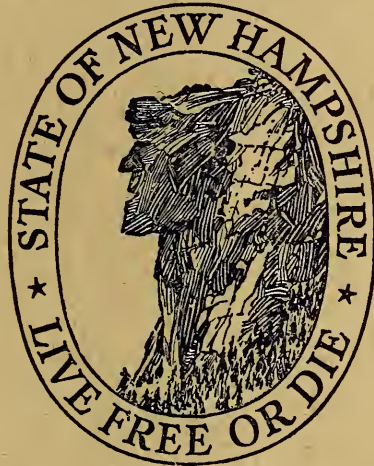


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New Hampshire

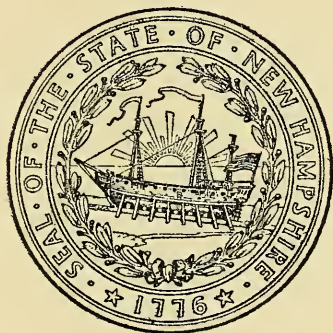


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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

LAWRENCE CURREN

Town Clerk

RAYMOND E. GARDNER

Treasurer

STEPHEN J. FORD

Selectmen

CLINTON F. HUNTOON HARRY O. SWETT
FRANK CLEWS

Tax Collector

DOROTHY M. HEATH

Representative to General Court

ROY K. SARGENT

Constable

LAWRENCE CURREN

Police Officer

CLARENCE E. FORD

Supervisors

LAWRENCE E. FORD ROY K. SARGENT
EUGENE ALLEN

Health Officer

SELECTMEN

Library Trustees

GLADYS TWOMEY HARRIET G. MORRISON
GLADYS COOPER

Trustees of Trust Fund

CLARENCE E. FORD ROBERT FORD
ARTHUR W. JEWETT

Forest Fire Warden

CHARLES C. MORRISON, CHIEF

ROY K. SARGENT, ASS'T

Deputies

RAND C. FORD

REGINALD GLINES

School Board

DAVID ARMSTRONG

EDNA F. POWERS

ROY K. SARGENT

Fence Viewers

HORACE M. HASTINGS

WILMER BROWNELL

Road Agent

GIFFORD N. WIGGIN

Auditors

RAY J. MARTIN

ROY K. SARGENT

Vol. Fire Department

Porter 8-2513

Porter 8-2571

Fire Commissioners

FRED C. HOPPER

RAY J. MARTIN

SYLVESTER C. PULVER

Chief

ELMER GRACE

Captain

ALVIN T. CURRIER

Lieutenants

J. WILLIS WENTWORTH

ARTHUR RAINEY

Clerk

JAMES FIFIELD

Moderator

PHILIP S. CHELLIS

Treasurer

FRANK CLEWS

TOWN WARRANT**The State of New Hampshire**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Danbury in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Danbury on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance of highways.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$682.77 T.R.A. money and receive the State's contribution of \$4,551.83.
5. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the George Gamble Library.
6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Volunteer Fire Department.
7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the American Legion for Memorial Day.
8. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the care of the Cemeteries.
9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

10. To see if the Town will vote to give a discount on taxes.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding one hundredth of one per cent ($1/100$ th of 1%) of the net valuation based on the assessment of year 1955, for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural resources of the Town with other towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region Association.

12. To see if the Town will vote to plow drive-ways.

13. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new truck and raise money for the same.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of twenty-five (25) dollars, for Old Home Day.

16. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise for the control of White Pine Blister Rust.

Other Articles may be added before Warrant is posted.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 2,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Police Dept., Lands, Buildings and Equip.	50.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	1,200.00
Equipment	3,500.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	1,500.00
Equipment	10,000.00
School, Lands, Buildings and Equipment	6,000.00
Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds	
Angus Coro lot	100.00
Waukeena lot 81 Block A-Park 3-Plan 107	40.00
Schlegal or Barney lot	50.00
Henry A. Smith lot	100.00
Bog Bridge lot	100.00
Total	\$ 26,640.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF DANBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956, Compared With
Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
Of the Previous Year January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955**

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated	Actual	Estimated
	Revenue Previous Yr. 1955	Revenue Previous Yr. 1955	Revenue Ensuing Yr. 1956
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 525.00	\$ 588.82	\$ 550.00
Railroad Tax	525.00	526.88	500.00
Savings Bank Tax	125.00	214.59	200.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		10.50	
Reimb. a/c Old Age Assistance		35.22	
Duncan Fund	3,500.00	2,801.75	3,230.25
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	225.00	224.00	225.00
Business Licenses, Permits, Filing Fees		10.00	10.00
Rent of Town Hall & other bldgs.		4.00	
Interest Rec. on Taxes & Deposits	200.00	284.65	200.00
Dog License Penalties	10.00	13.50	10.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,600.00	1,611.35	1,500.00
Sale of Town Property	50.00	60.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	420.00	318.00	310.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	10.00	10.00	10.00
Total Revenues From All Sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$ 7,190.00	\$ 6,713.26	\$ 6,745.25
Amt. to be Raised by Prop. Taxes			\$ 28,452.77

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF DANBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE
(CONTINUED)**

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appro- priations Previous Year 1955	Actual Expendi- tures Pre- vious Yr. 1955	Estimated Expendi- tures En- using Yr. 1956
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,165.20	\$ 1,600.00
Town Officers' Expenses	900.00	630.77	900.00
Election & Registration Expenses	100.00	58.58	200.00
Exp. Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs	200.00	64.76	200.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	150.00	84.16	150.00
Fire Department	600.00	676.92	600.00
Insurance	150.00	227.65	200.00
Health:			
Vital Statistics	10.00	9.00	10.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	100.00	53.00	100.00
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,500.00	Duncan F.	3,230.25
Town Maintenance—Winter	4,500.00	5,633.01	5,000.00
Street Lighting	760.00	695.64	700.00
General Exp. of Highway Department		4,984.26	
Town Road Aid	750.00	682.91	682.77
Libraries	150.00	150.00	150.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	100.00	69.00	50.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	1,560.60	2,500.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day & Vet's Assoc.	75.00	75.00	75.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	150.00	115.00	150.00
Unclassified:			
Damages, Legal Exp., incl. dog damage	200.00	60.70	200.00
Employees' Ret. & Social Security	250.00	296.85	250.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	250.00	195.19	250.00

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF DANBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE
(CONTINUED)**

Outlay for New Constr. & Perm. Improv.			
Highways and Bridges:			
New Equipment	1,357.00		
Indebtedness:			
Payment on Principal of Debt:	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Payments to Other Gov. Divisions:			
County Taxes	2,200.00	1,523.54	2,000.00
School Taxes	16,000.00	14,500.81	15,000.00
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Total Expenditures	\$ 35,795.00	\$ 35,949.74	\$ 35,198.02

SELECTMEN'S REPORT
Summary Inventory of Valuation

Lands and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood & Timber)	\$ 384,560.00
Electric Plants	50,628.00
Horses, Asses & Mules, 29	2,545.00
Cows, 93	8,790.00
Other Neat Stock, 20	1,280.00
Sheep and Goats, 51	570.00
Fowls, 3,275	2,457.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	8,310.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 14	2,035.00
Stock in Trade	10,550.00
Mills and Machinery	1,500.00
Total Gross Valuation before exemptions	\$ 473,225.00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions	20,850.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate Is Computed	\$ 452,375.00

Statement of Appropriations & Taxes Assessed

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	900.00
Social Security or Retirement	250.00
Election & Registration Expenses	100.00
Town Hall & Bldgs Maintenance	200.00
Police Department	150.00
Fire Department	\$ 500.00
Forest Fires	100.00
	600.00
Dump & Garbage Collection	200.00
Vital Statistics	10.00
Town Road Aid	750.00
Town Maintenance	4,000.00

Insurance		150.00
Street Lighting		760.00
New Equipment, Snow Plow		1,457.00
Libraries		150.00
Old Age Assistance		2,500.00
Town Poor		100.00
Memorial - Old Home Day		75.00
Cemeteries		150.00
Damages & Legal Exp., incl. dog damage		200.00
Payments on Debt:		
Principal	\$ 1,000.00	
Interest	250.00	
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County Tax		1,523.54
School Tax		14,500.81
Towns Share, R.R. Crossing Signals		1,470.00
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Total Town & School Appropriations		\$ 32,646.35
Less: Estimated Revenues & Credits:		
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 588.82	
Railroad Tax	525.00	
Savings Bank Tax	125.00	
Reimbursement a/c exemption of		
Growing Wood & Timber	1,251.57	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,600.00	
Dog Licenses	225.00	
Int. on Taxes & Inc. from trust funds	200.00	
Total Revenues and Credits		<hr/> 4,515.39
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		\$ 28,130.96
Plus Overlay		297.82
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		\$ 28,428.78
Less: 231 Poll Taxes @ \$2	\$ 462.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	10.00	
		<hr/> 472.00

Amount to be raised by property taxes	\$ 27,956.78
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:	
Property Taxes	\$ 27,956.78
Poll Taxes @ \$2	462.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	10.00
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Total Taxes to be Committed	\$ 28,428.78
Town Tax Rate	\$ 6.18

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1955

ITEM	Appropriations	Total Available	Expenditures	Unspent Balance	Overdraft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,165.20	\$ 34.80	
Town Officers' Expenses	900.00	900.00	630.77	270.77	
Election and Registration	100.00	100.00	58.58	41.42	
Town Hall & other Bldgs' expense	200.00	200.00	64.76	135.24	
Police Department	150.00	150.00	84.26	65.74	
Fire Dept. (Including Forest Fires)	600.00	600.00	676.92	147.00	\$ 76.92
Health Department	200.00	200.00	53.00	147.00	
Vital Statistics	10.00	10.00	9.00	1.00	
Town Maintenance (Duncan Fund)		2,801.75	2,801.75		
Town Maintenance	4,000.00	4,350.79	7,815.52		3,464.73

Street Lighting	760.00	760.00	693.64	66.36
Town Road Aid	750.00	750.00	682.91	67.09
Libraries	150.00	150.00	150.00	
Town Poor	100.00	100.00	69.00	31.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,560.60	939.40
Cemeteries	150.00	150.00	115.00	35.00
Social Security - Retirement	250.00	250.00	148.09	101.91
Interest on Temporary Loans	250.00	250.00	195.71	54.29
County Tax	1,523.54	1,523.54	1,523.54	
School Tax	14,500.81	14,500.81		14,500.81
Payment on Grader	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
New Equipment	1,457.00	1,457.00	1,457.00	
Insurance	150.00	150.00	227.65	77.65

TOWN OF DANBURY

BALANCE

Assets

Cash

In hand of treasurer	\$ 9,389.96
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Accounts Due to the Town—

Due from State:

T. R. A.	1.45
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Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale a/o)

Levy of 1954	547.03
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Levy of 1953	302.84
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Previous Years	6.60
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Uncollected Taxes: Levy of 1955	9,072.61
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State Head Taxes — Levy of 1955	325.00
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Total Assets	\$ 19,645.49
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Net Surplus, Dec. 31, 1954	\$ 1,429.66
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Net Surplus, Dec. 31, 1955	1,735.58
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Increase of Surplus	\$ 305.92
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SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1955

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Bills outstanding (Lawyer \$100.00)	\$ 246.00
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Unexp. Bal. of Special Appropriations:

Baptist Cemetery	95.75
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R.R. Crossing Signals	1,470.00
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Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss	597.35
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Due to School Districts:

Balance of Appropriation (1955)	14,500.81
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Outstanding Temporary Loans in

Anticipation of Taxes:

First Nat'l Bank of Bristol, Note No. 87 -	
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\$1,000.00, 12/15/56	1,000.00
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Total Liabilities	\$ 17,909.91
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Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	1,735.58
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Grand Total	\$ 19,645.49
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT — 1955

Received for Licensing:

13 Female Dogs @ \$5	\$ 65.00	
67 Male Dogs @ \$2	134.00	
27 Penalties @ 50¢	13.50	
	\$ 212.50	
14 - 1954 Auto Permits	\$ 8.15	
304 - 1955 Auto Permits	1,628.20	
8 Filing Fees @ \$1	8.00	
	\$ 1,644.35	
	\$ 1,856.85	
Total	\$ 1,856.85	
Paid S. J. Ford, Treasurer	\$ 1,856.85	

RAYMOND E. GARDNER

Town Clerk

Audited and approved:

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

STATE HEAD TAX—LEVY OF 1954

Debits:

Uncollected taxes as of Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 225.00
Penalties collected during 1955	22.50
	\$ 247.50

Credits:

Remittances to Treasurer during 1955:	
Head Taxes	\$ 225.00
Penalties	22.50
	\$ 247.50

STATE HEAD TAX—LEVY OF 1955

Debits:

State Head Taxes committed to Collector:	
Original warrant	\$ 1,395.00
Total Commitment	\$ 1,395.00
Penalties Collected	.50
Total Debits	\$ 1,395.50

Credits:

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Head Taxes	\$ 1,070.00
Penalties	.50
Total Remittances	\$ 1,070.50
Uncollected Head Taxes, per	
Collector's list	325.00
Total Credits	\$ 1,395.50

Summary of Warrant

PROPERTY, POLL & YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1954

Debits:

Uncollected Taxes, Jan. 1, 1955:

Property Taxes	\$ 7,481.76	
Poll Taxes	104.00	
Yield Taxes	695.35	
	\$ 8,281.11	

Added Taxes:

Interest collected during 1955	264.73	
Total Debits	\$ 8,545.84	

Credits:

Remittances to Treasurer during 1955:

Property Taxes	\$ 6,877.36	
Poll Taxes	102.00	
Yield Taxes	695.35	
Land Sold for Taxes	591.60	
Abatements	14.80	
Interest	264.73	
Total Credits	\$ 8,545.84	

Abatements:

Louis R. Durden, Veteran	\$ 2.00	
Oliver T. Caswell, Overtax	12.80	
	\$ 14.80	

PROPERTY, POLL & YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1955

Debits:

Taxes committed to collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 27,956.82
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Poll Taxes	462.00	
Nat'l bank stock tax	10.00	
Total Warrant	<u> </u>	\$ 28,428.82
Yield Taxes		1,434.75
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes		123.60
Poll Taxes		4.00
Interest collected		1.89
Total Debits	<u> </u>	\$ 29,993.06
Credits:		
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes		\$ 20,261.53
Poll Taxes		318.00
Nat'l Bank Stock Tax		10.00
Yield Taxes		317.03
Interest		1.89
Abatements		12.00
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's list:		
Property Taxes		7,818.89
Poll Taxes		136.00
Yield Taxes		1,117.72
Total Credits	<u> </u>	\$ 29,993.06
Abatements:		
Lawrence Belloir, Veteran		\$ 2.00
Louis R. Durden, Veteran		2.00
Walter S. Littlefield, Over 70		2.00
Robert Stewart, Sr., Veteran		2.00
Harvey St. Lawrence, Veteran		2.00
Howard Drake		2.00
	<u> </u>	
Total		\$ 12.00

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1955

Tax Sales on account of levies of	1954	1953	Previous Years
DEBITS:			
Taxes sold during cur. yr.	\$ 794.86		
Bal. unredeemed taxes, 1/1/55		\$ 499.51	\$ 11.85
Interest collected after sale	1.26	11.90	4.87
Total Debits	\$ 796.12	\$ 511.41	\$ 16.72
CREDITS:			
Remit. to Treas. during yr.	\$ 249.09	\$ 208.57	\$ 10.12
Unredeemed taxes, 12/31/55	547.03	302.84	6.60
Total Credits	\$ 796.12	\$ 511.41	\$ 16.72

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales

a/o Levies of:	1954	1953	Prev. Yrs.
Baker, Joseph	\$ 171.08	\$ 148.11	
Baker, William M.	7.08	6.62	
Drake, Howard	111.74		
Legault, Pearl	10.43		
Phelps, Eddie L. Est.	40.15		
Rollins, Roger	21.31		
Sullivan, James H.	171.08	148.11	
Tuttle, William J. Est.	7.08		
Woodward, Wesley	7.08		\$ 6.60
	\$ 547.03	\$ 302.84	\$ 6.60

DOROTHY M. HEATH

Audited and approved: Tax Collector

RAY J. MARTIN

ROY K. SARGENT, Auditors

January 17, 1956

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1955	\$ 7,358.97
Received of Tax Collector:	
1953 Redemptions	201.92
1953 Interest	11.90
1954 Redemption	247.83
1954 Property Taxes	7,468.96
1954 Poll Taxes	102.00
1954 Interest	255.99
1954 Yield Taxes	695.35
1954 Head Taxes	225.00
1954 Head Tax Penalties	22.50
1955 Poll Taxes	318.00
1955 Property Taxes	20,271.53
1955 Head Taxes	1,070.00
1955 Yield Taxes	317.03
1955 Interest	1.89
1955 Head Tax Penalties	.50
Abatements	26.80
Interest Previous Years	4.87
National Bank Stock	10.00
Received from Town Clerk:	
1954 Auto Permits	8.15
1955 Auto Permits	1,603.20
1955 Dog Tax	224.00
Dog Tax Penalties	13.50
Filing Fees	8.00
Received of Selectmen	14,736.26
Total Receipts During Year	\$ 55,204.15

Less: Selectmen's Orders Paid	45,814.19
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Cash on hand January 1, 1956	\$ 9,389.96
STEPHEN J. FORD	
Audited and approved:	Treasurer
RAY J. MARTIN	
ROY K. SARGENT, Auditors	
January 16, 1956	

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:**From Local Taxes:** (collected & remit. to Treas.)

Property taxes, cur. yr., 1955	\$ 20,261.53
Poll taxes, 1955, reg. @ \$2	318.00
Nat'l bank stock taxes, 1955	10.00
Yield taxes, 1955	317.03
State head taxes, 1955, @ \$5	1,070.00
Total Current Year's Taxes	<hr/>
collected and remitted	\$ 21,976.56
Property & Yield taxes, previous years	8,164.31
Poll taxes, previous years, reg. @ \$2	102.00
State head taxes @ \$5, prev. years	225.00
Interest received on taxes	284.65
Penalties on state head taxes	23.00
Tax sales redeemed	449.75
From State:	
Abatements	26.80
For highways and bridges:	
For Class V highway maintenance	2,801.75
Interest and dividends tax	588.82
Railroad tax	526.88
Savings Bank tax	214.59

Fighting forest fires		10.50
Bounties		357.00
Reimb. a/c Old Age Assistance		35.22
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog licenses & penalties		237.50
Business licenses, permits & filing fees		10.00
Rent of town property		4.00
Registration, motor vehicles, 1954 permits		8.15
Registration, motor vehicles, 1955 permits		1,603.20
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Total Current Revenue Receipts		\$ 37,649.68
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Temp loans in anticipation		
of taxes during year	\$ 10,000.00	
Refunds	135.50	
Sale of town property	60.00	
Total Receipts Other than	<hr/>	
Current Revenue		\$ 10,195.50
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Total Receipts from All Sources		\$ 47,845.18
Cash on hand January 1, 1955		7,358.97
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Grand Total		\$ 55,204.15

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 1,165.20
Town officers' expenses	630.77
Election & registration expenses	58.58
Exp., town hall & other bldgs	64.76
Protection of Persons & Property:	
Police department	84.16

Fire dept., incl. forest fires	676.92	
Bounties	186.50	
Insurance	227.65	
Health:		
Vital statistics	9.00	
Town dump & garbage removal	53.00	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Road Aid	682.91	
Town Maintenance	5,633.01	
Street lighting	695.64	
Gen'l exp., highway department	4,984.26	
Library:	150.00	
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance	1,560.60	
Town poor	69.00	
County poor	4.92	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day & vet's assoc.	75.00	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	115.00	
Unclassified:		
Veh. permits & dog lic. fees	239.75	
Damages and legal expenses	60.70	
Taxes bought by town	676.04	
Discounts, abatements & refunds	55.60	
Employees' ret. & social security	296.85	
Total Current Maintenance	—————	
Expenses		\$ 18,455.82
Interest:		
Bank Service Charge	\$.52	
Paid on temporary loans	195.19	
Total Interest Payments	—————	\$ 195.71
Outlay for New Equipment:		
Highway equipment	1,357.00	
Total Outlay Payments	—————	\$ 1,357.00

Indebtedness:

Payments on temp. loan	\$ 11,000.00	
Total Indebtedness Payments	<u> </u>	\$ 11,000.00
Payments to Other Gov. Divisions:		
Internal Revenue	\$ 493.40	
State head taxes paid State Treas.		
1955 Taxes	\$ 675.00	
Prior Years	776.50	
	<u> </u>	1,451.50
Taxes paid to County	1,523.54	
Payments to School Districts		
1954 Tax	11,337.22	
Total Payment to Other	<u> </u>	
Governmental Divisions		\$ 14,805.66
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Total Payments for all Purposes		\$ 45,814.19
Cash on hand December 31, 1955		9,389.96
		<u> </u>
Grand Total		\$ 55,204.15

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

Clinton F. Huntoon	\$ 262.64
Harry O. Swett	294.48
Frank Clews	193.22
Roy K. Sargent	14.70
Ray J. Martin	14.70
Stephen J. Ford	78.40
Raymond E. Gardner	78.40
Dorothy M. Heath	196.00
Lawrence Curren	19.80
Myrtie B. Ford	6.00

Eugene Allen	6.86
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\$ 1,165.20

Town Officers' Expenses :

Harry O. Swett, mileage, tel., postage	\$ 65.45
Assoc. of N.H. Assessors	3.00
Wheeler & Clark, supplies	10.56
Clinton F. Huntoon, mileage, tel.	32.12
Brown & Saltmarsh, office supplies	47.09
Barbara Ford, typing	5.00
Enterprise Press, Town Reports	344.50
Fannie B. Martin, copying invoice	15.00
Register of Probate, list of est.	.30
Cath. Crowley, conveyances	10.46
N.H. Tax Collectors Assoc., dues	3.00
Frank Clews, telephone, postage	11.22
C. R. Hardy, Town Clerk's Assoc., dues	2.00
R. E. Gardner, supplies	4.10
Sargent Bros., tax bills	17.45
Dorothy M. Heath, expenses	59.52

\$ 630.77

Election and Registration :

Brown & Saltmarsh, printing check lists	\$ 6.00
Journal-Transcript, printing ballots	14.00
Stephen J. Ford, ballot clerk	6.00
Harriet Ford, typing check lists	12.00
Lawrence E. Ford, supervisor	20.58

\$ 58.58

Town Hall & Other Town Buildings :

Public Service of N.H., electric bill	\$ 42.38
Clarence E. Fowler, janitor service	2.00
Lawrence E. Ford, repair supplies	.38
Maxwell Gordon, wood	20.00

\$ 64.76

Police Department:

Lawrence Curren, expenses	\$ 53.65
W. S. Darley, siren	26.51
Potter Pl. Garage, installing siren	4.00

\$ 84.16

Volunteer Fire Department:

1954 Appropriation	\$ 500.00
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Forest Fire:

C. C. Morrison	\$ 176.92
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Head Taxes:

Treasurer, State of N.H., 1954 levy	\$ 776.50
Treasurer, State of N.H., 1955 levy	675.00

\$ 1,451.50

Bounties:

Gerry Wheeler	\$ 1.00
Clinton F. Huntoon	20.00
William Cook	15.50
Harry O. Swett	136.50
Francis Heath	13.50

\$ 186.50

Insurance:

Grange Mutual Ins. Co.	\$ 52.75
Farm Bureau Mutual Ins.	125.00
John C. Ray	49.90

\$ 227.65

Town Dump:

Clarence E. Ford, dozer	\$ 53.00
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Vital Statistics:

Raymond E. Gardner	\$ 9.00
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Town Road Aid:

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$ 682.91
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Street Lighting:

Public Service of New Hampshire	\$ 758.88
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Library:

Harriet G. Morrison	\$ 150.00
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Town Maintenance:

Highways and Bridges	\$ 5,633.01
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General Expense of Highway Department:

Irvin C. Patten, welding	\$ 48.00
Gulf Oil Corp., gas & oil	696.88
State of New Hampshire, salt	146.90
Perkins & Lamos, parts & repairs	78.37
N.H. Explosive & Mach. Co., supplies & parts	84.91
C. A. Dorval, grease gun & supplies	7.60
C. P. Stevens, supplies	2.51
Dorothy M. Heath, gravel	69.25
Clarence E. Ford, coal for culvert repairs	4.50
R. C. Hazelton, tractor plow pts.	5.85
Walter Russell, repairs & parts	6.15
Gifford Wiggin, grader pts & paint	34.08
Bartlett Auto Co., repairs & parts	65.76
Roland T. Libby, electrical work	22.53
N.E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts	330.02
C. & P. Lumber Co., bridge plank	18.72
Stahleker Steel Co., steel girders	1,445.64
O. C. Hastings & Co., supplies	179.75
Mahoney's Garage, welding	199.00
Joseph T. Ryerson & Son., steel girders	557.05
Rice's Inc., grader tires	574.95
M. F. Braley Lumber Co., bridge plank	225.36
Florence Bean, gravel	22.50
Hazen Lumber Co., bridge plank	75.74
Frank Clews, signs	16.00
Morris Wells, mowing	3.00
	\$ 4,921.02

Old Age Assistance:

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$ 1,560.60
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Town Poor :

Mrs. Edwin B. Ford, c/o Arlene McDonald	\$ 52.00
Maxwell Gordon, wood for Lawrence Dicey	17.00
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	\$ 69.00

County Poor :

O. C. Hastings & Co., Harry Fickett, Groceries	\$ 4.92
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Memorial Day :

Lee Knapp Post No. 96, American Legion	\$ 75.00
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Vehicle Permits & Dog License Fees :

Raymond E. Gardner, town clerk	\$ 175.00
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Head Tax Fees :

Dorothy M. Heath, tax collector	\$ 64.75
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Cemeteries :

Clarence Fowler	\$ 90.00
Bert Hillsgrove	12.50
Edwin B. Ford	12.50
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	\$ 115.00

Damages & Legal Expense :

Railroad Station Hearing, legal fee (Upton, Sanders & Upton)	\$ 60.70
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Taxes Bought by Town :

Dorothy M. Heath, tax collector	\$ 676.04
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Discounts, Abatements & Refunds :

Dorothy M. Heath, abatements, 1954-'55	\$ 26.80
Dorothy M. Heath, refund Stanley Patten	28.80
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	\$ 55.60

Retirement & Social Security :

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$ 296.85
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Withholding Tax :

U.S. Director of Internal Revenue	\$ 493.40
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Interest on Temporary Loans:

First National Bank of Bristol, service charge	\$.52
First National Bank of Bristol, service charge	195.19
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	\$ 195.71

New Equipment:

R. C. Hazelton, Good Road plow & Frink wing	\$ 1,357.00
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Payments on Temporary Loans:

First National Bank of Bristol	\$ 11,000.00
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County Tax:

Treasurer of Merrimack County	\$ 1,523.54
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School District:

Arlene Chellis, treas., 1954 appropriation	\$ 11,337.22
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Total Payments	\$ 45,814.19
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Cash on hand December 31, 1955	9,389.96
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Grand Total	\$ 55,204.15
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ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Winter and Spring Maintenance

Gifford Wiggin	\$ 729.20
Clark Gray	592.00
Sylvester Pulver	653.00
Leonard Sargent	256.00
Donald Wiggin	46.00
Ray Russell	132.00
Spencer Ford	7.00
Graham Hill	3.00
Willis Wentworth	11.97
Donald Ford	22.61

L. E. Ford	3.00
Lewis Littlefield	24.00
Myrl Phelps, bulldozer	33.00
Roger Rollins, Jr.	16.00
Eric Fay	10.00
Clinton Bliss, tractor	25.00
Dorothy Heath, gravel	43.75
Clarence Ford, coal	4.50

\$ 2,612.03

Summer Maintenance

Gifford Wiggin	\$ 610.50
Clark Gray	522.00
Sylvester Pulver	285.00
Graham Hill	92.00
Reginald Wiggin	8.00
Roger Rollins, Jr.	57.00
Eugene Cook	34.20

\$ 1,608.70

Jack Wells Bridge

Gifford Wiggin	\$ 44.00
Clark Gray	40.00
Alfred Lachance	8.00
H. M. Hastings, paint & hardware	15.36
Stahleker Steel Corp, I beams	369.18
Mahoney Welding	33.00

\$ 509.54

Maxfield Bridge

Gifford Wiggin	\$ 41.80
Graham Hill	8.00
Clark Gray	32.00
Alfred Lachance	32.00
Joseph F. Ryerson Steel	449.19
Horace M. Hastnings, bridge supplies	30.16

Mahoney Welding Co.	36.00
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\$ 629.15

North Road Bridge

Gifford Wiggin	\$ 93.50
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Clark Gray	69.00
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Clinton Huntoon	36.00
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Gifford Wiggin, paint	4.32
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Horace M. Hastings, bridge supplies	35.67
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Stahleker Steel Corp, beams	515.89
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Mahoney Welding	130.00
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\$ 908.38

Fall and Winter Maintenance

Gifford Wiggin	\$ 694.20
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Clark Gray	417.00
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H. M. Hastings, paint & bridge supplies	64.43
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Reginald Wiggin	60.00
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Alfred Lachance	137.00
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Robert Ford	198.00
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John Twomey	8.00
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Alvin Currier	24.00
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Henry Eckhardt, tractor	60.00
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Walter Russell	13.00
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Clarence Ford, bulldozer	10.00
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Florence Bean, gravel	22.50
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Leonard Sargent	18.00
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Dorothy Heath	25.50
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\$ 1,759.63

GIFFORD N. WIGGIN

Road Agent

DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Treasurer's Report for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1955

Receipts:

Town Appropriation	\$ 500.00
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Total Receipts	\$ 500.00

Expenses:

C. A. Carr, fuel oil	\$ 140.66
Stove repairs	5.00
Heating stove	89.00
Keegans, 50 ft. chain	3.60
R. E. Gardner, gas for fire trucks	14.56
Meeting expenses	12.45
Journal-Transcript, printing telephone cards	5.00
O. C. Hastings Co., meeting expenses	2.35
Supplies	10.73
Oil and grease for trucks	6.90
Extinguisher, soda acid	8.33
Anti-freeze	10.00
Alcohol for pumps	6.30
Gas for fire trucks	7.60
Prescott Oil Co., truck battery	10.88
Chas. Samson, gas for fire trucks	5.77
Thompson Hoague Co., C.O.2 extinguisher re-fill	4.25
Newfound Print Shop, tickets	14.00
Bartlett Auto Co., truck repairs	19.41
State inspection of trucks	1.50
Perkins Garage, radiator solution	1.25
Starter brushes	1.59
State inspection of trucks	2.00
John C. Ray, truck insurance	92.00

Group insurance	157.50
Sudbury Lab. Co., tank chemical	12.50
Hutchins Bros., printing tickets	11.00
W. S. Darley Co., badge	2.85
C. E. Noyes, truck tires and tubes	120.56
Harodikes Inc., 300 gal. tank (reserve)	36.00
Amer. Fire Equip. Co., gaskets and washers	9.07
A. F. Robinson Co., hose expansion rings	6.05

Total Operating Expense **\$ 830.66**

Operating Expenses above Appropriation \$330.66

Excess expenses Paid by Fire Dept. Funds **\$330.66**

Acknowledged Donations:

Danbury Women's Circle	\$ 4.00
Danbury P. T. A.	10.00
Ervin Perkins Garage truck insp.	2.00

Treasurer's Certificate

I certify that this is a true and correct report of appropriation and all disbursements of the Treasurer's Records for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1955.

FRANK CLEWS

Treasurer

Fire Commissioners' Report

At the close of the ninth year of existence of your fire department, we again offer our thanks for your cooperation to the progress of this important organization.

Your continued interest of the donation drawing, and the very generous donations of various organizations of this community, contribute to the advancement and improvement of your Fire Department. Only through this method are we able to raise sufficient funds

toward the support of this department, without any additional expense to the residents of the town. The report of the treasurer verifies this fact, which has been a continued practice, each year of our existence.

The many hours of labor donated by the committees and members, to making any necessary repairs and constant attention of keeping the fire station and equipment in order, without compensation, demands our appreciation.

May we solicit your co-operation to the use of the distributed cards with proper telephone numbers to secure the aid of your fire department, which is ever ready to serve you any hour of the day or night. Please keep your telephone card of FIRE ALARM SIGNAL STATIONS IN SIGHT. Thank you.

ELMER GRACE, Fire Chief

FRED G. HOPPER

RAY J. MARTIN

SYLVESTER C. PULVER

Commissioners

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF DANBURY, N.H., ON DECEMBER 31, 1955

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Principal	Bal., Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance, End of Year
SHEET I								
1916	Isaac Sanborn	Cemetery	New Hampshire	\$25.00	\$2.00	\$.76	\$2.00	\$.76
1916	Churice	Cemetery	New Hampshire	200.00	4.75	6.05	3.00	7.80
1949	Winter	Cemetery	New Hampshire	200.00	4.72	6.02	4.00	6.74
1949	Peoples	Cemetery	New Hampshire	103.92	19.67	3.43	4.00	18.80
1949	Annette J. Taylor	Cemetery	New Hampshire	50.00	5.08	1.50	.50	6.08
1949	Lydia Litchfield	Cemetery	New Hampshire	200.00	4.75	6.05	4.00	6.80
1949	Leland E. Heath	Cemetery	New Hampshire	25.00	.56	.76	.50	.82
1949	Elbridge A. Wells	Cemetery	New Hampshire	100.00	2.37	3.02	4.00	1.39
1949	Mary E. Taylor	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	50.00	1.17	1.51	2.00	1.68
1949	Fred L. Clark	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	50.00	7.18	1.51	3.00	5.69
					\$52.25	\$30.31	\$27.00	\$55.56

SHEET II								
1916	Appleton Walker	Cemetery	New Hampshire	\$50.00	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$2.00
1916	Converse	Cemetery	New Hampshire	50.00	1.50	1.50	1.00	2.00
1916	Sarah Bean	Cemetery	New Hampshire	25.00	.76	.76	.50	1.02
1923	John Langley	Cemetery	New Hampshire	50.00	1.50	1.50	1.00	2.00
1924	Mary C. Sleeper	Cemetery	New Hampshire	50.00	1.50	1.50	1.00	2.00
1925	Cyrus B. Jones	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	100.00	3.02	3.02	3.00	3.04
1929	George F. Sleeper	Cemetery	New Hampshire	100.00	3.02	3.02	3.00	3.04
1939	N. A. Sleeper - Wolcott	Cemetery	New Hampshire	100.00	3.02	3.02	3.00	3.04
1939	Olive J. Wilkins	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	50.00	1.51	1.51	1.00	2.02
1939	Hannah Wiggin	Cemetery	Franklin Savings Bank	50.00	1.51	1.51	1.00	2.02
1933	Volana Kilton	Cemetery	New Hampshire	200.00	3.05	6.05	3.00	6.10
1935	John V. Ford	Cemetery	New Hampshire	50.00	1.50	1.50	1.00	2.00

1935	Flora. O. Medska	Cemetery	New Hampshire	Savings	Bank	25.00	.76	.50	1.02
1936	Julious B. Hale	Cemetery	New Hampshire	Savings	Bank	100.00	3.02	2.00	4.04
1941	Clara A. Walker	Cemetery	Franklin	Savings	Bank	100.00	3.02	3.02	4.04
1941	N. E. Wilkins	Cemetery	Franklin	Savings	Bank	200.00	3.05	2.00	7.10
1944	Fred B. Brailey	Cemetery	Franklin	Savings	Bank	200.00	3.30	3.00	6.35
1949	J. Olyn Ford	Cemetery	New Hampshire	Savings	Bank	100.00	3.02	3.00	3.04
1949	Alice A. Sewell	Cemetery	New Hampshire	Savings	Bank	100.00	3.02	3.00	3.04
1953	George W. Peaslee	Cemetery	New Hampshire	Savings	Bank	50.00	1.50	2.00	1.00
Contributions, South Danbury									
1954	George B. Jenness	Cemetery	Franklin	Savings	Bank	50.50	.50	1.50	.50
1954	Eastman and Kenerson	Cemetery	Franklin	Savings	Bank	25.00	.13	.75	.38
1955	Henry Jones	Cemetery	New Hampshire	Savings	Bank	100.00	.75	.50	.75
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						\$44.71	\$73.82	\$58.00	\$60.54
SHEET III									
1916	Memorial For Soldiers' Graves	Cemetery	Bristol	Savings	Bank	\$95.14			
1916	Litchfield	Cemetery	New Hampshire	Savings	Bank	100.00	\$.02	\$3.00	\$.04
1922	Capt. Samuel Gardner	Cemetery	New Hampshire	Savings	Bank	100.00	5.30	1.00	8.81
1929	Floretta E. Emmons	Cemetery	New Hampshire	Savings	Bank	200.00	46.36	6.05	50.51
1930	Alice E. Braley	Cemetery	New Hampshire	Savings	Bank	300.00	26.09	10.25	32.10
1933	Lorenzo M. Heath	Cemetery	New Hampshire	Savings	Bank	150.00	6.32	5.81	2.00
1934	Samuel Haskins	Cemetery	New Hampshire	Savings	Bank	50.00	3.80	1.50	3.80
1937	Dexter J. Perkins	Cemetery	Franklin	Savings	Bank	50.00	.48	1.70	.06
1939	Charles A. Martin	Cemetery	New Hampshire	Savings	Bank	100.00	6.30	3.20	7.50
1944	Alice R. Adams	Cemetery	Franklin	Savings	Bank	100.00	3.16	3.02	4.06
1945	Austin A. Drake	Cemetery	Franklin	Savings	Bank	100.00	3.94	2.12	4.54
1948	Hattie E. Hunttoon	Cemetery	Franklin	Savings	Bank	100.00	3.50	3.20	6.10
1950	Mary E. Dexter	Cemetery	New Hampshire	Savings	Bank	100.00	.02	2.50	.54
1951	Warren A. Powers	Cemetery	Franklin	Savings	Bank	100.00	5.33	3.02	6.05
1950	Parsonage	Cemetery	Loan and Trust	Savings	Bank	300.00		2.30	
1936	Hattie E. Langley School Fund & Shares NRR Stock Paid Direct to School District						9.06		

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF DANBURY, N.H., ON DECEMBER 31, 1955

1954 Stephen B. Follansbee	Cemetery	Franklin	Savings	Bank	100.00	.25	3.00	1.20	2.05
1954 Carrie L. Heath	Cemetery	Franklin	Savings	Bank	50.00		1.50		1.50
1954 Burt and Edna Dean	Cemetery	Franklin	Savings	Bank	200.00	5.00	6.08	2.00	9.08
			Forward	Sheet No. I.		\$117.07	\$70.36	\$40.56	\$146.87
			Forward	Sheet No. II		52.25	30.31	27.00	55.56
						44.71	73.83	58.00	60.54
				TOTALS		\$214.03	\$174.50	\$125.56	262.97

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Audited and Approved:
 RAY J. MARTIN
 ROY K. SARGENT, Auditors
 January 19, 1956

CLARENCE E. FORD
 ROBERT FORD
 ARTHUR W. JEWETT, Trustees
 January 17, 1956

GEORGE GAMBLE LIBRARY
Report of the George Gamble Library Trustees
For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1955

Receipts:

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1955	\$ 16.58
Town Treasurer, 1955 appropriation	150.00
	\$ 166.58

Payments:

Almeda Wiggin, librarian	\$ 66.00
Bert Hillsgrove, care of lawn	11.00
Bert Hillsgrove, shoveling snow	.75
Myrl Phelps, wood	6.00
Esther Phelps, cleaning library	5.00
Hunt's Dept. Store, books	20.05
Goodmans Book Store, books	10.00
Readers Digest, books	10.00
Public Service Co., electricity	21.00
Postage and supplies	.61
	\$ 150.41

Balance on hand 12/31/55 \$ 16.17

Patrons—58 Circulation—771

Mrs. Floyd Ramsey, Mrs. Gladys Twomey, Mrs. Sarah Still and Roy K. Sargent have donated books the past year.

We expect our operating expense will be the same next year, and recommend the same amount be raised at the next March meeting.

GLADYS W. TWOMEY
HARRIET G. MORRISON
GLADYS M. COOPER

Trustees

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DANBURY

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

District Officers

Lawrence Curren	Moderator
Dorothy Heath	Clerk
Arlene Chellis	Treasurer
Ray J. Martin	Auditor

School Board

David Armstrong	Term expires 1956
Edna Powers	Term expires 1957
Roy K. Sargent	Term expires 1958

Attendance Officer

Roy K. Sargent

Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

School Nurse

Ellen F. Williams, R. N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1956 - 1957

Open Sept. 5 (Wed.)	Close Dec. 21 (Fri., 12.30)
Open Jan. 2	Close Feb. 15
Open Feb. 25	Close April 19
Open April 29	Close June 12

Days out: Nov. 22, 23; May 30, 31.

Close at 12:30 Nov. 21, Dec. 21.

Total number of days required by State Board is 180 including three for institutes and conventions, and up to five for workshops.

Pupils must enter the first grade if six by Sept. 30 and may enter if six before January 1.

Vaccination is required by state law unless child has written excuse from doctor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF
School Treasurer and School Board
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955

Treasurer's Report

Summary:

Cash on hand July 1, 1954	\$ 396.23
Received from:	
Selectmen, cur. appropriation	\$ 15,837.22
State Treasurer, state aid	5,691.14
Trust Funds	48.00
All Other Sources	24.68
Total Receipts	21,601.04
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	21,997.27
Less School Board Orders Paid	21,557.87
Balance on hand June 30, 1955	\$ 439.40

ARLENE L. CHELLIS, 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 Danbury of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 and find them correct in all respects.

RAY J. MARTIN, Auditor

School Board's Report

Receipts:

From Selectmen, appropriation	\$ 15,837.22	
From State Treasurer, state aid	5,691.14	
From Trust Funds	48.00	
From All Other Sources	24.68	
Total Receipts	\$ 21,601.04	
Balance on hand June 30, 1954		396.23
		\$ 21,997.27

Detailed Statement of Payments

Salaries of District Officers:

Roy K. Sargent, school board, census	\$ 65.00	
David W. Armstrong, school board	50.00	
Edna Powers, school board	50.00	
Arlene Chellis, treasurer	25.00	
Ray J. Martin, auditor	5.00	
	\$ 195.00	

Superintendent's Salary:

Supervisory Union No. 4	\$ 281.78
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Expenses of Administration:

The Enterprise Press	\$ 7.50	
Supervisory Union No. 4, Clerk's sal., office exp., travel, etc.	349.01	
State Dept. of Education, handbooks	2.00	
Arlene Chellis, expenses	8.86	
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc.	20.75	
Edna Powers, expenses	3.09	
Roy K. Sargent, expenses	2.75	
David Armstrong, expenses	5.95	
First Nat'l Bank, service charge	4.78	
N.H. Architect, hand books	2.00	
The College Bindery, binding registers	10.50	
	\$ 417.19	

Teachers' Salaries:

Gladys Cooper	\$ 1,778.10
Gladys Twomey	1,702.10
Annie Thompson	1,823.60
Rinehart Handwriting Co.	300.00
Director of Internal Revenue	814.00
N.H. Teachers Retirement System	583.10
Dorothy Heath	20.00
	————— \$ 7,020.90

Text Books:

Martin — Murray Co.	\$ 14.10
Ginn & Co.	34.68
Gladys Twomey	3.75
American Education Publications	46.00
World Book Co.	35.36
L. W. Singer Co.	13.14
Charles Scribner & Sons	10.92
Houghton Mifflin Co.	1.93
Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.	14.85
Webster Publishing Co.	28.76
Milton Bradley Co.	4.10
American Book Co.	104.20
	————— \$ 311.79

Scholars' Supplies:

Milton Bradley Co.	\$ 25.26
White River Paper Co.	7.80
Cardigan Sport Store	6.65
Benton Review Publishing Co.	3.93
Bristol School District	16.85
Cascade Paper Co.	93.46
Houghton Mifflin Co.	54.69
J. L. Hammett Co.	8.61
Ginn & Co.	30.27
World Book Co.	1.08
Supervisory Union No. 4	12.64

John C. Winston Co., Inc.	3.84	
Row, Peterson & Co.	17.89	
		————— \$ 282.97

Other Expenses of Instruction :

Bristol School District		\$ 8.25
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Janitor Service:

Esther Phelps	\$ 10.00	
Mrs. Roy B. Ford	8.00	
Ruth Phelps	8.00	
Annie Thompson	80.00	
Edwina Phelps	80.00	
Gertrude Smart	80.00	
		————— \$ 266.00

Fuel:

Charles A. Carr Co.	\$ 497.27	
Lawson M. Smith	1.06	
		————— \$ 498.33

Water, Light and Janitor Supplies :

Public Service Co.	\$ 128.96	
Mobeco, Inc.	3.40	
Masury-Young Co.	13.65	
White River Paper Co.	59.70	
Beckley Cardy Co.	5.93	
E. J. Keegan & Co.	2.43	
O. C. Hastings & Co.	12.74	
Lawson M. Smith	1.79	
West Disinfecting Co.	96.80	
General Electric Co.	8.09	
		————— \$ 333.49

Minor Repairs & Expenses:

James Fifield	\$ 15.00	
Greenwood Plumbing Co.	21.00	
George W. Tucker	80.78	
Roy Sargent	5.00	
		————— \$ 121.78

Medical Inspection :

C. B. Boyd, Druggist, med. supplies	\$ 2.91	
Sup. Union No. 4. Nurse's sal.	127.04	
		————— \$ 129.95

Transportation of Pupils :

J. Frank DesRoches	\$ 3,684.50	
Eugene Cook	220.44	
Eric Fay	341.16	
Mrs. Roy B. Ford	6.97	
		————— \$ 4,253.07

High School Tuition :

Hopkinton School District	\$ 275.00	
Franklin School District	87.00	
Bristol School District	2,003.44	
Lebanon School District	650.00	
Andover School District	3,430.00	
		————— \$ 6,445.44

Tax for State Wide Supervision :

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$ 226.00
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Insurance and Other Fixed Charges :

Arthur Jewett	\$ 56.23
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New Equipment :

General Electric Co., lights	\$ 227.04
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Retirement :

N.H. Teachers Retirement System, District's share	\$ 456.94	
Sup. Union No. 4, Supt's & Nurse's retirement	25.72	
		————— \$ 482.66

Total Expenditures	\$ 21,557.87
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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 our 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.

DAVID ARMSTRONG

EDNA F. POWERS

ROY K. SARGENT

School Board

GENERAL STATISTICS

Enrollment by Grades

1954-55										
Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	
All Schools	10	5	6	9	10	10	10	4	64	
1955-56										
Dec. 21										
Elmwood	7	11							18	
South			8	7	8				23	
Center						11	9	10	30	
Totals	7	11	8	7	8	11	9	10	71	

District Totals

Av. Att. Av. Abs. Av. Memb. % Attend.

1954-55				
All Schools	58.98	3.64	62.62	94.2
1955-56				
Dec. 21				
Elmwood	16.2	.8	17.	95.2
South	22.1	.8	22.9	96.2
Center	28.6	1.3	29.9	95.5
Totals	66.9	2.9	69.8	95.8

TUITION PUPILS 1955-56

Andover High School — \$275.00	Grade
Janet Smith	9
Richard Cook	10
John Ford	10
Regina Glines	10
Edwina Phelps	10
Eleanor Smith	10
Merrill Wentworth	10
Germaine Wolfenden	10
Bernice Clark	11
Edna Hill	12
Graham Hill	12
Andrew Phelps	12
Leora Sargent	12
Bristol High School — \$300.00	Grade
David Perkins	9
Sandra Smart	9
Betty St. Lawrence	9
Roger Jewell	10
Sandra Long	10
Constance St. Lawrence	10
Bruce Armstrong	11
Roy Chellis	11
Jean Tibbetts	11
Lebanon High School — \$275.00	Grade
Marion Ford	12

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 4 BUDGET 1954 - '55

District	Nurse	Travel	Office	Clerk	Conv.	Supt.	Travel	Total
Alexandria	\$89.60	\$56.00	\$22.22	\$94.85	\$5.42	\$197.83	\$54.20	\$520.12
Bridgewater	104.16	65.10	25.83	110.25	6.30	229.95	63.00	604.59
Bristol	634.72	396.70	157.69	673.05	38.46	1403.79	384.60	3689.01
Canaan	444.00	277.50	110.78	472.85	27.02	986.23	270.20	2588.58
Danbury	127.04	79.40	31.65	135.10	7.72	281.78	77.20	739.89
Grafton	108.96	68.10	27.10	115.68	6.61	241.26	66.10	633.81
Groton			12.26	52.32	2.99	109.14	29.90	206.61
Hebron	72.80	45.50	17.88	76.30	4.36	159.14	43.60	419.58
Orange	18.72	11.70	4.59	19.60	1.12	40.88	11.20	107.81
Totals	\$1609.00	\$1000.00	\$410.00	\$1750.00	\$100.00	\$3650.00	\$1000.00	\$9510.00

COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

ITEMS	Expend. 1954-55	Budget 1955-56	Est. Bdgt 1956-57
Administration			
Salaries of district officers	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00
Supt.'s salary (local share)	281.78	263.89	263.50
Tax for state wide supervision	226.00	208.00	186.00
Salaries of admin. personnel	174.47	144.60	124.00
Supplies and expenses	242.72	250.00	250.00
Instruction			
Teachers' salaries	7,020.90	7,300.00	8,150.00
Books and other aids	311.79	250.00	250.00
Scholars' supplies	282.97	250.00	250.00
Supplies and other expenses	8.25	50.00	50.00
Operation of School Plant			
Salary of janitor	266.00	240.00	250.00
Fuel or heat	498.33	400.00	500.00
Water, light, supplies & exp.	333.49	200.00	300.00
Maintenance of School Plant			
Repairs and replacements	121.78	200.00	200.00
Auxiliary Activities			
Health supervision	129.95	137.27	114.70
Transportation of pupils	4,253.07	4,286.00	4,286.00
Tuition, high school	6,445.44	6,900.00	8,490.00
Fixed Charges			
Retirement	482.66	510.00	580.00
Insurance, treas. bonds, & exp.	56.23	47.00	47.00
Contingency Fund		300.00	300.00
Capital Outlay			
New equipment	227.04		
Payments into Cap. Res. Fund		1,000.00	1,000.00
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Total Expenditures	\$ 21,557.87	\$ 23,131.76	\$ 25,786.20
School Board's Estimate			
Estimated Balance		\$ 0.00	
State Aid		8,000.00	
Trust Funds		48.00	
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Total Other Than Property Taxes		\$ 8,048.00	
District Assessment		17,738.20	
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Total Appropriation		\$ 25,786.20	

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1955 - 1956

We wish again to emphasize the most serious shortage of teachers who are qualified through either training or successful experience, or both, and to quote material based on a study financed by the Ford Foundation for the Advancement of Education and written by Mr. Beardsley Ruml and Sidney C. Tickton, noted business men. The demand for teachers is great and will increase for years to come because: 1) The total number of births during the depression years was relatively very small (the present college age group); 2) 1954 produced the biggest crop of babies yet with over 4 million being born in comparison with less than 3 million in 1944; 3) In the next 10 years we will need to recruit **three** new teachers for every **two** now employed; 4) It would take half of all college graduates for each of the next 10 years to meet this demand; 5) We have now 9,200,000 pupils in the 14-17 age level but in 1965 there will be 14,200,000! The above constitute basic facts, the foundation of serious troubles, and can not be changed. These in themselves create a tremendous shortage of teachers, making a very restricted economic supply of a scarce commodity and resulting in an increasing market value of the same, higher salaries. Added to this shortage and increased demand due to increased number of pupils we have a rising salary level in the field of industries as shown below:

Average Wages 1953

Workers auto manufacturing — \$4,947

Teachers big city high schools — \$5,526

Coal mining — \$4,198

Teachers small city high schools — \$4,292

Electrical Machinery — \$3,956

Teachers small city elementary schools — \$3,682

Telephone operators N.Y. Tel. Co. — \$3,224

Teachers small town elementary schools — \$3,190

From this it can be seen that there is little incentive for a pupil to spend four years, or more, of his life, and a considerable capital investment in a vocation paying less than jobs in industry which pay as you learn. Earning over \$10,000 per year were 41% of the physicians and surgeons, 28% of the lawyers and judges, and 24.6% of the dentists, and .95% of the teachers.

Why does anyone enter the teaching profession today? What are these basic figures going to do to every salary paid any teacher in the years to come? No amount of unfavorable publicity or unkind belittling thinking can change the demand for teachers caused by children already born and who will be educated during the next 20 years.

Much is being written about the poor quality of education of today and most of it implies great superiority of past educational systems. How did we get into such dire circumstances, if we are in them, when the situations of today are the results of a supposedly superior educational system of previous generations? Certain it is that those now in school and yet to go to school can not be blamed for circumstances due to their parents and grandparents. We are trying to blame the newly born for errors of our own, and past generations, which errors actually may not be very great anyway. Somehow or another the people of the United States past and present, (and future, I'm sure) have given an account of themselves unmatched, and universally envied. We might ask, "How good can we get?" The answer is, of course, "Better." That's the premise we work with, and always will, but to do so and keep some small degree of sanity requires a judicious omission of much that is being popularized at the moment. For instance, reading is taking a "panning" at the moment (it was history a few years ago and it will be either math or spelling in a year or so.)

Most of what is being written assumes that we know nothing about two things: 1) How to teach reading; 2) What results we are now getting.

Let's look briefly at results of nationally standardized tests given every year in Union No. 4. To avoid exact identification we will assume the grades taken to be fictitious, although the figures used are basically correct. Twenty four out of 35 in grade 6 scored above grade level in reading last April with the highest level above grade 10; 12 were at the 8th grade level or higher. In grade 5 fifteen out of 30 were above grade with 8 above grade 7. More of the same could be quoted based on recorded facts but let's reverse the figures and say that 15 out of 30 were below grade level, which is true. Popularly these are the ones that get into print! But let's go one step further and say that the abilities of the pupils in this grade vary from border line feeblemindedness to high superiority, but none near the genius level. We are speaking here of those abilities necessary to acquire a high degree of reading ability or academic achievement. We are not considering mechanical, social, artistic, musical, or any number of other abilities. In summary we can say that our results are as anyone acquainted with human beings knows deep down in his heart and secretly admits to his conscience: an average grade will test average in accomplishment with bright pupils achieving brilliantly and dull ones doing below a standardized level with exceptions both ways occasionally thrown in for good measure; a mathematical average, whether of business profits or grade achievements, is composed of all elements both good and bad. Schools have one great handicap from the viewpoint of achieving only top quality results; We can not give the "pink slip" to those not improving our product! We might add here, in view of some recent publicity nationally, that it takes a mighty smart youngster with exceptional ability in mathematics to become an engineer; just requiring all pupils to take

four years of high school math is not going to automatically produce atomic scientists but will produce an amazingly large number of flunks in high school!

Some few years ago the "better" schools were de-emphasizing marks to such an extent that those of us who were still "old-fashioned" enough to cling to them were just not accepted as being quite normal! A recent article has been written stating that marks are very much in style, are perhaps being stressed too much not because of not being in step with modern trends but because so many scholarships are being offered putting a very high premium on marks and slighting those which may have other abilities equally important, or more so, than those necessary to achieve good grades. And so the educational pendulum swings in another arc! Past performance is still one of the best indexes we have to predict future success.

The last legislature increased state aid to needy school districts from \$900,000 to \$1,200,000 which when read one way is a 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % increase but when looked at from another angle is a mere \$300,000 hardly enough to build a high school for 150 pupils. When the tough educational problems facing us, and some are in Union No. 4, are carefully analyzed, this is a very small amount of money when compared with what some of us believe will be eventually necessary to even partially meet our educational needs. Canaan received \$19,400 of state aid; Danbury \$8,143; Alexandria and Orange some few dollars over \$1,000. The first two are significant amounts but are small when compared with present and future needs (particularly the latter). Even towns not receiving aid at present, and who may never under a formula based on need as measured at present, may well require significant amounts of aid to meet future needs including salary spirals. The local real estate tax should not be expected to meet all of these costs and the state with its different sources of tax money will be required to help

more or the federal government will be **forced** into educational fields because of its biggest source of revenues, the individual income tax of which New England contributes a share far in excess of its population. We are now paying for federal projects benefiting other sections of the country and should not be too squeamish about getting more of it back here, at least for capital improvements for schools, flood control and like projects. We believe in local control of education, the least amount of state control, and no federal control, if possible, but, at present, we can not foresee the local unit being able to increase its contribution indefinitely, foresee the state as being reluctant to be financially realistic in its educational obligations, and only a hodgepodge of ideas at the national level. A state building aid bill was passed providing aid beginning with the school year of 1956-57 **provided funds become available**. This would pay up to 20% of outstanding debt for a current year of buildings approved by the Department of Education. It seems unwise to plan on receiving much from this source because it is too indefinite. This bill marks a step up in the right direction and we have hopes of its increasing in future years. Educational costs are bound to increase very materially in the years to come due to the pressure of more children, if for no other cause.

Last year Danbury voted a capital reserve fund of \$1,000 as a start to a new building. Had this been done each of the past 10 years Danbury would be in a position to very seriously consider a new building which could be quite adequate. Danbury's present borrowing power under the latest laws and evaluations is \$36,828.90 which is hardly enough to build a three room school with a small activities room. With an additional \$10,000 or so an honest attempt might be made. Perhaps we should not wait to build a three room building but rather build what is possible under present bonding power, and with provisions for later expansion. A capital reserve fund

of more than \$1,000 a year would make the day of building even closer and probably a better building. A capital reserve fund also draws interest while in trust which is better than paying interest on money borrowed. Danbury is receiving \$8,143.55 in state aid this year instead of the \$5,691.14 of last year. It is expected that the amount for '56-57 may be a bit lower since there will be a state wide increase in the number of pupils and the funds are fixed, but it may also be hoped that the low point in the state appropriation funds for state aid has been left behind us. Danbury is one of a few districts in the state receiving the full amount according to the formula rather than being one of many receiving a prorated cut, including Canaan. Let us hope that the 1958 legislature will increase state aid to Danbury and put some solid financial foundation to its new building aid law.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MAURICE GRAY

Superintendent

BIRTHS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Each
1955 May 7	Phelps, James D.	M L	Phelps, Myrl C.	Reed, June V.	New Hampshire	Farmer Housewife
July 18	Phelps, Nancy A.	F L	Phelps, Edward B.	Dacey, Erna I.	Maine	Laborer
Aug. 14	Huntoon, Bruce B.	M L	Huntoon, Bernard L.	Howe, Harlene E.	New Hampshire	Carpenter
Sept. 8	Taylor, Tricia J.	F L	Taylor, Arthur N.	Jackman, Phyllis E.	New Hampshire	Housewife
Oct. 7	Ford, Silvia A.	F L	Ford, Robert B.	Dacey, Audrey	Franklin Lebanon	Repairman
Oct. 25	Rollins, Yvonne A.	F L	Rollins, Roger H.	Hill, Beatrice R.	New Hampshire New Hampshire New Hampshire	Housewife At home Laborer
						Housewife

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

RAYMOND E. GARDNER, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence	Age	Occupation of Groom & Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person By Whom Married
1955 June 18	Hartley J Stiles	Grafton	64	Carpenter	New Brunswick	William M Stiles Georgianna Steeves	Raymond E Gardner Danbury
Danbury	Marion G Rivets	Grafton	44	At home	Newton Mass	Chester A Parkhurst Hattie L Ward	Justice of the Peace
June 26	William R Cook	Danbury	20	Truck driver	Ipswich Mass	Eugene E Cook Mabel L Casey	Rev Aubrey H Houston Belmont
Danbury	Betty A Phelps	Danbury	19	Leather work	Lebanon	Orrin Tucker, Jr Ardelle W Hollenbeck	Ord Min of Gospel
June 26	Richard W Gage	Grafton	19	Stock Clerk	Grafton	Alvin S Gage Hannah E Caswell	G Stewart Campbell Wilnot
Danbury	Pauline G Ford	Danbury	20	Teller	Danbury	Clarence E Ford Vera Jennings	Congregational Clergyman
July 31	Robert B Ford	Danbury	21	US Army	Danbury	Roy B Ford Dorothy E Stevens	G Stuart Campbell Wilnot
Wilnot	Audrey Dicey	Danbury	18	At home	Alexandria	Jess F Dicey Jennie M Cate	Congregational Clergyman
Oct. 8	Walter W Walker	Danbury	24	Carpenter	New Hampshire	Frank W Walker Annie Langley	Rev Arthur Hopkinson Greenfield Mass
N London	Judith R Schucker	N London	23	Nurse	Massachusetts	James A Schucker Alice R M Ripley	Meth Min (per spec lic)
Nov. 17	Stanley E Batchelder	Ellsworth	24	Laborer	Ellsworth	Allie E Batchelder Stella F Keneson	Dean L Hodges Plymouth Clergyman
Plymouth	Dorothy C Perkins	Danbury	19	Waitress	Danbury	Leon E Perkins Dorothy M Austin	

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

RAYMOND E. GARDNER, Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased		Age		Place of Birth	Condition	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
	Y	M	D	D				
Jan. 31 Danbury	48	10	10		Newport	Single	Anderson, Samuel	Mackey, Frederika
May 6 Franklin	82				Danbury	Widowed	Rand, Brooks	Currier, Mary J.
July 14 Franklin	76				Canada	Married	Lindsay, Walter	Ferguson, Alice
July 20 Danbury	77	7	8		Danbury	Married	Roby, Moses S.	Morrill, Mary J.
Sept. 25 Danbury	95				Paterson, NJ	Widowed	Freeland, William	Unknown
Dec. 28 Andover	80				Alexandria	Widowed	Braley, Elbridge	Waldron, Lemmie

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RAYMOND E. GARDNER, Town Clerk

