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Annual Report

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of

On for Francois Blain

DORCHESTER

New Hampshire

Year Ending Feb. 15, 1916.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Town Officers

OF

Dorchester, New Hampshire

For the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1916.



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Town of Dorchester,	Assets
Cash:	
In hands of treasurer,	\$13 57
Accounts due town. Taxes not collected.	
Levy of 1911,	8 32
Levy of 1913,	10 00
Levy of 1914,	16 04
Levy of 1915,	472 58
Due from state:	
Due from state highway department,	7 40
Due from state bounty on hedgehogs,	46 60
Total Assets,	<u>\$574 51</u>
Excess of liabilities over assets, Net debt,	2,542 56
Total,	<u>\$3,117 07</u>

Town of Dorchester,	Liabilities.
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Outstanding notes,	\$3,103 75
Due highways,	
State and town joint fund account,	13 32
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Total liabilities,	\$3,117 07
Total indebtedness, February 15, 1915,	\$3,384 76
Total indebtedness, February 15, 1916,	2,542 56
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Decrease of debt,	\$842 20

## Town of Dorchester,

## Receipts.

Current revenue.	From local taxes.
1 Property and poll taxes, Current year,	\$4,020 36
2 Property and poll taxes, Previous years,	278 67
From state:	
3 Railroad tax,	6 05
4 Savings bank tax,	114 22
5 Literary fund,	39 65
6 For education,	349 00
For highways:	
(a) For state aid maintenance,	148 90
(b) For state aid construction,	228 67
7 For fighting forest fires,	32 99
8 For bounties,	84 40
9 For support of poor,	65 24
10 Dog licenses,	49 80
11 Rent of town hall,	2 00
12 Building material sold,	1 00
13 Interest received on taxes,	19 66
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Total current revenue receipts,	\$5,440 61
Receipts other than current revenue:	
14 Temporary loan during year,	<del>500 00</del> 500 00
Total receipts other than current revenue	500 00
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Total receipts from all sources,	\$5,940 61
Cash on hand at beginning of year,	3 36
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Grand total,	\$5,943 97

## Town of Dorchester, N. H.

## Payments.

## Current Maintenance Expenses.

## General Government.

1	Salaries of principal town officers,	\$207 58	
2	Municipal court expenses,	7 66	
3	Care of town hall,	2 00	
4	Moth extermination,	7 00	
5	Bounties,	46 60	
6	Dog expense,	5 00	
7	Health department,	2 00	
8	Salary of health officer,	10 55	
9	Vital statistics,	1 00	
10	Highways town account,	800 00	
11	Highways, "State aid maintenance," State and town joint acct.,	690 75	
12	General expenses,	157 24	
13	County poor,	44 19	
	Incidental expenses and salary of overseer of poor,	7 75	
14	Salary of fire warden,	2 00	
	Total current maintenance expenses,		\$1,991 32
	<b>Interest.</b>		
15	Paid on temporary loan,	\$ 4 86	
16	Paid on debt,	142 16	
	Total interest payments,		\$147 02
	<b>Indebtedness.</b>		
17	Payments on principal of debt,	\$1,237 99	
	Total indebtedness payments,		\$1,237 99

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions.

18	Taxes paid to State,	\$376 00	
19	Taxes paid to County,	257 12	
20	Payments to School Districts,	1,860 95	
	Total,		<u>\$2,494 07</u>
21	Due schools February 15, 1915,	\$60 00	
	Total,		<u>\$60 00</u>
	Total payments for all purposes,		\$5,930 40
	Cash on hand at end of year,		13 57
	Grand total,		<u>\$5,943 97</u>



## DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS.

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### General Government.

#### Detail 1. Salaries and Expenses of Principal Town Officers.

##### Salaries.

Selectman George W. Rowen,	\$34 60	
Selectman George N. Burnham,	35 10	
Selectman Henry M. Merrill,	25 60	
Clerk Henry M. Merrill,	20 00	
Treasurer Hazen H. Clough,	20 00	
Auditor H. H. Noyes,	1 50	
Auditor F. A. Burt,	1 50	
Supervisor C. E. Hazen,	2 25	
Supervisor Wilfred Blain,	2 25	
Tax Collector A. H. Schoolcraft,	64 78	
	<hr/>	\$207 58

#### Detail 2. Municipal Court Expenses.

##### Paid.

E. A. Barney, Canaan court,	7 66
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#### Detail 3. Care of Town Hall.

##### Paid.

John Quimby,	\$2 00
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#### Detail 4. Moth Extermination.

##### Paid.

George W. Rowen,	\$3 00	
Henry M. Merrill,	4 00	
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**Detail 5. Bounties.****Paid.**

Bounties on hedgehogs,	\$44 60	
Bounty on wildcat,	2 00	
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**Detail 6. Dog Damage and Expense.****Paid.**

I. D. Walker, Dog Constable,		\$5 00
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**Detail 7. Health Department.****Paid.**

S. Fraser, M. D.,	\$2 00	
A. H. Schoolcraft, Health Officer,	10 55	
	<hr/>	\$12 55

**Detail 8. Vital Statistics.****Paid.**

S. Fraser, M. D.,		\$1 00
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**Detail 9. Highways Town Account.****Road Agent's Report.**

## Receipts.

Cash on hand, February 15, 1915,	\$101 90	
From the selectmen,	950 00	
From the West Lebanon Sporting Club,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,056 90

## Expenditures.

**Paid.**

Russel Noyes,	\$ 9 85
J. S. Motts,	5 55
Otty E. Decato,	40
John T. Hanley,	2 00
A. H. Schoolcraft,	1 60
H. H. Ashley,	12 36
Fay C. Bean,	5 50

G. W. Rowen,	8 60
F. G. Waldron,	1 20
F. Blain,	6 20
Burt Brothers, drag logs,	1 10
A. H. Schoolcraft,	76
John Quimby,	88
Arthur Ashley,	75
James Perreault,	4 35
J. S. Motts,	8 31
H. H. Clough,	8 50
General Electric Co.,	2 60
Frank W. Burnham,	1 50
G. N. Burnham,	4 60
H. H. Noyes,	3 98
A. T. O'Brien,	2 63
G. E. Camp,	7 00
I. D. Walker,	16 63
A. J. Bickford,	53 00
M. P. Doherty,	1 75
R. C. Noyes,	2 00
H. H. Noyes,	5 25
W. McKee,	1 75
Burt Bros.,	48 01
Arthur Ashley,	3 75
H. M. Merrill,	41 05
W. R. Jackson,	22 75
W. A. Motts,	10 50
John Quimby,	21 00
James Perreault,	21 88
J. B. Reed,	16 63
C. Dupuis,	8 00
Wilbur Merrill,	59 00
W. G. Stevens,	5 25
L. Stevens,	44
Dana Tibbetts,	10 50
H. Delsart,	11 38

A. Delsart,	8 75
Caryle & Charles Carter,	7 88
H. H. Ashley,	80 99
Burt Bros., bridge plank,	50 00
Thomas Johnston, blacksmithing,	3 20
A. H. Schoolcraft,	3 50
A. J. Bickford,	4 00
A. T. O'Brien,	88
H. H. Noyes,	3 03
H. Walker,	1 75
A. W. Ashley,	23 00
G. W. Rowen,	11 38
W. R. Jackson,	1 75
W. F. Blain,	2 63
H. M. Merrill,	1 75
G. W. Rowen,	4 73
C. M. Palmer,	2 80
Caryle Carter,	2 45
Frank Martin,	53
H. Delsart,	1 75
Wilbur Merrill,	3 88
James Perreault,	2 50
J. B. Reed,	1 75
G. N. Burnham,	6 00
H. H. Clough,	4 00
Z. G. Taylor,	1 25
H. H. Ashley,	17 55
H. Walker,	2 46
L. J. Goss,	88
John Motts,	1 38
A. W. Ashley,	4 00
H. M. Merrill,	6 13
Burt Bros., bridge plank,	45 60
H. H. Ashley,	10 00
A. W. Ashley,	3 00
J. T. Hanley,	15 50

H. H. Noyes,	7 00
Arthur Ashley,	12 00
H. M. Merrill,	11 35
H. Walker,	14 00
J. B. Reed,	9 97
Wilbur Merrill,	7 20
John Quimby,	5 25
R. C. Noyes,	2 07
W. J. McKee,	16 58
H. H. Ashley,	30 06
Otty Decato, bridge timber,	1 25
Topliff Sawyer,	45
H. H. Ashley,	5 00
Wilfred Blain,	2 21
J. S. Motts,	72
H. M. Merrill,	4 90
Wilbur Merrill,	4 00
James Perreault,	1 75
J. B. Reed,	1 75
A. H. Schoolcraft,	1 20
Z. G. Taylor,	1 00
John Hanley,	2 00
G. N. Burnham,	4 00
Caryle Carter,	88
H. H. Ashley,	29 32
A. T. O'Brien,	3 50
I. D. Walker, breaking roads,	2 20
Capt. C. O. Tilton, breaking roads,	3 30
G. N. Burnham, breaking roads,	2 40
F. W. Burnham, breaking roads,	1 00
H. H. Noyes, breaking roads,	53
R. C. Noyes, breaking roads,	5 40
A. W. Ashley, breaking roads,	2 10
W. N. Foster, breaking roads,	2 25
F. G. Waldron, breaking roads,	88
H. H. Ashley, breaking roads,	5 37

H. H. Clough, breaking roads,	4 80
G. W. Rowen, breaking roads,	2 56
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Total expenditures,	\$1,026 57
Cash on hand,	30 33
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	\$1,056 90

Respectfully submitted,  
 HERBERT H. ASHLEY,  
 Road Agent.

### HIGHWAYS JOINT FUND.

#### Detail 10.

#### Receipts.

Received from joint fund, 1915,	\$694 11
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#### Expenditures.

Paid—	
W. J. McKee,	\$23 75
O. Motts,	1 75
J. S. Motts,	15 31
H. H. Noyes,	18 88
A. J. Bickford,	22 40
I. D. Walker,	13 25
H. M. Merrill,	23 63
G. W. Rowen,	23 00
A. T. O'Brien,	2 63
H. Walker,	10 50
F. Martin,	10 50
H. Delsart,	17 50
A. Delsart,	12 25
A. H. Schoolcraft,	17 31
Z. G. Talyor,	20 99
Z. G. Taylor, gravel,	12 50

A. W. Ashley, clay,	10 00
A. W. Ashley,	34 80
G. Ashley,	1 75
John Hanley,	28 80
S. D. Burley,	19 50
O. E. Decato,	8 00
O. E. Decato, gravel,	68
J. Quimby,	10 50
J. Perreault,	24 50
J. B. Reed,	15 75
Wilbur Merrill,	12 00
Dana Tibbetts,	16 98
Caryle Carter,	10 50
Burt Brothers,	12 00
F. G. Clough,	1 75
G. N. Burnham,	2 00
H. H. Ashley,	56 69
L. J. Goss,	10 50
Percy Ashley,	10 50
A. F. Burt & Co., picks and shovels,	5 70
A. J. Dow, sharpening picks,	1 20
B. & M. railroad freight,	50
North East Metal Culvert Co., Culverts paid by state,	153 36
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Total expenditures,	\$694 11

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT H. ASHLEY,

Road Agent.

## Detail 12. County Poor.

## OVERSEER OF POOR'S REPORT.

## Receipts.

Received of the Selectmen,	\$44 19
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## Expenditures.

Paid for County support:

Beal & Hartwell, for F. E. Holmes' family,	\$13 36
M. A. Batchelder, for F. E. Holmes' family,	7 73
C. F. Brown, for F. E. Holmes' family,	12 00
Mrs. A. M. Farnum, for F. E. Holmes' family,	1 50
Boston & Maine Railroad, care fare for F. E. Holmes' family,	4 40
F. A. Burt, taking Holmes family to station,	1 00
F. A. Bogardus, M. D., for W. A. Motts,	3 00
G. N. Burnham, car fare in Holmes' case,	1 20
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Total expenditures,	\$44 19
Due from Grafton County, Feb. 15; 1915,	\$21 05
County bills for 1915 and 1916,	44 19
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	\$65 24
Received from Grafton County and paid treasurer,	\$65 24
Incidental expenses and salary,	7 75

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE N. BURNHAM,

Overseer of Poor.



**Detail 11. General Expenses.****EXPENSES.**

H. M. Merrill, postage and stationery,	\$ 2 78
Edson C. Eastman, supplies,	2 98
Towne & Robie, printing town reports,	25 20
H. M. Merrill, repairing tool house,	4 31
G. W. Rowen, repairing tool house,	1 28
A. F. Burt & Co., repairing tool house,	9 00
A. W. Ashley, drawing plank,	4 00
Dana Tibbetts, water trough,	2 00
Merrill & Whipple, bridge plank,	96 69
Burleigh & Adams, legal advice,	3 00
G. W. Rowen, keeping tramps,	3 00
H. M. Merrill, keeping tramps,	3 00
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Total General Expenses,	\$157 24

**Detail. Treasurer's Accounts.****TREASURER'S REPORT.****Receipts.**

Cash on hand, February 15, 1915,	\$ 3 36
Received of the Selectmen,	\$1,621 92
Received of the Collector,	4,318 69
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Total	\$5,943 97

**Expenditures.**

Paid by order of Selectmen,	\$5,930 40
Cash on hand, February 15, 1916,	13 57
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Total,	\$5,943 97

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEN H. CLOUGH,

Treasurer.

## Detail. Collecting of Taxes.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1915 assessment,		\$4,492 94
Collected and paid treasurer,	\$4,020 36	
Balance due February 15, 1916,	472 58	
	—————	\$4,492 94
Balance due on 1914 assessment,		\$291 71
Collected and paid treasurer,	\$275 67	
Balance due February 15, 1916,	16 04	
		\$291 71
Balance due on 1913 assessment,		\$13 00
Collected and paid treasurer,	\$3 00	
Balance due February 15, 1916,	10 00	
		\$13 00
Balance due on 1911, assessment,		\$8 32
Interest collected and paid treasurer,	\$19 66	
Total collected and paid treasurer,	\$4,318 69	

Respectfully submitted,

AZRO H. SCHOOLCRAFT,

Collector.

## VALUATION.

Resident and non-resident real estate,	\$182,888 00
Horses, 83,	10,470 00
Cows, 134,	6,045 00
Neat Stock, 22,	841 00
Sheep, 54,	216 00
Hogs, 1,	15 00
Fowls, 60,	30 00
Vehicles and automobiles,	1,260 00
Wood and lumber,	5,250 00
Portable mills,	1,030 00
Money at interest,	651 00

Stock in trade,	1,075 00
Mills and machinery,	1,825 00
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Total valuation,	\$211,596 00
Polls, 67,	\$134 00
Exemptions to soldiers,	\$1,300 00
Exemptions, land planted to pine trees, 194 00	

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**ASSESSMENT.**

Town charges,	\$800 00
Highways,	800 00
Town portion joint fund,	318 00
To pay on town debt,	500 00
State tax,	376 00
County tax,	257 12
School money by law,	352 50
School money voted,	600 00
Repairs on school houses,	100 00
High school tuition,	240 00
Books and supplies,	75 00
School officers' salaries,	60 00
Overlay,	14 25
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Total assessment,	\$4,492 87

Tax rate for all purposes on \$100.00, \$2.06.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. ROWEN,  
 GEORGE N. BURNHAM,  
 HENRY M. MERRILL,

Selectmen of Dorchester.

We, the undersigned, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Road Agent, Overseer of Poor, and Collector, of the town of Dorchester, for the year ending February 15, 1916, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK W. BURNHAM,  
FRANK A. BURT,

Auditors.

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The Selectmen recommend the following amounts as being necessary to raise for the ensuing year:

Town charges,	\$700 00
To pay on town debt,	500 00
Highways,	500 00
Special for the Lyme road, so called,	400 00
For maintenance fund,	200 00
For joint fund,	316 50

The School Board recommend the following amounts as being necessary to raise for support of schools for the ensuing year:

By vote,	\$400 00
Repairs on school houses,	50 00
Officers' salaries,	75 00

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT,

### Town of Dorchester, N. H.

Report for Official Year, Ending February 15, 1916.

#### Revenue.

Balance on hand from last year,	\$429 70
Entire amount of money to be raised by law, for schools for 1915,	352 50
Entire additional amount, voted at school meeting, 1915,	600 00
Amount assessed for necessary school books and supplies,	75 00
Amount assessed to pay tuition for High School or Academy,	240 00
Amount assessed for salaries and expenses for District Officers,	60 00
Amount of Literary Fund received from State, December, 1915,	39 65
Amount received from State treasury, (under Chapter 158 of the Session Laws of 1909,) December, 1915,	
Support of schools,	97 00
High school tuition,	252 00
Amount received from dog license,	44 80
Tuition from town of Groton,	9 85
Tuition from town of Groton,	36 25
Amount raised for repairs and remodeling schools,	100 00
Total revenue,	<u>\$2,336 75</u>

## Expenditures.

Amount expended for text books and supplies,	\$ 58 45
Amount paid for teachers' salaries,	935 25
Amount paid for School Board officers and expenses,	72 29
Amount paid truant officer,	5 00
Amount paid other district officers,	11 00
Amount paid for high school tuition,	266 67
Amount paid for elementary school tuition,	11 90
Amount paid for transportation of scholars,	168 00
Amount paid for minor repairs, and labor,	64 08
Amount paid for janitor services,	11 75
Amount paid for building supplies,	67 47
Amount paid for fuel,	34 00
Amount paid for unclassified expenditures,	5 07

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Total current expenditures, \$1,710 93

Cash on hand, February 15, 1916, 625 82

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\$2,336 75

Respectfully submitted,

HARRISON H. NOYES,

HERBERT H. ASHLEY,

ISAAC D. WALKER,

School Board of Dorchester.

We, the undersigned Auditors for the School District, have examined the books and papers of the Treasurer and School Board and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

AZRO H. SCHOOLCRAFT,

C. E. LEBRUN,

Auditors.

# VITAL STATISTICS

To the Selectmen of the Town of Dorchester: In compliance with an Act of the Legislature, passed June Session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report," I hereby submit the following:

## BIRTHS

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of the Child (if any)	Sex and Condition			Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
			Male	Female	Living or Stillborn							
Jan. 5	Dorchester	—Perreault	Male		S	6	White	White	Farmer	Somersworth	Canada	
May 17	Dorchester	Isaac Hazen Burnham	Male		L	2	White	White	"	Dorchester	North Hero, Vt.	

## MARRIAGES

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	Condition, No.	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married
Jan. 6	W. Bridg'water, Mass.	Leon H. Merrill Irene K. Chamberlain	Dorchester W. Bridgewater, Mass.	21		Farmer Clerk	Dorchester Brookton, Mas.	Henry M. Merrill Blanche Kidder Ernest Chamberlin Sarah M. George	Dorchester Groton Augusta, Me. Fridrickt, Ms	Farmer Housewife Nurse	1	1 Rev. E. Magiathin, W. Bridgewater, Mass.
10	Dorchester	Hazen H. Clough Louise K. Wagner	Dorchester New York City	53 45		Farmer Nurse	Dorchester Triest, Austria	Joseph M. Clough Harriett A. Bickford George N. Kaiga Helene M. Wirtz	Gilmanton Dorchester Schadait, Hun. Lootin, Hun.	Farmer Housekeeper Nurse	2	2 Henry M. Merrill, Justice of Peace, Dorchester
Oct. 6	Plymouth	Wilbur Merrill Phebe T. Stevens	Dorchester Orange	44 43	White	Farmer Nurse	N. Brunswick Nova Scotia	William Merrill Rebecca Malcolm William Redding Mary M. Caldwell	N. Brunswick Nova Scotia	Ship Carpenter Housewife Teacher	3	3 Rev. A. L. Smith, Plymouth
Nov. 1	Danville, Vt.	William J. Decato Delia B. Rock	Dorchester St. Johnsbury, Vt.	33 32		Farmer Domestic	Canaan St. Johnsbury, Vt.	Joseph J. Decato Agnes A. Hill Joseph Burnett Exezilia V. Barnett	Canaan Canaan S. Johnsbury, Vt.	Farmer Housewife Farmer Housewife	2	2 Rev. M. Sharples, Danville, Vt.



## DEATHS

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased			Age		Place of Birth		Sex, Condition		Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Cause of Death
		Years	Months	Days	Male	Female	Color	Single	Married	Widowed		Father	Mother			
Jan. 5	Dorchester	—	Perreault	0	0	0	Male	Male	S	White	.....	Somersworth	Canada	J. A. Perreault	Leonic Tousignant	Stillborn
Mar. 4	Dorchester	John	Quimby, Sr.	70	5	5	Male	Male	M	White	Mason	.....	.....	John Quimby	Louisa Fish	Cancer of face
June 15	Dorchester	James P.	Elliott	77	10	17	Male	Male	..	White	Retired farmer	Warner	Warner	James Elliott	Theodate Waldron	Bright's disease

*I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,*

*HENRY M. MERRILL, Town Clerk.*





