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OF THE  
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## LANGDON TOWN REPORT

## TOWN OFFICERS

GEORGE A. HOLMES, Moderator

HERBERT G. LAMB, GEORGE L. PORTER, GEORGE A. HOLMES  
Selectmen

MARY W. PORTER, Town Clerk

BEATRICE J. PORTER, Deputy Town Clerk

WALTER H. SMITH, Treasurer

KENNETH M. MERRELL, Tax Collector

KENNETH M. MERRELL, Road Agent

SUMNER K. HURD, Sexton

MAY B. HOLMES, RACHEL M LAMB, EDITH G MERRELL  
Library Trustees

MARY W. PORTER, WILLIAM H. WILSON, FRED D. WILEY  
Trustees of the Trust Funds

DANIEL D. BRYANT, HENRY J. ORMSBY, PERCY M. BALL  
Supervisors of the Check List

EDWARD WILSON, Sealer of Weights and Measures

MAY B. HOLMES, Auditor

DANIEL D. BRYANT, Janitor

WILLIAM A. HALL, WALTER H. SMITH, HERBERT G. LAMB  
Fence Viewers

SIDNEY D. HARRIS, Surveyor of Wood, Bark, and Lumber

FRED D. HATCH, Constable

TOWN WARRANT

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Langdon in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

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

ARTICLE I. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. II. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation for same.

ART. III. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of Highways and Bridges and make appropriation for same.

ART. IV. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$330.00 for State Aid Construction; or if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$284.44 for Class 5 assistance, or T. R. A. so-called.

ART. V. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$100 in trust from Hannah Maria Adams for the care of the Norman Adams lot in the lower cemetery.

ART. VI. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount on taxes paid on or before a certain date.

ART. VII. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$30.00 for the celebration of Memorial Day.

ART. VIII. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for fire protection.

ART. IX. To see if the Town will vote to make any change relative to the by-laws for collecting dog licenses.

ART. X. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of snow fence.

ART. XI. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue, subject to gates and bars, the road leading from the Whitney place to the Fish pasture owned by Mr. Wilson.

ART. XII. To see if the Town will vote to regulate the price of digging graves.

ART. XIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22.50 for it's share in the publishing of a book in accordance with the plan of the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

ART. XIV. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. XV. To transact any other business that may come before said meeting.

ART. XVI. To allow accounts.

Given under our hand and seal this twenty-fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty one.

HERBERT G. LAMB	}	Selectmen of Langdon
GEORGE L. PORTER		
GEORGE A. HOLMES		

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LANGDON**

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year February 1, 1941 to January 31, 1942 Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year February 1, 1940 to January 31, 1941

**SOURCES OF REVENUE**

	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1940	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1941	1938	1939
<b>From State:</b>				
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 75.95	\$ 75.95		\$ 90.55
Railroad Tax				21.90
Savings Bank Tax	72.80	72.80		186.49
For Fighting Forest Fires	8.32			
Class V Highway Aid	736.00	736.00	\$ 708.80	705.90
From County Support of Poor		92.00		129.00
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>				
Rent of Town Hall and other Bldgs.	48.00	15.00	16.00	21.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	107.84	100.00	49.73	41.05
Income of Departments				
Dog Taxes	55.83	60.00	52.47	63.43
Timber Salvage	18.20			33.53
Frozen Assets 1932	102.72		105.67	
Sale of Property	115.00	140.00		40.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	311.96	325.00	245.98	285.68
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</b>				
(a) Poll Taxes	282.00	282.00	172.11	240.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	508.31	500.00	178.28	223.00
<b>Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:</b>				
Anticipation Loans	2,500.00	3,000.00		2,000.00
Cash on Hand (Surplus)	956.56		3,147.06	1,389.66
<b>Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$5,899.49</b>	<b>\$5,398.75</b>	<b>\$4,676.10</b>	<b>\$5,471.19</b>

## LANGDON TOWN REPORT

## PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1940	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1941	1938	1939
Current Maintenance Expenses:				
General Government:				
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 560.14	\$ 550.00	\$ 547.75	\$ 581.04
Town Officers' Expenses	168.79	190.00	229.53	177.70
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	65.60	25.00	21.12	62.50
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Bounties	3.80	3.00	2.80	2.20
Fire Department	37.84	50.00	23.40	77.00
Dog Damage	21.00			
Highways and Bridges:				
Town Maintenance	1,271.91	1,600.00	818.25	1,233.19
Snow	1,139.81		581.15	753.01
General Expenses of Highway De- partment				15.00
Hemlock Bridge				771.27
Libraries:				
Libraries		11.10	22.20	11.10
Public Welfare:				
Town Poor	793.46	800.00	506.20	737.36
Old Age Assistance	40.50		46.50	
Patriotic Purposes:				
Memorial Day and Other Celebra- tions	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries	76.88	75.00	75.50	343.06
Interest:				
On Temporary Loans	60.31	75.00		65.67



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Highways and Bridges:

State Aid Construction—Town's

Share \$ 328.62 \$ 330.00 \$ 333.98 \$ 409.98

Payment on Principal of Debt:

Anticipation Loans 2,500.00 3,000.00 2,000.00

Payments To Other Governmental

Divisions:

County Taxes 1,187.83 1,200.00 1,382.07 1,544.77

State Tax 444.00

Payments to School Districts 3,520.09 3,500.00 3,250.00 4,126.55

Taxes Bought by Town 547.58 550.00 286.95 480.63

Total Expenditures \$ 12,486.53 \$ 11,989.10 \$ 8,763.99 \$ 13,422.03

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS

County Taxes	1,187.83	1,200.00	1,382.07	1,544.77
State Tax			444.00	
Payments to School Districts	3,520.09	3,500.00	3,250.00	4,126.55
Taxes Bought by Town	547.58	550.00	286.95	480.63
Anticipation Loans	2,500.00	3,000.00		2,000.00
State Aid Construction—Town's Share	328.62	330.00	333.98	409.98
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>12,486.53</b>	<b>11,989.10</b>	<b>8,763.99</b>	<b>13,422.03</b>

## LANGDON TOWN REPORT

**REPORT OF SELECTMEN**  
**Summary Inventory**

	No.	1920	No.	1930	No.	1940
Real Estate		\$ 179,498		\$ 200,575		\$ 186,550
Electric				5,000		5,000
Horses	124	14,989	77	5,885	59	5,385
Goats	1	10			9	45
Oxen	12	1,520	2	125	14	1,030
Cows	344	25,369	234	18,630	254	14,400
Other Neat Stock	83	4,504	64	3,840	65	2,200
Sheep	146	1,529	169	1,947	77	495
Hogs	1	43			7	85
Hens	2,577	2,577	3,390	3,390	1,535	900
Fur Bearing Animals			12	600	15	115
Portable Mills	2	1,858	11	700	2	3,000
Wood and Lumber		4,514		2,650		1,200
Gasoline Pumps				200	1	50
Mills and Machinery		1,000		1,500		
Stock in Trade						30
Money on Hand		5,677				
Soldiers Exemption		1,000		5,600		3,200
Net Valuation		<u>\$ 242,088</u>		<u>\$ 239,642</u>		<u>\$ 220,485</u>

**LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS**

Town Charges	\$ 1,000.00
Highway	1,100.00
State Aid Construction	336.00
Memorial Day	30.00
Fire Department	10.00
Kmiech Lease	25.00
Library	11.10
School Tax	3,447.76
County Tax	1,187.83
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Poll Taxes	\$ 7,147.69
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Overlay	\$ 6,867.69
Tax Rate \$3.15	\$ 77.69

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF LANGDON

For the Fiscal Year Ending January 31 1941

## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief

HERBERT G. LAMB,  
GEORGE L. PORTER, } Selectmen  
GEORGE A. HOLMES, }

WALTER H. SMITH, Treasurer

## Assets

Cash: In hands of Treasurer	\$ 956.56
Accounts Due to the Town—	
Due from County	92.00
Other bills due Town:	
Sale of Property	30.00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1939	272.00
Levy of 1938	103.41
Previous Years	63.94
Total Assets	\$ 1,517.91
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)	600.93
Grand Total	\$ 2,118.84

## Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Bills outstanding Alstead Fire Department	\$ 15.25
Due to School Districts	
Dog licenses	55.83
Balance of Appropriation	2,047.76
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,118.84

## Receipts

## Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

\$6,945.28 + \$105.35 = \$7,050.63

Total taxes committed to collector

1940 \$7,047.04

Less discounts and abatements, 1940 53.85

Property taxes, current year, actually collected \$ 6,993.19

Poll taxes, current year, actually collected 282.00

Total of current year's collections \$ 7,275.19

Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected 508.31

## From State:

For Class V Highway maintenance 736.00

Interest and dividend tax 75.95

Savings bank tax 72.80

Fighting forest fires 8.32

\$ 893.07

## From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses \$ 55.83

Rent of town property 163.00

Interest received on taxes 107.84

Registration of motor vehicles 1939 Permits 1.01

Registration of motor vehicles, 1940 Permits 310.95

\$ 638.63

## Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year \$ 2,500.00

Refunds 99.31

Sale of cemetery logs 18.20

National Bank of Bellows Falls Balance of Frozen Account 1933 102.72

Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue \$ 2,720.23

\$ 12,035.43

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1940 1,389.66

Grand Total \$ 13,425.09

## Payments

## Current Maintenance Expenses:

## General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$	560.14	
Town officers' expenses		172.59	
Expenses town hall and other town buildings		65.60	
			\$ 798.33

## Protection of Persons and Property:

Fire department, including forest fires		37.84	
Damage by dogs		21.00	
			\$ 58.84

## Highways and Bridges:

Town Maintenance (Summer—\$1,271.91) (Winter—\$1,121.32)			\$ 2,393.23
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## Public Welfare:

Town poor	\$	793.46	
County poor		40.50	
			\$ 833.96

## Patriotic Purposes:

Aid to G. A. R. Memorial Day exercises	\$	30.00	\$ 30.00
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## Public Service Enterprises:

Lumber yard rent	\$	25.00	
Cemeteries, including hearse hire		76.88	
			\$ 101.88

## Unclassified:

Taxes bought by town	\$	547.58	
Discounts and Abatements		107.86	
			\$ 655.44

## Interest:

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$ 60.31	\$ 60.31
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## Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:

Highways and Bridges—State Aid construction	\$ 328.62	\$ 328.62
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## Indebtedness:

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
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## Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Taxes paid to County	\$ 1,187.83	
Payments to School Districts	3,520.09	

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\$ 4,707.92

Total Payments for all Purposes

\$ 12,468.53

Cash on hand January 31, 1941

956.56

Grand Total

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\$ 13,425.09

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Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 3,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	200.00
Libraries, Land's and Buildings	200.00
Furniture and Equipment	2.50
Fire Department	
Equipment	250.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	500.00
Equipment	300.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	6,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00
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	\$11,700.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Herbert G. Lamb, Selectman	\$ 75.00
Ruth R. Hurd, Librarian	48.50
Daniel D. Bryant, Janitor	9.90
George A. Holmes, Selectman	50.00
George L. Porter, Selectman	100.00
Mary W. Porter, Fees	20.25
Henry J. Ormsby, Supervisor	12.00
Percy M. Ball, Supervisor	12.00
Mary W. Porter, Salary and Fees	19.49
Daniel D. Bryant, Supervisor	9.00
May B. Holmes, Auditor	5.00
Mary W. Porter, Town Clerk	35.00
Walter H. Smith, Treasurer	35.00
George A. Holmes, Moderator 1939-1940	20.00
Emery W. Hall, Ballot Clerk	9.00
Kenneth M. Merrell, Tax Collector	100.00
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	\$ 560.14

Town Officers' Expenses

Kenneth M. Merrell, Tax Meeting	\$ 3.50
George A. Holmes, Tax Meeting	3.50
Herbert G. Lamb, Tax Meeting	3.50

George L. Porter, Tax Meeting and car	\$ 5.65
George L. Porter, Tel., Stamps, etc.	2.39
Brown & Saltmarsh, Stationery	12.40
Clinton Barton, Transfer list	8.20
E. L. Walker Ins. Agcy., Inc., Bonds and Ins.	18.60
The Wyndham Press, Town Reports	95.55
B. M. S. McWilliam, Probate Reports	.30
Wheeler & Clark, Stationery	13.90
George L. Porter, Express	1.30
George A. Holmes, Bounties	2.00
Herbert G. Lamb, Bounties	1.80
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	\$ 172.59

#### Town Hall Expenses

Granite State Electric Co., Lights	\$ 12.00
George L. Porter, Wood	3.00
H. L. Estabrook, Bulbs	.60
Herbert G. Lamb, Settee Repairs	50.00
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	\$ 65.60

#### Fire Department

American LaFrance Chemical Co., Refills	\$ 10.00
George L. Porter, Bragg Fire	24.64
H. J. Ormsby, Posting Notices	2.00
George L. Porter, Repair of Pumps	1.20
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	\$ 37.84

#### Dog Damage

Glenn N. Bascom	\$ 21.00
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#### Payments on Pauper Accounts

Town	\$ 793.46
County	40.50
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	\$ 833.96



**Patriotic Purposes**

H. L. Estabrook, Treas. A. M. L., Memorial Day	\$	30.00
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**Cemeteries**

Sumner K. Hurd, Cleaning Cemeteries	\$	15.00
Sumner K. Hurd, Mowing		28.28
H. C. Metcalf, Cement and Nails		2.00
F. D. Wiley, Cemetery Work		17.60
Sumner K. Hurd, Opening Grave		12.00
Sumner K. Hurd, Care of Monument		2.00
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	\$	76.88

## TOWN HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

## Road Repair

April—Road Meeting	\$	4.50	
Tony Monaski, labor, 33 hours at .333		11.00	
Joe Monaski, labor 22 hours at .333		7.32	
Fred Kendall, labor 53½ hours at .333		17.81	
Kenneth Merrell, truck 29 hours at \$1.00		29.00	
Kenneth Merrell, truck 41 hours at \$1.25		51.25	
Kenneth Merrell, labor 37 hours at .40		14.80	
George Holmes, labor 20½ hours at .333		6.82	
George Holmes, team 5 hours at .666		3.33	
Everett Benware, labor 9 hours at .333		3.00	
John Edson, labor 13 hours at .333		4.33	
Cleon McAllister, labor 11½ hours at .333		3.83	
Emery Hall, truck 8½ hours at \$1.25		10.63	
Gary McAllister, labor 9 hours at .333		3.00	
			\$ 170.62
May—Percy Ball, labor 59 hours at .333	\$	19.66	
N. H. Whitney, labor 20 hours at .333		6.66	
Kenneth Merrell, tractor 56 hours at \$1.30		72.80	
Kenneth Merrell, labor 46 hours at .40		18.40	
Emery Hall, truck 35 hours at \$1.25		43.75	
John Edson, labor 16 hours at .333		5.34	
Kenneth Merrell, truck 94½ hours at \$1.25		118.12	
Adolphous Trybalski, labor 8 hours at .333		2.67	
John Johnson, Jr., labor 20 hours at .333		6.67	
Raymond Hitchcock, labor 49 hours at .333		16.32	
Robert Hitchcock, labor 73 hours at .333		24.31	
Clinton Spaulding, labor 7 hours at .333		2.33	
Fred Kendall, labor 16 hours at .333		5.33	
3 shovels and 1 fork		6.15	
			\$ 348.51
June—Kenneth Merrell, truck 60½ hours at \$1.25	\$	75.62	
Kenneth Merrell, labor 44 hours at .40		17.60	
Robert Hurd, labor 36 hours at .333		12.00	
John Edson, labor 55 hours at .333		18.34	

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Kenneth Merrell, tractor 34 hours at \$1.30	\$	44.20	
Norman Woods, labor 27 hours at .333		9.00	
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July—Robert Hurd, labor 25 hours at .333	\$	8.33	
John Edson, labor 22 hours at .333		7.33	
Kenneth Merrell, labor 16 hours at .333		6.40	
Kenneth Merrell, tractor 32½ hours at \$1.30		42.25	
		<hr/>	\$ 64.31
August—Robert Hurd, labor 50½ hours at .333	\$	16.81	
Peter Scudder, labor 50 hours at .333		16.65	
Kenneth Merrell, truck 16 hours at \$1.25		18.50	
Kenneth Merrell, tractor 20 hours at \$1.30		26.00	
Kenneth Merrell, labor 20½ hours at .40		8.20	
		<hr/>	\$ 86.16
September—Peter Scudder, labor 18½ hours at .333	\$	6.17	
Kenneth Merrell, truck 15½ hours at \$1.25		18.88	
Kenneth Merrell, tractor 6½ hours at \$1.30		8.45	
Robert Hurd, labor 2½ hours at .333		.84	
Treasurer of N. H., 2 barrels of tar		12.00	
George C. Lewis, applying tar		9.60	
Kenneth Merrell, labor 13½ hours		5.40	
		<hr/>	\$ 61.34
October—Kenneth Merrell, labor 43 hours at .40	\$	17.20	
Kenneth Merrell, truck 22½ hours at \$1.25		28.12	
Robert Hurd, labor 15½ hours at .333		5.16	
Kenneth Merrell, 3,570 feet plank and timbers for bridge		85.68	
Sidney Harris, 600 ft. bridge plank		13.80	
Spikes and sharpening picks		2.30	
		<hr/>	\$ 152.26
November—Dana Aiken, labor 14 hours at .333	\$	4.66	
Joe Kmiech, labor 24 hours at .333		7.99	
Walter Smith, Jr., labor 8 hours at .333		2.67	
Peter Scudder, labor 20 hours at .333		6.66	
Walter H. Smith, labor 16 hours at .333		5.34	
Emery W. Hall, truck 24 hours at \$1.25		30.00	

Sidney Harris, truck 16 hours at \$1.25	\$	20.00
Kenneth Merrell, truck 40 hours at \$1.25		49.89
Kenneth Merrell, tractor 4½ hours at \$1.30		5.85
Kenneth Merrell, labor 20½ hours at .40		8.40
Robert Hurd, labor 24 hours at .333		7.99
S. D. Harris, 30 yards gravel		3.00
Spaulding gravel, 50 yards fill and 570 yards gravel at .05		
To Town on Spaulding Hospital bill advanced by Town		41.01
Clinton Spaulding, Balance on gravel		18.49
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	\$	211.95
Summer Roads	Total \$	1,271.91
Winter Roads		1,139.81
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	\$	2,411.72
Paid by Town to Clinton Spaulding		18.49
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	\$	2,393.23

## WINTER ROADS

January 31, 1940 to April 1, 1940

Fred Kendall, labor	\$	63.60
Teddy Jadkowski, labor		5.99
Ernest Kempton, labor		19.49
W. C. Kempton, labor		20.09
John Edson, labor		13.49
Reginald Howard, labor		31.63
Clarence Shelley, labor		11.99
Tony Monaski, labor		30.30
Glen Bascom, team and labor		11.82
William Lamb, team and labor		18.64
Clinton Spaulding, labor		7.33
George Holmes, team and labor		8.99
George Benware, team and labor		19.98
Norman Woods, labor		2.00
Marion Jadkowski, labor		5.16

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Kenneth Pelton, labor	\$	5.33
Dana Aiken, labor		20.65
Ralph Aiken, labor		11.32
Horst Reiprich, labor		2.66
Louis Aiken, labor		3.00
Edward Benware, labor		1.33
Percy Ball labor		2.73
Gary McAilister labor		1.65
Joe Monaski, labor		3.00
Joe Kmiech, labor		1.33
Edward Monaski, labor		2.16
Wilfred Bashaw, labor		5.33
Everett Benware, labor		2.66
Herbert Lamb, team		3.33
Harry Gilmet, team		7.33
Ernest Batchelder, team		3.00
Kenneth Merrell, plowing	252.00	
Kenneth Merrell, sanding	51.50	
Kenneth Merrell, labor	62.20	
Charles Lamb	6.67	
John Monaski	24.64	

\$ 744.32

WINTER ROADS

December 7, 1940 to January 31, 1941

Repairs on snow plow	\$	6.45
Walter Smith, Jr., labor		9.99
Walter Smith, labor		6.33
Bernard Pelton, labor		1.33
Robert Hurd, labor	20.84	
Fred Kendall, labor	.67	
Leroy Clark, labor	1.33	
Dana Aiken, labor	18.15	
Ralph Aiken, labor	2.66	
Raymond Hitchcock, labor	2.67	
Kenneth Merrell, sanding	89.12	
Kenneth Merrell, plowing	171.00	
Kenneth Merrell, labor	47.95	
Nelson Warner, 1000 lbs. salt	8.00	
Sidney Harris, sand	9.00	

\$ 395.49

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

February 1, 1940, cash balance	\$ 1,389.66
Received from	
Kenneth M. Merrell, Tax Collector, Property Taxes	6,983.19
Kenneth M. Merrell, Tax Collector, Poll Taxes	292.00
Kenneth M. Merrell, Tax Collector, Interest on taxes	41.11
Kenneth M. Merrell, Tax Collector, William LeCuyer tax sale 1937	20.00
Kenneth M. Merrell, Tax Collector, William LeCuyer tax sale 1938	12.83
Kenneth M. Merrell, Tax Collector, A. Benware tax sale 1939	8.54
Kenneth M. Merrell, Tax Collector, three 1939 poll taxes	6.18
Kenneth M. Merrell, Tax Collector, Arthur Jennison tax sale 1938	162.96
Kenneth M. Merrell, Tax Collector, Arthur Jennison, tax sale 1939	199.01
Kenneth M. Merrell, Tax Collector, Arthur Jennison, sales interest costs	49.43
Kenneth M. Merrell, Tax Collector, Scott Jennison, tax sale 1939	17.30
Kenneth M. Merrell, Tax Collector, Alfred Thorne, tax sale 1939	43.79
Kenneth M. Merrell, Tax Collector, Kenneth Porter, tax sale 1938	55.00
George L. Porter, Selectman, rent of E. Davis place	155.00
George L. Porter, Selectman, returned by Mrs. C. D. Crane, relief officer	10.00
George L. Porter, Selectman, Town Hall rent	8.00
School District of Langdon, for Memorial Tablet	29.14
Mary W. Porter, Town Clerk, auto permits, 1939	1.01
Mary W. Porter, Town Clerk, auto permits, 1940	304.96
Mary W. Porter, Town Clerk, dog licenses	55.83
Beatrice J. Porter, Asst. Town Clerk, auto permits, 1940	4.56
Beatrice J. Porter, Asst. Town Clerk, auto permits, 1941	1.43
State Treas. of N. H., balance hurricane and flood damage	18.20
State Treas. of N. H., Class V Highways	736.00
State Treas. of N. H., forest fire rebate, one-half	8.32
State Treas. of N. H., gravel, C. J. Spaulding account	51.90
State Treas. of N. H., Savings bank tax	72.80

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State Treas. of N. H., interest and dividend tax	\$ 75.95
Belle Halliday, reimbursement account of Jessie Hurd	8.27
Claremont National Bank, borrowed money	2,500.00
Receiver of National Bank of Bellows Falls, final interest payment	102.72
Total	\$ 13,425.09
Paid on Selectmen's Orders	12,468.53
Cash balance on hand February 1, 1941	\$ 956.56

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER H. SMITH,

Treasurer

State Aid

	1933-34	1939-40	Estimate for 1940-41
Amount approved for the Langdon Budget	\$ 3,368.85	\$ 3,680.67	\$ 3,698.68
Deductions made by the state			
Five dollars for each \$1,000.00 of equalized valuation of the district	1,167.09	1,257.79	1,186.50
Deducted for adjustments from last year	44.31	238.75	none
Amount caused by the legislature not appropriating enough funds to meet the obligations	none	32.36	72.45
	1,211.40	1,528.90	1,258.95
Amount of the state aid check for the following year	\$ 2,157.45	\$ 2,151.77	\$ 2,439.73

REPORT OF THE TOWN AUDITOR

This is to certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find them correct and properly vouched to the best of my knowledge.

MAY B. HOLMES,

Auditor

January 31, 1941





**SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**DISTRICT OF LANGDON**

**LANGDON, N. H.**

## ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board of Langdon:

I hereby submit my eleventh annual report as your superintendent of schools.

You have been fortunate to have two teachers with very high standards for the third year. They are interested in their work, and have each days work well prepared.

I found on my first visit in February that the attendance in grades five to eight seemed to be very poor, but upon a little study most of this was explained to be justifiable. The enrollment to date is 22 of whom 20 are new members. There has been a total of 321 half-day absences, 34 tardy marks, and 165 pupils excused from school. Sickness accounted for a large part of the absents, music and dental work for the excuses, but a number of the tardy marks it would seem could have been avoided.

In the lower grade room there has not been as many absentees, although there is one rather flagrant case.

Schools cannot do good work with pupils who do not attend regularly. Even those who are at school every day are held back by those who are in and out and have little interest in the work. Your superintendent has too large a district without any office help to follow up these cases as they should be. I recommend that a truant officer be appointed with a salary sufficient that he may investigate cases of absent pupils as soon as they occur, and if necessary punish the parents who do not take the responsibility of having their pupils in school.

There are different opinions as to what constitutes a good school. Many citizens still feel that an absolutely formal school where the children are taught at home that the teachers are the superiors of the pupils as far as the school is concerned in the right type. There is a modern theory that the pupils should run the schools and the teachers should be their helpers. Some see in the first type a confining of the pupils that is too hard on them, while others see in the second type a school where children are brought up to be impudent, even insolent, and a development toward lawlessness. It is very evident that a school cannot be both types at the same time. I have seen schools of each type that were very successful and did not produce the harms so often claimed for them.

It seems to me that there is a place somewhere between the two that is far better than either. We must remember that the attitude of the teachers and parents as well as that of the pupils, which is generally a reflection of the home training, is what makes a good school or a poor one.

I wish to thank the Langdon School Board and the teachers for their help and kindness.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER L. MASON

Superintendent of Schools

**Langdon Statistical Report (1939-1940)**

Number of teachers	2.
Number of pupils registered	56.
Per cent of attendance	91.25
Number of pupils not absent nor tardy	3.
Cases of tardiness	132.
School board meetings	6.
Visits by board members	1.
Visits by citizens	27.
Visits by superintendent	42.

**REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE****January, 1940 to January, 1941**

As School Nurse I wish to submit the following report for the year ending January 1941.

No. school visits	27
No. home visits	21
No. pupils inspected	48

The following defects were found and reported to parents.

		No. Corrected
No. pupils undernourished	14	8
No. pupils needing dental treatment	20	8
No. pupils with infected tonsils	2	1
No. pupils with defective vision	2	2
No. pupils with skin disturbance	3	3
No. pupils unvaccinated	6	4
No. pupils with poor mouth hygiene	40	

During the year pupils were accompanied to eye clinics and ear clinics. Contagious diseases found or reported were chicken pox 4.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the people of Langdon this includes parents, teachers, local organizations and town officials for their interest and cooperation.

ZEPHYRINE L. HASHAM, R. N., School Nurse

**SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT**

## Detailed Statement of Payments

**Salaries of District Officers**

W. H. Smith	\$	50.00	
Rachel M. Lamb		30.00	
Pauline A. Durling		20.00	
Eva R. Smith		15.00	
May B. Holmes		2.00	
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	\$		117.00

**School Census**

Walter H. Smith	\$	10.00	
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	\$		10.00

**Superintendent's Excess Salary**

F. J. Perry, Treas. Union No. 5	\$	86.49	
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	\$		86.49

**Per Capita Tax**

State Treasurer of New Hampshire	\$	154.00	
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	\$		154.00

**Debt**

Sugar River Savings Bank (Note)	\$	413.75	
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	\$		413.75

**Interest**

Sugar River Savings Bank	\$	130.32	
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	\$		130.32

**High School Tuition**

Rockingham School District	\$	80.00	
Charlestown School District		64.55	
Alstead School District		979.91	
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			1,124.46

**Elementary School Tuition**

Alstead School District	\$	111.00	
Charlestown School District		63.60	
			\$ 174.60

**Transportation**

Kenneth Merrell	\$	264.00	
Charles Lamb		202.50	
Acworth School District		180.00	
Norman Long		24.00	
Wilfred Bashaw		84.00	
			\$ 754.50

**Medical Inspection and Health**

Z. L. Hasham	\$	87.72	
			\$ 87.72

**Janitor Service**

D. D. Bryant	\$	200.00	
			\$ 200.00

**Fuel**

C. A. Perkins	\$	367.50	
George A. Holmes		24.00	
			\$ 391.50

**Water, Light and Janitor Supplies**

Granite State Electric Co.	\$	42.19	
D. D. Bryant		.50	
Charlestown School District		12.02	
			\$ 54.71

**Minor Repairs and Expenses**

Frank W. Whitcomb	\$	157.14	
H. C. Metcalf		1.00	
D. D. Bryant		.50	
			\$ 158.64

**Text Books**

MacMillan Company	\$	2.99	
Scott Foresman Company		1.19	
Charlestown School District		48.61	
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	\$		52.79

**Scholars Supplies**

Shaws Pharmacy	\$	1.36	
Ginn and Co.		2.39	
Charlestown School District		57.75	
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	\$		61.50

**Expenses of Administration**

Comstock, the Printer	\$	6.00	
W. H. Smith		1.15	
Rachel Lamb		.90	
Charlestown School District		2.80	
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	\$		10.85

**Flags and Appurtenances**

W. H. Smith	\$	2.00	
Gledhill Bros. Inc.		33.00	
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	\$		35.00

**Expenses of Instruction**

Charlestown School District	\$	10.00	
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	\$		10.00

**Other Special Activities**

Dr. Irving Crandall	\$	22.50	
W. H. Smith		18.00	
Orol Ledden & Sons		1.80	
Charlestown School District		1.00	
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	\$		43.30

**Insurance**

E. L. Walker Insurance Agency, Inc.	\$ 4.00	
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**Teachers Salaries**

Ruth Lane	\$ 975.00	
Edith Noble	900.00	
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**Lands and New Buildings**

Town of Langdon	\$ 29.14	
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**FINANCIAL REPORT OF LANGDON SCHOOL DISTRICT****July 1, 1939 to July 1, 1940**

Cash Balance July 1, 1939	\$ 835.22	
Received from Sugar River Savings Bank	36.20	
Received from Selectmen, Appropriation	3,100.00	
Received from State Treasurer, State Aid	2,058.95	
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Total		\$ 6,030.37
Total Expenses		5,979.27
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Cash Balance July 1, 1940		\$ 51.10

Respectfully submitted

RACHEL M. LAMB

School Board of Langdon

**SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1941-1942**

Support of Schools:	
Teachers Salaries	\$ 1,925.00
Text Books	60.00
Scholars Supplies	70.00



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Flags and Appurtenances	\$	5.00
Other Expenses of Instruction		18.00
Janitor Service		200.00
Fuel		240.00
Water, Light, Janitors Supplies		50.00
Minor Repairs and Expenses		50.00
Medical Inspection		90.98
Transportation of Pupils		900.00
Payment of Elementary Tuitions		111.00
Other Special Activities		15.00

\$ 3,734.98

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers	\$	117.00
Truant Officer and Census		10.00
Payment of Tuition in High Schools		1,340.00
Superintendent's Excess Salary		86.49
Per Capita Tax		164.00
Payment of District Debt		413.75
Interest on District Debt		101.37
Other Obligations		156.40

\$ 2,389.01

\$ 6,123.99

**Estimated Income of District**

State Aid	\$	2,439.73
Dog Taxes		34.83

\$ 2,474.56

Assessment required to balance budget 3,649.43

Special Appropriation:

Dental Clinic	\$	25.00	\$	25.00
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Total assessment required to cover budget and appropriation \$ 3,674.43

RACHEL M. LAMB  
 PAULINE A. DURLING  
 WALTER H. SMITH  
 School Board of Langdon

## REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

## Receipts

Cash on hand June 30, 1939	\$ 835.22
Received from Selectmen, appropriation	3,100.00
Received from Sugar River Savings Bank refund of interest due on note, Oct. 1, 1938	36.20
Received from State of N. H., education and equalization	2,058.95
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	\$ 6,030.37

## Disbursements

Paid on School Board's orders	\$ 5,979.27
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Cash on hand June 30, 1940	\$ 51.10

Respectfully submitted,

EVA R. SMITH, School Treasurer

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Langdon qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 11th day of March, 1941, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
9. To see what sum of money, if any, the district will vote and appropriate for a dental clinic.

10. To transact any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AT SAID LANGDON this 11th day of February, 1941.

RACHEL M. LAMB,  
PAULINE A. DURLING,  
WALTER H. SMITH,  
School Board of Langdon.

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT—ATTEST:

RACHEL M. LAMB,  
PAULINE A. DURLING,  
WALTER H. SMITH,  
School Board of Langdon.



### Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

All Funds are for care of Cemetery Lots.

Date of Creation	Name of Donor	How Invested	Amt. of Prin. Int.	Rate of		Bal.	
				Int.	%	Income during yr.	Income during yr.
1904	Henry Prentiss	Savings Bank, Walpole	\$ 200	\$ 8.65	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.93	\$ 7.72
1907	Mary E. Holden	" "	100	.00	2.50	1.75	.75
1908	Martha Ann Bowles	" "	100	11.06	2.50	8.12	5.44
1911	Elisha Garfield	" "	100	.25	2.50	1.00	1.75
1915	Charles Winch	" "	100	.00	2.50	1.75	.75
1916	Mary Sartwell	" "	200	.00	5.00	5.00	.00
1916	Edmund Walker	" "	200	2.00	5.00	3.00	4.00
1918	Leander G. Hill	" "	200	18.80	5.00	13.31	10.49
1919	Sibel Guild	" "	200	.25	5.00	3.00	2.25
1919	Gilson Walker	" "	200	.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
1921	Mary P. Jeffs	" "	200	7.71	5.00	8.87	3.84
1921	Catherine B. Holmes	" "	50	.30	1.24	1.54	.00
1922	Melissa Smith	" "	100	.00	2.50	1.50	1.00
1923	Mary E. Stanley	" "	100	.04	2.50	2.54	.00
1923	Cram and Hutchins	" "	125	.19	3.12	3.00	.31
1923	Joseph Tarble	" "	75	.57	1.88	1.50	.95
1923	Ira Kingsbury	" "	208	2.73	5.20	5.31	2.62
1926	Henry Bates	" "	50	.15	1.24	1.39	.00
1927	Samuel K. Upton	" "	100	.04	2.50	1.50	1.04
	Barney	" "					

1927	Holden Winch Fund	"	"	"	150	.24	3.74	3.26	.72
1927	Frank A. Carpenter Lot	"	"	"	50	.00	1.24	1.24	.00
1928	Etta V. Clark Fund	"	"	"	100	10.54	2.50	3.10	9.94
1928	Roswell Huntoon Fund	"	"	"	100	.00	2.50	1.50	1.00
1929	Robert C. Huntley Fund	"	"	"	100	.00	2.50	1.50	1.00
1929	Davidson Fund	"	"	"	100	9.37	2.50	4.70	7.17
1931	Sidney Wiley Fund	"	"	"	50	.00	1.24	1.24	.00
1939	Charles S. Egerton Fund	"	"	"	300	3.25	7.50	4.50	6.25
1936	Frederick W. Dodge Fund	"	"	"	100	4.42	2.50	2.75	4.17
1938	Marshall F. Bragg Fund	"	"	"	100	2.05	2.50	2.45	2.10
1938	Herbert A. Holmes Fund	"	"	"	150	.13	3.74	3.87	.00
1939	Sarah A. Porter Fund	"	"	"	200	2.80	5.00	5.26	2.54
1939	Walker-Knight-Porter Fund	"	"	"	200	.25	5.00	2.75	2.50
					\$ 4,308	\$85.79	\$107.64	\$111.13	\$82.80

The balance of the income on hand, \$82.30 is on deposit in the checking account of The Langdon Trust Funds in the Keene National Bank, Keene, New Hampshire.

There is also on deposit in The Savings Bank at Walpole a Fund for the care of the Norman Adams Lot, awaiting acceptance by the town. Principal \$100, interest since August 20, 1940, \$83.

FRED D. WILEY  
 MARY M. PORTER  
 WILLIAM H. WILSON } Trustees.

This is to certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the Trustees of the Trust Funds and find them correct and properly vouched to the best of my knowledge.

MAY B. HOLMES, Auditor

January 31, 1941

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1940**

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	Condition	No. Mar.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Persons by Whom Married
Feb. 18	Walpole	Cecil Scudder Olive Davis	Walpole, N. H. Langdon, N. H.	18 W 17 W	W	Laborer At home	Chesterfield N. H. Langdon, N. H.	Royal Edwin Scudder Christine Campbell Elmer E. Davis	Chesterfield, Vernon, Vt. Langdon, N. H.	Machinist Housewife Retired	S	1	Arnold A. Brown Clergyman Walpole, N. H.
Mar. 12	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Donald Campbell Crane Frances Louise Osgood	Langdon, N. H. Bellows Falls, Vt.	30 W 27 W	W	Seaman Dental Asst.	Princeton, R. I. Saxon's R. Vt.	Charles D. Crane Bessie Hanna Frederick L. Osgood Alice Osgood	Maine Scotland Chittenden, Vt. Boston, Mass.	Housewife	S	2	Frederick L. Osgood, Justice of Peace Saxon's River, Vt.
Aug. 24	North Wal- pole, N. H.	Ivar Axel Egerone Mary Elizabeth Doyle	Langdon, N. H. North Walpole	24 W 22 W	W	Mechanic Bookkeeper	Denmark N. Walpole, N. H.	Julia Oserone James J. Doyle Jane Callagher	Denmark Ireland Nova Scotia	Supt. Bldg Cook Carpenter Housewife	S	1	William F. Pendergast Clergyman North Walpole, N. H.
Sept. 15	Keene, N. H.	Maurice Noble Pelton Mildred Mae Wright	Langdon, N. H. Westminster, Vt.	21 W 19 W	W	Farmer Waitress	Langdon, N. H. Westminster, Vt.	Frank Noble Pelton Frances B. Robinson Cassius M. Wright Edith Reed	Nova Scotia Leviston, Me. Plattsburg, N. Y.	Deceased Housewife Farmer	S	1	Robert A. Nunn, Clergyman Keene, N. H.
Nov. 9	Langdon, N. H.	Lawrence Wm. Pelton Ella Mildred Jacobs	Langdon, N. H. Langdon, N. H.	26 W 29 W	W	Machinist Housework	Lewiston, Me. Langdon, N. H.	Frank Noble Pelton Frances B. Robinson Charles H. Jacobs A. Gertrude Morse	Nova Scotia Lewiston, Me. St. Johns, N. B.	Deceased Housewife Retired Housewife	S	1	Robert A. Nunn, Clergyman, Keene, N. H.

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

MARY W. PORTER, Town Clerk.



**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1940**

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex	Lv. of Stn.	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 2	Langdon, N. H.	George Albert Nash	M	L	5	W	Stillman Daniel Nash	Edith Nora Sawyer	W	Langdon, N. H.	Laborer	Richmond, N. H.	Lempster, N. H.
Sept. 30	Bellows Falls, Vt.	John Francis Scanlon	M	L	1	W	John Francis Scanlon	Dorcas Constance Hurd	W	Langdon, N. H.	Laborer	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Langdon, N. H.
Oct. 31	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Cynthia Mae Peck	F	L	3	W	George Ira Peck	Jeanette Maud Greene	W	Langdon, N. H.	Laborer	Brattleboro, Vt.	Langdon, N. H.

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

MARY W. PORTER, Town Clerk

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF LANGDON, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1940**

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Condition	Occupation	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
			Years	Mths	Days									
*Jan. 30 April 1	Boston, Mass. Langdon, N. H.	Preston Paul Prebor Clara A. Barnes	82	6	6	Langdon, N. H. Chester, Vt.	M F	W W	I W	Housewife	Scranton, Pa. Perkinsville, Vt.	Georgia, Vt. Chester, Vt.	Frederick W. Prebor Joseph Pierce Barnes	Enid H. Preston Henriette A. Atwood
April 11	Claremont, N. H.	Euclide Croteau	70	9	20	St. Alphonse, Can Bellows Falls, Vt.	M	W	W	Farmer	Canada	Canada	Frederick Croteau Glenn Bascom	Elise Cote Elizabeth Merrill
*Feb. 28	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Ethel Bascom	†	9	7	Bellows Falls, Vt.	F	W	W	Retired	Canada	Canada	Frederick Croteau Glenn Bascom	Elise Cote Elizabeth Merrill
*Feb. 21	Alstead, N. H.	A. Joseph Benware	78	9	7	Townsend, Vt.	M	W	W	Newspaper Pressman	Canada	Canada	Daniel P. Kingsbury	Flora Wilson
*June 23	Walpole, N. H.	Ira W. Kingsbury	71	3	22	Townsend, Vt.	M	W	S	Retired	Chester, Vt.	Alstead, N. H.	Daniel P. Kingsbury	Flora Wilson
Sept. 13	Bellows Falls, Vt.	William H. Ormsby	72	2	15	Troy, N. Y.	M	W	W	Retired	Chester, Vt.	Alstead, N. H.	Daniel P. Kingsbury	Flora Wilson
*Oct. 7	Grafton, Vt.	Hannah M. Adams	98	4	6		M	W	F				William H. Ormsby	

\*Brought here for burial  
16½ hours

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

MARY W. PORTER, Town Clerk.



