors	2.00
First National Bank	1.75
First National Bank	2.85
George Vaine	5.00
W. H. Dent	5.00
Frank McIntosh	5.00
Transportation	4.00
First National Bank	1.65



First National Bank	3.65
George Blanchard	7.15
First National Bank	2.10
N. H. Tax Collectors' Association	2.00
N. H. Town Clerks' Association	2.00
W. H. Dent	.66
First National Bank	3.35
Dana S. Gross	78.02
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	\$301.65

**Election and Registration Expenses**

Argus Press	\$ 9.50
Homer Fletcher	20.00
Herbert Barton	5.00
Joseph Le Duc	5.00
Charles Cole	5.00
Bessie Wright	5.00
George Gross	5.00
W. H. Ballou	5.00
E. P. Kibbey	20.00
Wilbur Lewis	15.00
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	\$94.50

**Town Hall**

A. Brodeur	\$5.00
Silsby & Johnson Co.	2.10
Grant Hayward	4.50
Grant Hayward	14.25
Reney	16.00
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	\$41.85

**Police Department**

Police department	\$10.00
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**Fire Department**

Blackington fire	\$11.00
W. H. Ballou, Fire Warden	16.50
N. Heanault fire	15.66

N. Heanault fire, Town of Newport		105.00
W. H. Ballou		5.55
W. H. Ballou, Fire Warden, salary		10.00
		<u>\$163.71</u>
<b>Bounties</b>		
Porcupine bounties		\$153.50
<b>Health Department</b>		
Rowland Dent		\$13.00
Vital statistics		\$7.50
Insurance		\$199.27
Library		\$20.40
Old Age Assistance		\$476.39
Town poor		\$97.00
Memorial Day		\$10.50
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region		\$43.68
Cemeteries		\$258.45
Damages and legal expenses		\$37.67
Taxes bought by town	\$138.46	
Refunds, abatements and discounts	<u>137.27</u>	\$275.73
Town dump		\$17.25
Interest		\$39.50
Pine Blister control		\$198.80
Town Road Aid		\$373.65
Gas tax money		\$626.54
Temporary loans		\$3,000.00
County tax		\$2,421.00
School District		\$6,499.19

**General Expenses of the Highway Department**

Dartmouth Garage	\$ 3.75
Cassellini-Venable	13.28
Dartmouth Garage	8.23
H. Martin	.98
C. Maxham	18.00
Vaine's Gulf Service	2.45
C. Maxham	6.50
Grant Hayward	1.75
Martin's Hardware	2.95
Scott Machinery Co.	35.48
Silsby & Johnson	14.72
G. Stetson	1.25
G. Gillingham	331.10
C. Maxham	18.00
H. Martin	1.20
Vaine's Gulf Service	5.65
Theo. Vaine	1.00
L. Riley	2.35
W. Wright	10.00
Cassellini-Venable	.72
Martin's Hardware	.60
Silsby & Johnson	4.85
Martin's Hardware	1.65
Baum's Casterine Co.	27.03
Johnson Service Station	2.25
E. W. Systrom	8.25
Cassellini-Venable	8.20
McAdams' Garage	2.85
Montgomery Ward Co.	40.45
G. Gillingham	348.90
Cassellini-Venable	6.00
Silsby & Johnson	.70
Vaine's Gulf Station	30.91
Dana S. Gross	.50
Vaine's Gulf Station	9.38
	<u>\$971.88</u>

**Town Maintenance**  
**HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES**

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**Town Road Agents**

WINTER WORK

Walter Wright		\$386.34
Harry Porter		364.18
R. E. Curtis		553.78
	Total	\$1,304.30

SUMMER WORK

R. E. Curtis	Total	\$1,978.60
R. E. Curtis, cutting brush		\$409.19
Street lighting		\$386.79

**Tabular Statement of Trust Funds, Income and Expenditures, December 31, 1949**

Date of Creation	Name of Fund and Purpose of Creation	Amount of Principal	How Invested—Rate of Interest	Income on hand at beginning of year	Income during year	Expended during year	Income on hand at end of year
1804	School fund, schools	\$1,118.17		.....	28.13	28.13	.....
1903	Asa Davis, Davis cemetery	150.00		50.70	3.77	5.00	49.47
1911	Gilman Whipple, burial lot	200.00		96.33	5.03	.....	101.36
1913	Hannah Stevens,	50.00		.97	1.26	1.00	1.23
1917	Kate Clark,	50.00		1.08	1.26	1.00	1.34
1920	Baldwin Humphrey,	100.00		14.53	2.51	.....	17.04
1924	Harriet Cooper,	100.00		2.47	2.51	1.00	3.98
1928	Almon Coon,	100.00		2.88	2.51	1.00	4.39
1928	Albert Parlin, Flat Church	10,000.00		.....	251.56	251.56	.....
1930	Hilliard Sanborn, 5 bur. lots	500.00		53.87	12.58	12.50	53.95
1941	Louisa Bailey, burial lot	75.00		4.49	1.89	2.00	4.38
		\$12,443.17	Newport Savings Bank 6 mo. at 2%; 6 mo. at 2 1/2%	\$227.32	\$313.01	\$303.19	\$237.14

DANA S. GROSS  
 ERNEST P. KIBBEY  
 WILBUR M. LEWIS  
 Trustees.

## REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN

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We had no forest fires in the Town of Croydon this year in spite of the extremely dry periods experienced during the late spring and summer.

This is a fine record. It is due in some small measure to good fortune since fires are caused in woodlands by lightning hits, yet, we all know that a record such as this one in 1949 indicates great care and everlasting vigilance on the part of our townspeople.

I again thank the citizens and visiting guests of Croydon for the good judgment and common sense care they continue to exercise to the great benefit of our natural forests and resources of this town.

No. of fire permits issued,	56
No. of investigations,	6

WILLIS H. BALLOU, Warden.

## TOWN LIBRARY

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### Librarian's Report

Number of books loaned during year		1,027
Adults	861	
Juvenile	166	
Number books added by purchase		10
Number books added by gifts		12

SADIE E. MUZZEY, Librarian.

### Trustees' Report

Balance from 1948		\$ 1.81
1949 appropriation from town		20.40
		\$22.21
Paid H. R. Huntting for 10 books	21.30	
Money order and postage	.28	
		21.58
Balance on hand		\$ .63

PEARL F. SAWYER,  
DANA S. GROSS,  
SADIE E. MUZZEY,  
Trustees.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

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This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Clerk, Collector of Taxes, Trustees of Trust Funds and Library Trustees of the Town of Croydon for the year ending December 31, 1949 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

DORIS R. PERSONS, Auditor.

**Financial Report**  
of the  
**Croydon School District**  
for the  
**Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1948**  
and Ending June 30, 1949

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**CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.  
June 30, 1949.

PEARL F. SAWYER,  
DANA S. GROSS,  
ERNEST P. KIBBEY,

School Board.

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Croydon, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.  
July 9, 1949.

NED A. HADLEY, Auditor.



**BALANCE SHEET****June 30, 1949****ASSETS**

Cash on hand	\$69.21
Total assets	<u>\$ 69.21</u>
Net debt (Excess of liabilities over assets)	116.79
Grand Total	<u>\$186.00</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts Owed by District:	
Teachers Retirement Board	\$186.00
Total liabilities	<u>\$186.00</u>
Grand Total	\$186.00

**RECEIPTS**

State Aid	
Equalization and general	\$2,818.05
Local Taxation	
Current appropriation	5,767.00
Other Sources	
Dog licenses	107.19
Trust fund	22.47
	<u>129.66</u>
Total receipts from all sources	<u>\$8,714.71</u>
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1948	16.19
Grand Total	<u>\$8,730.90</u>

**PAYMENTS**

Administration	
Salaries of district officers	\$ 133.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	242.20
Tax for state wide supervision	128.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	10.00
Supplies and expenses	152.68
Instruction	
Teachers' salaries	3,600.00
Books and other instructional aids	125.29
Scholars' supplies	134.74
Operation of School Plant	
Salaries of janitors	216.00
Fuel	201.50
Water, light, supplies and expenses	106.80
Maintenance of School Plant	
Repairs and replacements	85.10
Auxiliary Activities	
Health supervision	131.47
Transportation	1,486.00
Tuition	1,607.08
Fixed Charges	
Retirement	11.41
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses	35.00
Debt and Interest	
Principal of debt	255.42
Total payments for all purposes	<u>\$8,661.69</u>
Total cash on hand at end of year, June 30, 1949	69.21
Grand Total	<u>\$8,730.90</u>

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, June 30, 1948		\$ 16.19
Received from selectmen,		
Appropriations for current year	\$5,767.00	
Dog tax	107.19	
Income from trust funds	22.47	
Received from State Treasurer	2,818.05	
		8,714.71
Total amount available for fiscal year		\$8,730.90
Less School Board orders paid		8,661.69
		\$ 69.21

MARY E. McCULLOUGH,  
District Treasurer.

## AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the Treasurer of the School District of Croydon, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, and find them correct in all respects.

July 9, 1949.

NED A. HADLEY,  
Auditor.

## DETAILED PAYMENTS, 1948-1949

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### District Officers

Ernest P. Kibbey, School Board	\$25.00
Pearl F. Sawyer, School Board	25.00
Dana S. Gross, School Board	50.00
Mary E. McCullough, Treasurer	25.00
Willis H. Ballou, Clerk	4.00
Wilfrid H. Dent, Moderator	2.00
Ned A. Hadley, Auditor	2.00

\$133.00

### Supervision

Treasurer, Supv. Union, Supt's excess salary	\$242.20
State Treasurer, per capita tax	128.00

\$370.20

### School Census

Pearl F. Sawyer	\$10.00
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### Expenses of Administration

Citizens National Bank, checking account service	\$16.97
Charlestown School District, District's share of Supervisory Union clerk's salary	42.00
Office equipment	24.85
Office telephone, toll calls, miscellaneous supplies	15.60
R. E. Lane, supplies	.63
Henry J. Hastings, expenses	22.50
Union Treasurer, dues and supplies	15.12
Frances Wirkkala, committee chairman	5.00
Dana S. Gross	7.25
Mary E. McCullough	2.76

\$152.68

### Teachers' Salaries

Doris E. Kibbey, Flat	\$1728.00
Teachers Retirement Board	72.00

\$1,800.00

Joyce A. Jordan, East Village	\$1,728.00
Teachers Retirement Board	72.00
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	\$1,800.00
<b>Janitor Service</b>	
Doris E. Kibbey	\$108.00
Joyce Jordan	108.00
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	\$216.00
<b>Text Books</b>	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	\$15.06
American Book Co.	8.65
Macmillan Company	30.68
Charles Scribner's Sons	17.65
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	\$72.04
<b>Scholars' Supplies</b>	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	\$130.62
Silver, Burdette Co.	.92
Charlestown School District	2.50
Leland L. Riley	.70
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	\$134.74
<b>Other Expenses of Instruction</b>	
Prentice - Hall, Inc.	\$3.24
Noble & Noble	6.54
Charlestown School District	1.00
Children's Press	5.52
Allyn & Bacon	.91
World Book Co.	1.54
Scott, Foresman & Co.	7.49
Macmillan Company	3.82
Beckley - Cardy Co.	6.48
Rand, McNalley Co.	3.31
Row, Peterson & Co.	4.95
Edward E. Babb & Co.	4.75
American Book Co.	3.70
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	\$53.25

**Fuel**

Homer P. Fletcher, 5 cords wood	\$75.00
Frank L. Frye, 5 cords wood	50.00
Gerald S. Gross, drawing and sawing 5 cords	25.00
M. L. Chamberlain, putting wood in shed	24.00
Arthur C. Persons, sawing wood	12.50
Flat School, putting wood in shed	10.00
Reney Brothers, kindling	5.00
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	\$201.50

**Light and Janitors' Supplies**

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$43.08
Stevens Products	24.00
J. L. Hammett Co.	1.11
Cascade Paper Co.	27.67
Silsby & Johnson, Inc.	2.42
Leland L. Riley	8.52
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	\$106.80

**Repairs and Replacements**

Ernest P. Kibbey	\$14.80
Charles C. Barton	25.00
Rowell Brothers	4.50
Carroll S. Gross	1.00
Marion I. Blackington, stove	30.00
Arthur R. Randall	4.00
Silsby & Johnson, Inc.	1.80
Archie J. Ellingwood	4.00
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	\$85.10

**Medical Inspection — Health**

C. F. Wright hospital	\$ 1.00
Charlestown School District	10.47
Zephyrine L. Hasham, R.N., school nurse	115.20
Teachers Retirement Board	4.80
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	\$131.47

**Transportation**

Lottie A. Huff	\$435.00
Asa D. Cutting	531.00

Ralph E. Curtis	348.00
Roy Coolbeth	172.00
	<u>\$1,486.00</u>

**High School Tuition**

Newport School District	\$1,169.03
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Tuition for

James Olivier	Donna Persons	Philip Weber
June Persons	John Brown	Jean Winter
Vieno Leeman	Edward Carley	Dorothy Bridgeo
Dorothy Barton	Richard Gross	Clarence Norton

**Elementary Tuition**

Newport School District	\$138.05
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Tuition for

Janice Cutting	Sandra MacWilliams
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Sunapee School District	300.00
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Tuition for

Mary Ann Coolbeth	Sylvia Coolbeth	•
Roberta Coolbeth		
		<u>\$438.05</u>

**Fixed Charges**

Albert L. Cushion Agency, insurance	\$25.00
Albert L. Cushion Agency, treasurer's bond	10.00
Union Treasurer, Superintendent's retirement pay	11.41
	<u>\$46.41</u>

**Bills of Previous Year**

Zephyrine L. Hasham, R.N.	\$ 55.20
Teachers Retirement Board	2.30
Teachers Retirement Board, 5% of superintendent's and teachers' salaries	185.38
Union Treasurer, Superintendent's retirement	12.54
	<u>\$255.42</u>

## CROYDON SCHOOL DISTRICT — FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Expenditures		Estimated		Budget for 1950-51
	1948-49	Budget 1949-50	Expenditures 1949-50		
<b>Payments</b>					
<b>Administration</b>					
Salaries of district officers	\$ 133.00	\$ 133.00	\$ 133.00	\$	133.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	242.20	275.00	239.75		200.00
Tax for state wide supervision	128.00	126.00	126.00		140.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	10.00	75.00	73.00		60.00
Supplies and expenses	152.68	50.00	65.00		50.00
<b>Instruction</b>					
Principals' and Teachers' salaries	3,600.00	3,700.00	3,800.00		4,000.00
Books and other instructional aids	125.29	100.00	175.00		145.00
Scholars' supplies	134.74	110.00	200.00		174.00
Supplies and other expenses		25.00	35.00		25.00
<b>Operation of School Plant</b>					
Salaries of janitors	216.00	216.00	216.00		216.00
Fuel or heat	201.50	225.00	242.00		100.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses	106.80	125.00	150.00		125.00
<b>Maintenance of School Plant</b>					
Repairs and replacements	85.10	100.00	275.00		150.00
<b>Auxiliary Activities</b>					
Health supervision	131.47	150.00	150.00		175.00
Transportation	1,486.00	1,430.00	1,430.00		1,400.00



Tuition:	1,607.08		1,576.64	2,600.00
Elementary		580.00		
High		1,651.00		
Fixed Charges				
Retirement	11.41	200.00	203.51	220.00
Insurance, treas. bond and expenses	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
Capital Outlay				
Additions & improvements to property		500.00	500.00	150.00
New equipment				
Deficiency appro. for bills outstanding	255.42	200.00	365.27	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$8,661.69</b>	<b>\$10,006.00</b>	<b>\$9,990.17</b>	<b>\$10,098.00</b>
Balance	69.21		203.45	
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$7,730.90</b>	<b>\$10,006.00</b>	<b>\$10,193.62</b>	<b>\$10,098.00</b>

**Statement of Receipts**

Cash on hand	Receipts 1948-49	Budget 1949-50	Received 1949-50	Budget 1950-51
State Aid - equalization	\$ 16.19	\$	\$ 69.21	\$ 203.45
Local Taxation	2,818.05	2,700.00	2,385.41	2,475.92
Current appropriation	5,767.00	7,284.00	7,098.59	7,390.50
Special appropriation			500.00	
Dog licenses	107.19		112.28	
Trust funds	22.47	22.00	28.13	28.13
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$8,730.90</b>	<b>\$10,006.00</b>	<b>\$10,193.62</b>	<b>\$10,098.00</b>

## **A Message from Your Superintendent**

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American education has undergone many changes in the past half century. Public education now is an accepted part of our complex society, and its importance to the democratic form of government is recognized by all thinking people. The effectiveness with which the isms of foreign lands have been drilled into the minds of youth is proof, if we need any, of the importance of education in our country to sustain and bring to realization the ideals of democracy.

At the beginning of the century, it was the rare boy or girl who had either the inclination or opportunity to complete high school or college. In 1950, the great majority begin high school, a large percentage finish, and a fair proportion of these complete college. Elementary education is compulsory for all. Progress is being made towards educational equality.

Changes have been made and more must come in curricula. Training in the three R's and academic work is just as important and methods have improved. As the public school is our society's instrument for continuance and improvement, schools have added training in the vocational, cultural and citizenship aspects of our living. The school plant becomes a real community where youth learns to work and play together for the most formative years of their character development, and a center of local activities in which all citizens take pride.

Many problems face the citizens of Supervisory Union No. 5 in their efforts to support and improve their school systems. I am presenting a summation under the three headings: educational, building, financial.

### **EDUCATIONAL**

Increased enrollments and building capacity limits are causing overcrowded conditions which make good

teaching difficult. Twenty-five to thirty pupils in a single grade should be the maximum. Where several grades must be placed in one classroom, the total number should not exceed twenty-five. We have many situations where the teachers frankly admit inability to teach effectively because of too many pupils and too little time. Poor lighting, ventilation, lack of sanitation, and no room for special activities limit educational efficiency in too many towns in this Union.

School Boards are aware of the need for having good tools of learning—books, maps, supplies, practical arts materials, and even athletic equipment. They are attempting to include sufficient funds in budgets to provide for classroom needs. With so many costs fixed by law or conditions, it is natural to look to this area for reductions. In many schools, materials have not been adequate. It is unwise to attempt savings here beyond limits of reasonable economy because these are basic needs and would effect little reduction in the total budget.

It is our good fortune to have a large number of competent and experienced teachers. Many of our teachers are married and make their homes in our communities. They are interested in the welfare of the town as well as the school. The requirements for certification to teach in New Hampshire have become more stringent. Many "permit" teachers are taking extension courses and summer courses to meet these requirements. Salaries have increased. They must continue to do so until the supply of teachers is greater and until teaching as a profession at least keeps up with the economic returns from other occupations. There is a national and state-wide shortage, especially of elementary teachers. Better retirement systems, higher pay and lower educational requirements continues to drain New Hampshire of some of its finest. Teachers are human beings who

like to be commended, who like good homes, pleasant surroundings and friends. The great majority in the profession place service to children above monetary returns.

As our concern is more with the progress that each child makes than with his present standing, we are undertaking a testing program in every school. Standardized tests to measure mental ability and attainment in nine areas of learning will be given and records made of results. This will become a yearly procedure so that we can chart progress made against what normally could be expected. We can try harder and devote more time to those areas where weaknesses become evident.

#### BUILDING PROBLEMS

All except one of the eight towns have pressing building needs. Nearly all buildings are very old and provide inadequate housing for increased enrollments. Efforts have been made and are being made to plan and to build. It is not a problem of easy solution. I am sure that the people of our communities want bigger and better buildings with running water, modern plumbing and controlled heat.

It is discouraging to spend money patching up and repairing to "get by another year" when we would like to see these dollars go into a permanent improvement.

More towns are setting up capital reserve accounts as a long-term means of getting new buildings. It is my recommendation that every town should set aside at least a few hundred dollars and increase it year by year. A committee in one town of the Union is attempting to raise money by other means than taxation. They should be congratulated.

Some small towns in New Hampshire have given up waiting for financial assistance from state or federal government. The satisfaction they must have with

their new buildings and the benefits to their children must be ample rewards for the sacrifice. A new school is a living memorial to the faith we have in our boys and girls.

#### FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

Real economy means wise spending and not parsimony. The cut in State Aid to education from two million to four hundred thousand certainly is not economy. It costs money to provide even average schools. Actual expenditures for schools have not been reduced by this move. The result has been to thrust back upon communities practically the total burden. Real estate taxes have increased greatly and will go higher if additional support is not returned.

Our Union is made up of small communities with a small proportion of income-producing property. Several thousand dollars of income was taken away. Even those towns whose allotment was not reduced feel the pinch as tuition and transportation costs increase sharply. Other states have increased their financial support to towns and have provided a sound tax basis for doing so.

Transportation will continue to be an expensive problem. A large proportion of our pupils have to be transported long distances over both good and bad roads. The geography of some of the towns, and the remote location of some of the homes, make transportation costs soar, often beyond reasonable expectations. Tuition to outside schools is advancing rapidly due to increasing enrollments and higher charges for tuition. All receiving towns are increasing tuition charges for next year, some sharply, a reflection of their greater costs. Large deficits of some towns in the Union are attributable to these two factors which your School Boards cannot control.

Your school officials are some of our most respected citizens who give freely of their time, and who are very

much aware of their responsibility to youth and town. They cannot be justly accused of waste. The average cost per pupil in New Hampshire for 1948-1949 was \$229.49. The schools in your towns are being operated at considerably less. It is inevitable that school expenses should increase along with every other commodity and service. Good education cannot wait for a more convenient time. There is a need for greater public understanding of school problems. We are encouraging adult groups to organize to study their schools, to ask questions and to assist in activities.

The difficulties are so many and so varied, and their solution so important, that I am humble before the task. Your support and good will, expressed to me in many ways, is especially gratifying. All of us working earnestly together with courage, persistence and vision, often forgetting ourselves in service to our communities, should evolve a majority of the right answers.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. DAY,

Supt. Union No. 5.



## SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

**Croydon, 1949**

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

The routine health inspection and check-up of the school children has continued in the usual manner.

All age group pupils have been instructed in good health and health behavior. We have learned that the advice of the nurse often is a definite aid to health education.

Part of the nurse's time is spent in directing parents in their effort to get their children's defects corrected or to provide the best condition for healthy development of the children.

Through the efforts of the Croydon parents, fewer communicable diseases occurred among the pupils. However, there is greater need of dental care and mouth hygiene for every pupil.

Number of school visits	16
Number of home visits	14
Defects found and reported:	
Defective teeth	29
Enlarged tonsils	6
Poor posture	8
Poor nutrition	8
Skin infection	2
Pediculosis	2
Obesity	1
Faulty speech	2

I appreciate the help of those who have assisted in the school health service.

ZEPHYRINE L. HASHAM, R.N.

## VITAL STATISTICS

Registered in the Town of Croydon, for the year ending December 31, 1949

### BIRTHS

Date of Birth	Child's Name	Sex	Place of Birth	Parents
Apr. 27	Kenneth Albert	M.	Newport	Henry A. Dierks Helen V. McIntosh
May 18	Sandra Joyce	F.	Newport	Anthony B. McGuire Winzola E. Frye
June 30	Stephen Milan	M.	Claremont	Wilfred F. Jordan Joyce A. Linton
Aug. 1	David Hoard	M.	Newport	Cecil S. Bridgeo Maud M. Hoard



## MARRIAGES

- Feb. 19 Morris P. Wright, 26, and Miss Excelia C. Beliveau, 20, both of Newport  
Married in Newport by Rev. Maurice H. Porter
- May 26 Gerald S. Gross, 32, of Croydon and Mrs. Rita D. Wiggins, 23, of Lebanon  
Married in Grantham by Joshua H. Dunbar, J. P.
- Aug. 3 Royal L. Richardson, 23, of Croydon and Miss Helen L. Dillon, 19, of Newport  
Married in Lebanon by Rev. Joseph Stopford
- Oct. 1 Russell S. Beliveau, 24, of Croydon and Miss Barbara A. Briggs, 18, of Portland, Me.  
Married in Newport by Leonard F. Dudley, J. P.
- Oct. 8 Ronald K. Ordway, 21, and Miss Edith V. Richardson, 19, both of Croydon  
Married in Lebanon by Rev. Joseph Stopford

## DEATHS

Date of Death	Name	Age, Yrs.	Mo.	Days	Condition	Place of Death
Jan. 17	Crawford E. Churchill	41	10	7	White Married	Croydon
Feb. 19	Cora B. Lacoss	82	8	4	White Married	Unity
June 29	Lestina P. H. Barrett	68	7	15	White Widowed	Croydon
July 6	Alexander C. MacWilliams	75	—	—	White Widowed	Hanover
Dec. 14	Douglas W. Ellingwood	43	5	6	White Divorced	Newport

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

DANA S. GROSS, Town Clerk.



