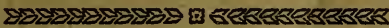


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**ANNUAL  
REPORT  
FOR 1917**



**TOWN OF  
DORCHESTER  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Town Officers


OF

Dorchester, New Hampshire

For the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1918.



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## TOWN OFFICERS.

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### Moderator.

Herbert H. Ashley

### Town Clerk.

Leon H. Merrill

### Selectmen.

George N. Burnham

Wilbur Merrill

Herbert H. Ashley

### Road Agent.

John T. Hanley

### Treasurer.

Frank W. Burnham

### Tax Collector.

Azro H. Schoolcraft

### Overseer of the Poor.

George N. Burnham

### Health Officer.

Azro H. Schoolcraft

### Auditors.

Cyrille E. Lebrun

Alden B. Clough

### School Board.

Isaac D. Walker

Harrison H. Noyes

Herbert H. Ashley

### School District Treasurer.

Annie G. Ashley

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March, next at eleven 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 appropriation of the same.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to repair highways and bridges the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

4. To see if the town will vote to accept state aid for highways the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

5. To see if the town will vote to accept state aid maintenance for highways the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to pay on the town debt.

7. To see what action the town will take in regard to a patrolman for the state aid maintenance work.

8. To choose a delegate to the constitutional convention.

9. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to make temporary loans in anticipation of taxes if necessary.

10. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, or committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

11. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighteen.

GEORGE N. BURNHAM,

HERBERT H. ASHLEY,

WILBUR MERRILL,

Selectmen of Dorchester.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GEORGE N. BURNHAM,

HERBERT H. ASHLEY,

WILBUR MERRILL,

Selectmen of Dorchester.

### SUMMARY OF INVENTORY.

Resident and non-resident real estate	\$223,914 00
Horses, 75	8,308 00
Oxen, 4	350 00
Cows, 130	6,373 00
Neat Stock, 20	752 00
Sheep, 45	252 00
Fowls, 320	320 00
Vehicles and automobiles	635 00
Portable mills, 6	1,185 00
Money on hand and at interest	372 00
Stock in trade	995 00
Mills and machinery	2,800 00
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Total valuation	\$246,256 00
Amount of taxes \$4,804.86. Rate for all purposes on \$100.00, \$1.90.	
Exempted to soldiers	\$1,300 00
Exemptions land planted to pine trees, 36 acres 90 per cent of value	\$324 00
Polls, 63	\$126 00

### APPROPRIATIONS.

Town charges	\$600 00
Highways, town maintenance	900 00
State aid maintenance	200 00
Joint fund, State and town	315 00
Town debt	500 00
County tax	292 96
New Hampshire National Guard tax	44 00
State tax	330 00
High school tuition	280 00
School supplies	100 00
School money required by law	330 00
School money by vote	500 00
School officers' salaries	85 00
Repairs on school houses	50 00
Overlay	277 90
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Total appropriations	\$4,804 86
Added to collector's book, two polls	4 00
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Committed to collector	\$4,808 86

## TOWN BUDGET.

Sources of Revenue	Actual 1917	Estimated 1918
From State:		
Railroad Tax	\$ 6 60	\$ 6 60
Savings Bank Tax	101 52	110 00
For Highways:		
(a) For State Aid Maintenance	239 96	300 00
Balance 1916 Joint Fund	11 47	
Bounties	43 20	20 00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Interest Received on Taxes and De- posits	7 29	5 00
Income of Departments:		
Highways, Sewers, etc.	3 70	
Rebate on Bond	5 00	
Grafton County	139 22	150 00
From Poll Taxes:	130 00	130 00
Revenue Applicable only to New Construction and Im- provements:		
From State:		
(a) For State Aid Highway Con- struction	385 93	461 25
Revenue Which Must be Paid to other Governmental Divisions:		
School districts	281 74	290 00
Amount Raised by Property Taxes:	4,674 86	5,400 00
Total Revenues	\$6,030 49	\$6,872 85

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual 1917	Estimated 1918
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 276 94	\$ 240 00
Town Officers' Expenses	85 81	70 00
Election and Registration Expenses		35 00
Care and Supplies for Town Hall	3 00	3 00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	6 75	5 00
Bounties	31 00	20 00



Health:		
Vital Statistics	1 50	1 50
Highways and Bridges:		
State Aid Maintenance:		
State's Contribution	239 96	360 04
Town's Contribution	159 99	240 01
Town Maintenance	1,252 30	900 00
General Expenses of highway de- partment	2 00	
Charities:		
County Poor	167 05	150 00
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improve- ments:		
Highways and Bridges		
State Aid Construction:		
State's Contribution	385 93	370 27
Town's Contribution	313 73	462 85
Indebtedness:		
Payments on Principal of Debt:		
(b) Long Term Notes	597 79	1,151 86
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
State Taxes	374 00	352 00
County Taxes	292 96	300 00
Payments to School Districts	1,626 74	1,940 00
Total Expenditures	\$5,817 45	\$6,601 53

### EFFECT ON TAX RATE.

Assessed Valuation Previous Year	\$246,256 00
Estimated Increase or Decrease in Assessed Valuation	Not much change
Amount Required by Budget to be Raised by Property Taxes	\$5,400 00
Tax Rate Ensuing Year per \$100 of valuation	\$2.20
Every Appropriation of \$100 in addition to the Esti- mates of this Budget will raise the Tax Rate 04c per \$100 Valuation.	

Town of Dorchester,	Assets.
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Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	\$ 8 67
In hands of other officials	9 94
Accounts due town:	
Joint Highway Accounts, unexpended balances in State Treasury	1 60
Maintenance, Unexpended balances in State Treasury	60 04
Due from State, Bounty on hedgehogs	31 00
Due From Grafton County:	
Support county poor	27 83
Taxes not collected:	
Levy of 1917	331 77
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Total Assets	\$ 470 85
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)	1,151 86
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Grand Total	\$1,622 71
Net Debt—Surplus, February 15, 1917	\$1,848 96
Net Debt—Surplus, January 31, 1918	1,151 86
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Decrease of debt, of surplus	\$697 10
LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY	
Town hall, lands and buildings	\$2,000 00
Furniture and equipment	35 00
Fire department, Equipment	63 58
Highway department, Equipment	500 00
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Total	\$2,598 58

## Town of Dorchester,

## Liabilities.

<u>State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:</u>	
Unexpended balances in State Treasury	\$ 1 60
Unexpended balances in Town Treasury	1 27
<u>State Aid Maintenance Account:</u>	
Unexpended balances in State Treasury	60 04
Unexpended balances in Town Treasury	40 01
Long Term Notes Outstanding	1,519 79
Grand Total	<u>\$1,622 71</u>

## Town of Dorchester,

## Receipts.

Current Revenue:	
Amounted committed to collector	\$4,808 86
Less abatements	12 38
Less uncollected	331 71
1. Property and poll taxes current year, actually collected	\$4,464 71
From State:	
2. For State aid maintenance	239 96
3. For State aid construction	385 93
4. Railroad tax	6 60
5. Savings bank tax	101 52
6. Literary fund	37 44
7. State aid for education	197 50
8. Bounties	43 20
From County:	
9. For support of county poor	139 22
From local Sources Except Taxes:	
10. Dog licenses	46 80
11. Interest on taxes	7 29
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:	
12. Refund on bond	5 00
13. Highway department, sale of wheelbarrow and shovel	3 70
14. From State, balance Joint Fund, 1916	11 47
Total receipts from all sources	<u>\$5,690 34</u>
Cash on hand at beginning of year	135 78
Grand total	<u>\$5,826 12</u>

## Town of Dorchester,

## Payments.

Current Maintenance Expenses :	
1. Town officers' salaries	\$ 276 94
2. Town officers' expenses	85 81
3. Expenses town hall and buildings	3 00
Protection of Persons and Property :	
4. Police department including care of tramps	6 75
5. Bounties	31 00
Health :	
6. Vital statistics	1 50
Highways and bridges :	
7. State aid maintenance	399 95
8. Town maintenance	1,252 30
9. General expenses of highway department including watering troughs	2 00
Charities :	
10. County poor	167 05
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improve- ments :	
11. State aid construction	699 66
Indebtedness :	
12. Payments on long term notes	597 79
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions :	
13. Taxes paid to State	374 00
14. Taxes paid to County	292 96
15. Payments to School Districts	1,626 74
Total Payments for all Purposes	\$5,817 45
Cash on hand at end of year	8 67
Grand total	\$5,826 12

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS.

### General Government.

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

Selectmen, Regular work:

Isaac D. Walker, Feb. 15 to Mar. 13, 1917	\$	5 00
George N. Burnham, Feb. 15 to Jan. 31, 1918		35 89
Herbert H. Ashley, Feb. 15 to Jan. 31, 1918		30 41
Wilbur Merrill, Mar. 13 to Jan. 31, 1918		20 00
George N. Burnham, 3 days, Lyme and Dorchester Town line		7 50
George N. Burnham, 6 1-2 days, Timber cruising		16 25
Herbert H. Ashley, 6 1-2 days, Timber cruising		16 25
Wilbur Merrill, 6 1-2 days, Timber cruising		16 25
George N. Burnham, Overseer of poor, W. A. Motts and J. Frank Reed cases		11 81
Azra H. Schoolcraft, Collector		67 08
Azro H. Schoolcraft, Health officer		3 50
Leon H. Merrill, Town Clerk		20 00
Frank W. Burnham, Treasurer		20 00
C. E. LeBrun, Auditor		1 50
F. A. Burt, Auditor		1 50
Dana Tibbetts, Supervisor		2 00
Russell Noyes, Supervisor		2 00
		\$276 94

#### Detail 2. Officers' Expenses.

F. W. Brown, town officers' bonds	\$14 50
Towne & Robie, printing reports	27 73

W. J. Randolph, transfers	92	
George N. Burnham, car fare	54	
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies	20	94
H. M. Merrill, showing lines	4	50
Town of Lyme, 1-2 expense survey- or	6	00
George N. Burnham, carfare, pos- tage and stationery	7	88
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies	2	80
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		\$85 81

**Detail 3. Expenses, Town Hall and Buildings.**

John Quimby, care of hall glass and setting same	\$3 00
Protection of Persons and Property.	

**Detail 4. Police Department including Care of Tramps.**

Burnell Clough, police officer	\$2 00	
James Perreault, care of tramps	4 75	
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**Detail 5. Bounties.**

Paid bounty on hedgehogs	\$31 00
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Health.

**Detail 6. Vital Statistics.**

H. H. Palmer, M. D., return of births and deaths	\$ 25	
F. A. Bogardus, M. D., return of births and deaths	50	
S. Fraser, M. D., return of births and deaths	75	
	<hr/>	\$1 50

**HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.**

**Detail 7.**

**Report of John T. Hanley, Road Agent:**

Received of Selectmen \$1,652 25

**Paid:**

John T. Hanley	\$241 25
H. H. Noyes	53 25
I. D. Walker	21 95
C. E. LeBrun, lumber	8 56
L. J. Goss	27 78
Russel Noyes	68 57
Henry Delsart	1 00

Arthur Ashley	4 00
Hall Bros., lumber	10 60
G. W. Rowen	49 78
H. D. Tibbetts	45 50
Ernest Hanley	45 08
H. M. Merrill	8 00
H. H. Ashley	37 92
O. E. Decato	13 08
John Quimby	30 44
J. G. Colburn	11 29
Bert Ashley	1 32
W. L. Cutting, blacksmithing	1 25
Carlyle Carter	11 12
John S. Motts	2 40
Joseph Archembault	17 40
Weston Stevens	12 97
Z. G. Taylor	19 92
A. T. O'Brien	15 30
F. W. Burnham	13 27
M. P. Doherty	4 00
Wilfred Blain	4 00
H. H. Chamberlain	12 73
G. N. Burnham	30 90
Frank Hanley	1 25
Wilbur Merrill	58 25
John Taylor	20 55
Paul D. Smith	4 00
C. L. Dupuis	6 75
Michael Feinien	11 44
G. M. Goodfellow	1 20
Clyde Quimby	6 00
Custer Quimby	2 22
H. U. Colburn, express	62
Allen H. Schoolcraft	5 38
F. Blain	23 68
A. W. Ashley	66 11
Charley Ashley	45
Good Roads Machinery Co.	4 50
Emri Whicher	4 66
A. H. Schoolcraft	8 89
S. D. Burley	5 00
F. G. Clough	4 15
P. C. Allen	39 64



W. N. Foster	5 04
Isaac Matava	5 00
Jesse Reed	70 20
Jack Halden	6 00
Charley Clough	30 36
Frank Burt	8 32
Albert Bickford	3 35
H. H. Clough	8 00
New England Box Co.	3 82
Good Roads Machinery Co., road machine	180 00
Good Roads Machinery Co., 1-2 ex- press on machine	10 23
E. S. Pease	60

**Snow Bills.**

J. T. Hanley	30 95
James Perreault	4 70
G. W. Rowen	8 71
Geo. Goodfellow	2 00
Ernest Carter	1 00
James Carter	1 00
Z. G. Taylor	16 25
John Taylor	8 20
Guy E. Camp	9 52
John Colburn	3 25
Russel Noyes	32 50
Henry Delsart	3 56
Weston Stevens	1 56
H. H. Noyes	8 00
H. H. Chamberlain	45
Leon Merrill	6 79
Allen Schoolcraft	2 66
Joseph Archembault	13 30
C. E. LeBrun	2 50
John Quimby	2 64
Alfred Ashley	75
Thomas Newton	1 00
H. H. Clough, from Feb. 15, 1917	24 19
G. N. Burnham	12 25

F. W. Burnham	5 38	
A. H. Schoolcraft	1 00	
Wilbur Merrill	15 25	
H. H. Ashley	2 66	
Total Expenditures		\$1,642 31
Cash on hand		9 94
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		\$1,652 25

Respectfully submitted  
 JOHN T. HANLEY,  
 Road Agent.

### JOINT FUND ACCOUNT.

#### Receipts.

Received of selectmen \$699 66

#### Payments.

##### Paid:

John T. Hanley	\$85 58
H. H. Noyes	41 75
G. W. Rowen	60 82
H. H. Ashley	56 00
P. C. Allen	32 00
Michael Feinein	22 44
Z. G. Taylor	60 00
John Taylor	20 25
George Ashley	17 00
Lester Goss	17 00
Charles Hazen	30 00
Ernest Hanley	34 00
Russel Noyes	42 25
Carlyle Carter	27 32
Allen Schoolcraft	8 22
H. H. Chamberlain	20 00
W. L. Cutting, sharpening picks	1 60
E. S. Pease, shovels	10 80
A. W. Ashley	43 30
Otty Decato	11 50
George Goodfellow	27 32
Wilbur Merrill	1 00

A. H. Schoolcraft	26 56	
John T. Hanley	2 95	
Total expenditures	<u>          </u>	\$699 66
Received for shovel sold	\$1.20	
And paid selectmen		
Engineering charge paid by State		\$6 22
Respectfully submitted,		
JOHN T. HANLEY,		
Road Agent.		

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

### Receipts.

Received from the town \$167 05

### Payments.

Paid for support of W. A. Motts and family:

G. N. Burnham	\$ 9 75
H. A. Gilman	39 22
John Quimby	2 00
E. S. Pease	49 44
Wilbur Merrill	8 68
F. A. Bogardus, M. D.	15 00
Thos. Johnston	21 86
T. J. Stewart	10 10
H. H. Ashley	3 00

Paid for J. Frank Reed:

G. N. Burnham, expense to Ashland and Woodsville and taking J. Frank Reed to County farm	<u>8 00</u>	\$167 05
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Received from Grafton County Commissioners and paid treas- urer	\$139 22	
Due from Grafton County, Jan. 31, 1918	<u>27 83</u>	\$167 05

Respectfully submitted,  
GEORGE N. BURNHAM,  
Overseer of Poor.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1917 Assessment		\$4,804 86
Two Polls added after assessment		4 00
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Total		\$4,808 86
Amount collected and paid treasurer	\$4,464 71	
Abatements	12 38	
Balance due on book	331 77	
	<hr/>	\$4,808 86
Interest paid Treasurer	\$7 29	
Total collected and paid treasurer		\$4,472 00
Respectfully submitted,		
AZRO H. SCHOOLCRAFT,		
Collector.		

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## Receipts.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1917	\$ 135 78	
Received of selectmen	1,218 34	
Received of collector	4,472 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,826 12

## Expenditures.

Paid by order of the selectmen	\$5,817 45	
Cash on hand, Jan. 31, 1918	8 67	
	<hr/>	\$5,826 12

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANK W. BURNHAM,  
Treasurer.

## ABATEMENTS.

L. J. Goss, poor	\$2 00	
Harold Ashley, paid in Concord	2 00	
E. Patanode, cannot locate	2 95	
Geo. Ricker, paid in Alexandria	2 00	
Henry Williams, cannot locate	2 00	
R. L. Moore, cannot locate	1 43	
Total		\$12 38

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE N. BURNHAM,  
HERBERT H. ASHLEY,  
WILBUR MERRILL,

Selectmen of Dorchester.

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We, the undersigned, having examined the accounts of the selectmen, treasurer, road agent, collector of taxes, and overseer of the poor, of the town of Dorchester, for the year ending Jan. 31, 1918, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. E. LEBRUN,  
ALDEN B. CLOUGH,

Auditors.

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Owing to a change in the school laws, there will be no school report this year.

# 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:

## 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
June 11	Keene	George S. Ashley Glia Muriel Wheat	Dorchester Keene	23 19	White	Loco's fireman Musician	Lawrence, M's. Woodsville	Alfred W. Ashley Minnie O'Mallie George Wheat Jennie M. Wheat	P. E. Islands Dorchester Barre, Vt. Bralintree, Vt.	Farmer Housewife R. R. employe Housekeeper	1 1	Frederick A. Hatch Methodist minister, Keene

# 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	Father	Mother		Male	Widowed			
Jan. 26	Dorchester	Margaret J. Colburn	44	8	5	Lynn, Mass.	M	White	Housekeeper	Montreal, Can.	Lynn, Mass.	Hector Fraser	Nellie Munroe	Valvular dis. of h'rt	
Jan. 26	Dorchester	Lucinda Johnston	60	6	11	Melbourne	W	..	Housewife	Belfast, Ire.	Belfast, Ire.	Mathew Fleming	Elizabeth Baxter	Carcinoma liver	
May 23	Dorchester	* Percy Ashley	22	7	27	Wetask'n, Can.	S	White	U. S. navy	P. E. Islands	P. E. Islands	Herbert H. Ashley	Annie G. Pollard	Plural pneumonia	
May 28	Dorchester	Louis A. Delsart	74	8	18	New York city	M	White	Barber	New York	New York	Lewis T. Delsart	Maria Augustine	Chron. Bright's dis'e	
Nov. 18	Dorchester	Henry M. Merrill	48	11	20	Dorchester	..	..	Laborer	Danbury	Danbury	Charles Wheelock	Louisa Follansbee	Valvular dis. of h'rt	
Nov. 30	Dorchester	Robert C. Wheelock	77	9	5	Nova Scotia	..	..	Retired	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	Charles Wheelock	Hannah Baker	Cerebr'l hemorrh'ge	

Place of death : \* Fort Slocum, N. Y.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 LEON H. MERRILL, Town Clerk.











