

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Receipts for 1953

Cash on hand 12/31/53	\$ 98.52	
Davis fund and interest	136.71	
Burnham fund interest	97.50	
Barney and Flanders fund	61.55	
Town appropriation	150.00	
Fines for year	5.56	
	. <u> </u>	\$ 558.07

Payments for 1953

Arthur Seamans, janitor	\$ 10.00	
Harold Holt, wood cut and delivered	19.00	
Hattie Barney, services, etc.	102.44	
Hattie Barney, supplies	2.14	
Elsie Williams, typing	1.00	
Public Service Co. of N.H., electricity	20.00	
National Geographic Society	5.25	
The H. M. Wilson Co., supplies	4.00	
Goodmans Bookstore	231.28	
		\$ 395.11
	-	
		\$ 162.96
Less Davis Fund		136.71
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Balance on hand January 1st, 1954		\$ 26.25
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Annual Report

OF THE

Selectmen and other Town Officers

OF THE

TOWN of GRAFTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Together with the Reports of the Road Agent and the School District; also the Vital Statistics.

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

The Reporter Press Canaan, New Hampshire

Town Officers

TOWN CLERK Clifton D. Davis TREASURER Bernice B. Brown SELECTMEN C. Lawrence Gove A. Stuart Gage Clinton S. Williams TAX COLLECTOR Grover W. Braley SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST Carl N. Howe Roger E. Martin Stanley W. Phillips TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS A. Stuart Gage William Matthews Morris F. Braley AUDITORS Elsie F. Williams Lula H. Dean CONSTABLES Ephraim S. Hunt Fred Littlefield FOREST FIRE WARDEN C. Lawrence Gove DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS Ephraim S. Hunt A. Stuart Gage Richard F. Williams HEALTH OFFICER Wendell S. Brown Charles N. Hogue ROAD AGENT MODERATOR A. Stuart Gage REPRESENTATIVE Elsie F. Williams LIBRARY TRUSTEES Clifton D. Davis Lula M. Bennett Lula H. Dean FIRE COMMISSIONERS Donald S. Fowler Clifton D. Davis A. Stuart Gage CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT Leslie E. Seamans

Town Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(L. S.) To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton 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 Grafton on Tuesday, the 9th 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 hear the report of the Budget Committee and act thereon.

4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to make short term loans in anticipation of taxes.

5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of maintaining Highways and Bridges, including the amount of onefourth of one per cent.

6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of cutting bushes.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by Tax Collector's deed.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$700.00 to continue street lighting.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for tractor repairs.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for the care of the Common at Grafton Center.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$798.23 and thereby receive \$5,321.52 from the State for Town Road Aid.

12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the control of White Pine Blister Rust in cooperation with the Forestry and Recreation Department for the current year.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$950.00 plus interest for payment of long term Truck note.

14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the observance of Old Home Day.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$125.00 in addition to the \$275.00 raised last year for painting of Town Hall.

16. To see if the Town will raise \$100.00 toward completion of the new Cemetery.

17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer, dispose and give title to lots in the new Cemetery or take any other action thereto.

18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for purchase of culverts.

19. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road leading from Williams Hill Road to foot of Livingston Hill.

20. Shall the provisions of Chapter 171-A of the Revised Laws relative to playing games of Beano be adopted in this town?

21. To see if the Town will vote to accept a Trust Fund of \$1000.00 from the estate of Annie J. Valia, the income to be used for the care of the Walter J. Valia lot in Grafton Center Cemetery.

22. To see if the Town will vote to accept a Trust Fund of \$200.00 from Laura E. and A. Stuart Gage, the income to be used for perpetual care of the Fred Gage and Canstant Bucklin cemetery lots in Grafton Center Cemetery.

23. To take any vote or transact any further business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

A. STUART GAGE C. LAWRENCE GOVE CLINTON S. WILLIAMS Selectmen of Grafton

A true copy of Warrant—Attest: A. STUART GAGE C. LAWRENCE GOVE CLINTON S. WILLIAMS Selectmen of Grafton

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

	Over-	draft		\$ 33.65		8.00		114.21					3.00		562.67						241.33		
		Bal.	223.95		13.70		22.77		21.00	33.23	.30	10.00		219.40		134.99	318.28	65.48	73.50	40.00		123.38	
		Expend.	876.05 \$	533.65	96.30	118.00	177.23	214.21	154.00	109.74	400.00	10.00	23.00	180.60	6,162.67	402.68	281.72	99.34	626.50	150.00	3,441.33	676.62	15.00
	Total	Available	\$ 1,100.00 \$	500.00	110.00	110.00	200.00	100.00	175.00	142.97	400.30	20.00	20.00	400.00	5,600.00	537.67	600.00	164.82	700.00	190.00	3,200.00	800.00	15.00
		Receipts	ر ې							17.97	.30				3,370.52	137.67		14.82					
0		Appro.	\$1,100.00	500.00	110.00	110.00	200.00	100.00	175.00	125.00	400.00	20.00	20.00	400.00	2,299.48	400.00	600.00	150.00	700.00	190.00	3,200.00	800.00	15.00
		Title of Appropriation	Town Officers' Salaries	Town Officers' Expenses	Election and Registration	Auto Permits	Town Hall and Observation Post	Police Department	Fire Department	Forest Fires	Blister Rust	Health Department	Vital Statistics	Cutting Bushes	Town Highway Maintenance	Culverts	Tractor Repairs	General Expense Highway Dept.	Street Lighting	Library	Old Age Assistance	Town Poor	Memorial Day

Old Home Dav	50.00		50.00	50.00		
Commons	25.00		25.00	2.00	23.00	
Cemeteries	230.00		230.00	190.00	40.00	
Interest	85.00		85.00	104.11		19.11
New Equipment	3.400.00		3,400.00	3,100.00	300.00	
Town Road Aid	806.46	1.21	807.67	809.50		1.83
Town Dump	25.00		25.00	27.50		2.50
County Tax	1.482.20		1,482.20	1,482.20		
Payment on Principal of Debt	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,400.00		
Total	\$19,048.14	\$3,542.49	\$22,590.63	\$21,913.95	\$1,662.98 986.30	\$986.30
Ne	Net Unexpended	Balance of Appropriations	f Appropri	iations	\$676.68	

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

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

Sources of Revenue	Re	evenue	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Revenue
From State:				
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$	85.45	\$ 188.90	\$ 94.45
Railroad Tax		473.62	469.44	469.44
Savings Bank Tax		109.50	121.06	121.06
Class V Gas Tax		2,640.80	3,370.52	3,370.52
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of				
Growing Wood and Timber		1,817.97	1,684.50	1,684.50
For Fighting Forest Fires			56.99	
Town Road Aid			1.21	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		397.20	697.10	400.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:				
Dog Licenses		250.00		
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing	tee			
Interest Received on Taxes		55.00	37.18	25.00
Income of Departments:		77 A.A		
Highway, including rental of equipment	t	75.00		
Motor Vehicle Permits fees		1,150.00	,	1,150.00
Sale of Town Property		50.00	1	
Amt. Raised by Issue of Bonds or Note	s:	1 000 00	1 000 00	
Truck Notes		1,900.00	.,	
Cash Surplus From Local Taxes Other than		2,275.00	2,275.00	2,000.00
Property Taxes:				
Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2		400.00	400.00	400.00
i on Taxes—Regular at \$2		400.00	400.00	400.00
Total Revenues from All Sources Except Property Taxes Amt. to be Raised by Property Taxes Exclusive of County and School Taxes		511,684.54	\$12,944.23	\$ \$10,054.97 6,829.26 16,884.23

GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Purposes of Expenditures	Appro. Previous Year 1953	Actual Expend. Prev. Yr. 1953	Appros. Rec'm by Bud. Com. 1954
CURRENT MAINTENANO	CE EXPE	NSES	
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,100.00	\$ 876.05	\$ 1,100.00
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00		
Election and Registration Expenses	110.00	96.30	330.00
Auto Permits	110.00	118.00	118.00
Expenses Town Hall and other Town Bld Protection of Persons and Property:	gs. 200.00	177.23	300.00
Police Department	100.00		
Fire Department-\$175.00; Forest, \$125.00	300.00		
Blister Rust Health :	400.00	400.00) 400.00
Health Department	20.00	10.00) 20.00
Vital Statistics	20.00	23.00) 20.00
Town Dump Highways and Bridges:	25.00	27.50) 25.00
Culverts	400.00	402.68	3 400.00
Town Maintenance-Summer and Winte	r 5,600.00	6,162.62	
Cutting Bushes	400.00		
Street Lighting	700.00		
Gen. Expenses of Highway Department	150.00		
Town Road Aid	806.46		
Tractor Repairs	600.00		
Libraries Public Welfare:	190.00	150.0	0 150.00
Town Poor	800.00	676.6	2 800.0
Old Age Assistance Patriotic Purposes :	3,200.00) 3,441.3	3 3,500.0
Memorial Day	15.00) 15.0	0 15.0
Old Home Day	50.00		
Parks	25.00		
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries Interest :	230.00) 190.0	0 330.0
On temporary loans	60.0) 61.8	0 60.0
On long term notes	25.0		
(Expenses carried to	p page 11.		

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

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

	Estimated	Actual	Estimated
	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue
Sources of Revenue	Previous	Previous	Ensuing
	Year	Year	Year
	1953	1953	1954

GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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tures of Previous Year, January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

Purpose of Ex	Appro. Previous Year 1953	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1953	Estimat. Expend. Ensuing Year 1954	
(Expenses	brought fro	om page 9.)		
Highways and Bridges: New Equipment Payment on Principal of	Debt :	3,400.00	3,100.00	
Long Term Notes	Debt.	1,400.00	1,400.00	950.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	S	\$20,936.46	\$20,431.75	\$16,88423
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Budget Committee



Financial Report

of the

TOWN OF GRAFTON IN GRAFTON COUNTY

for the

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief. January 1, 1954.

> A. STUART GAGE, C. LAWRENCE GOVE, CLINTON S. WILLIAMS, Selectmen BERNICE B. BROWN, Treasurer

Assets

Cash:		
In hands of Treasurer	\$12,879.64	
In hands of Officials	2.09	
		\$12,881.73
Accounts Due to the Town-		
Due from the State:		
(b) Bounties	\$ 162.00	
(c) Acct. Corbin Park Fire	1,066.71	
		1,228.71
Unredeemed Taxes (from tax sale	on acct of)	
(a) Levy of 1953	\$515.49	
(b) Levy of 1952	161.01	
(c) Levy of 1951	237.49	
		913.99
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1953	\$163.57	
(c) Levy of 1951	16.11	
(d) Previous Years	26.79	
(e) State Head TaxesLevy 1	953 85.00	
		291.47
Total Assets	-	\$15,315.90
Grand Total		\$15,315.90
Net Surplus, December 31, 1952	\$5,158.41	
Net Surplus, December 31, 1953	4,148.59	
Decrease of Surplus	1,009.82	
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Ending December 31, 1953

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
New Cemetery \$304.	80
Culverts 134.	99
Kilton Pond Dam 46.	52
New Equipment (Fire) 47.	16
Library Book Cases 40.	00
Painting Town Hall 275.	00
Due to State:	
(a) State Head Taxes-1953	
(Uncollected—\$85) (Collected—not	
remitted to State Treas. \$309.58) 394.	58
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation 7,982.	
	- 9,267.31
Due Wallace H. Williams,	
Veterans Exemption 42.	00
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
National State Capital Bank (truck) 950.	00
National State Capital Bank (truck) 950.	
	— 1,900.00
Total Liabilities	\$11,167.31
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	4,148.59
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Grand Total	\$15,315.90

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Town of Grafton, N. H. Receipts and

Receipts

CURRENT REVENUE

From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes, 1953	\$28,510.44	
Poll Taxes-Regular at \$2, 1953	382.00	
Yield Taxes, 1953	564.42	
State Head Taxes at \$5, 1953	1,150.00	
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Total Current Year's Taxes Col-		
lected and remitted		\$30,606.86
Poll Taxes-Prev. Years, Reg. at \$2	2	18.00
State Head Taxes at \$5-Prev. Yes	ars	65.00
Interest received on Taxes	•	37.18
Penalties on State Head Taxes		24.00
Tax sales redeemed		559.90
From State:		
(a) For Town Road Aid	1.21	
(b) For Class V Highway	1.41	
maintenance	3,370.52	
Interest and dividend tax	188.90	
Railroad Tax	469.44	
Savings Bank Tax and Building		
and Loan Association Tax	121.06	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of		
Growing Wood and Timber	1.120.08	
Fighting forest fires	729.12	
Bounties	55.00	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Asst.	697.10	
		6,752.43
From Local Sources, Except 7	Faxes:	
Dog licenses	\$ 249.45	
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(Receipts carried to p	lage 10)	

December 31, 1953

Payments

CURRENT MAINTENANCE	E EXPEN	SES
General Government:		
Town officers' salaries	\$876.05	
Town officers' expenses	533.65	
Election and registration expenses	96.30	
Auto Permits	118.00	
Expenses town hall and other		
town buildings	177.23	
-		\$1,801.23
Protection of Persons and Prop		
Police Department	\$214.21	
Fire Department, incl. forest fires	263.74	
Blister Rust and care of trees	400.00	
Bounties	162.00	
Collecting Head taxes	35.35	
3		\$1,075.30
Health:		
Health Department	10.00	
Vital statistics	23.00	
Town dump	27.50	
roun damp		60.50
Highways and Bridges:		
	\$ 180.60	
Town Road Aid	809.50	
Town Maintenance		
Summer— \$4,402.68		
Winter— 1,759.99		
	6,162.67	
Street lighting	626.50	
Gen. expenses of Highway Dept.	99.34	
Tractor repairs	281.72	
The correpans		8,160.33
(Desurrents corrised to p	ogo 10)	,

(Payments carried to page 19.)

Payments

Town of Grafton, N. H.	R	eceipts
(Receipts brought from	page 16.)	
Business licenses, permits and		
filing fees	16.00	
Rent of town property	83.00	
Registration of Motor Vehicles-		
1952 Permits	14.36	
1953 Permits	1,379.52	
		1,742.33
Total Current Revenue Receipts		\$38,805.70
Receipts Other than Current R	evenue:	
Temporary loans in anticipation		
of taxes during year	\$5,938.20	
Long term notes during year	1,900.00	
Insurance adjustments	14.82	
Refunds	10.30	
Gifts	50.00	
New Trust Funds-		
Received during year	200.00	
Total Receipts Other than Current	Revenue	8,113.32
Total Receipts from All Sources		47,919.02
Cash on hand January 1, 1953		12,033.18
Grand Total		\$59,952.20

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(Payments brought from	page 17.)	
Libraries:		150.00
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance	\$3,441.33	
Town poor	676.62	
10 F		4,117.95
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day	\$15.00	
Old Home Day	50.00	
		65.00
Recreation :		
Parks		2.00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries		190.00
Unclassified :		
Taxes bought by town	\$ 515.49	
Corbin Park fire	1,738.84	
-		2,254.33
Total Current Maintenance Expens	-	\$17,876.64
	0.5	φ17,070.01
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in	¢61.90	
anticipation of taxes	\$61.80 42.31	
Paid on long term notes	42.31	
Total Interest Payments		104.11
Outlay for New Construction, Equ	lip-	
ment and Permanent Improvem		
Culverts	\$402.68	
New equipment-Highway	3,100.00	
Total Outlay Payments		\$3,502.68
(Payments carried to	page 21.)	

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Payments

December 31, 1933

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December 31, 1953

(Payments brought from page 19.)	
Indebtedness:	
Payments on temporary loans in	
anticipation of taxes \$5,938.20	
Payments on long term notes 1,400.00	
Payments to trustees of	
Trust Funds (new funds) 200.00	7,538.20
Payments to Other Govern- mental Divisions:	7,550.20
State Head Taxes paid	
State Treas. (1953 taxes) \$856.92	
State Treas. (Prev. years) 928.38	
\$1,785.30 Taxes paid to County 1,482.20	
Taxes paid to County1,482.20Payments to School Districts—	
1952 Tax \$5,282.43	
1953 Tax 9,500.00	
14,783.43	
Total Payments to Other Gov. Divisions	18,050.93
Total Payments for all Purposes	\$47,072.56
Cash on hand December 31, 1953	12,879.64
- Grand Total	\$59,952.20

Payments

Schedule of Town Property

DESCRIPTION	VALUE	
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$1,500.00	
Furniture and Equipment	105.00	
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	4,750.00	
Furniture and Equipment	200.00	
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	1,075.00	
Equipment	1,600.00	
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	1,550.00	
Equipment	11,000.00	
Materials and supplies	300.00	
Town Safe	50.00	
Kilton Pond Dam and flowage	4,000.00	
Schools, Lands, and Buildings	4,200.00	
Equipment	780.00	
New Cemetery	200.00	
All Lands and Buildings Acquired Th	rough	
Tax Collector's Deeds		
Former Owner Description	Value	
Sargent, Geo. H., mining right on Banks lan		
Leach, Sarah, Est., mining right on Banks la		
Poor, Charles, 16 a., mining right near Jump-off		
so-called and 2 a., land adjoining Aln		
Barney's	25.00	
Kenney & Kraft, 100 a., mining right on		
Plant farm	25.00	
Sargent, John G., 35 a., Hazelton lot		
	70.00	
Gallagher, Joseph T., 15 a., Smith quarry ri	70.00 ght 25.00	
Gallagher, Joseph T., 15 a., Smith quarry ri Abbott, Dorothy, $7\frac{1}{2}$ a., woodland	70.00 ght 25.00 25.00	
Gallagher, Joseph T., 15 a., Smith quarry ri Abbott, Dorothy, $7\frac{1}{2}$ a., woodland William Leslie Heirs, 50 a., mining right of	70.00 ght 25.00 25.00	
Gallagher, Joseph T., 15 a., Smith quarry ri Abbott, Dorothy, 7½ a., woodland William Leslie Heirs, 50 a., mining right George Heath farm	70.00 ght 25.00 25.00 25.00 25.00	
Gallagher, Joseph T., 15 a., Smith quarry ri Abbott, Dorothy, 7½ a., woodland William Leslie Heirs, 50 a., mining right George Heath farm Brown, James P., 1 a. lot	70.00 ght 25.00 25.00 Dn 25.00 15.00	
 Gallagher, Joseph T., 15 a., Smith quarry ri Abbott, Dorothy, 7½ a., woodland William Leslie Heirs, 50 a., mining right of George Heath farm Brown, James P., 1 a. lot Duhrels, Sophia, 340 a., mining right on Alternative 	70.00 ght 25.00 25.00 00 25.00 15.00 vah	
 Gallagher, Joseph T., 15 a., Smith quarry ri Abbott, Dorothy, 7½ a., woodland William Leslie Heirs, 50 a., mining right of George Heath farm Brown, James P., 1 a. lot Duhrels, Sophia, 340 a., mining right on Al- Stevens land 	70.00 ght 25.00 25.00 0n 25.00 15.00 vah 50.00	
 Gallagher, Joseph T., 15 a., Smith quarry ri Abbott, Dorothy, 7½ a., woodland William Leslie Heirs, 50 a., mining right of George Heath farm Brown, James P., 1 a. lot Duhrels, Sophia, 340 a., mining right on Al- Stevens land Edward Gaudette, 25 a., Nixon lot 	70.00 ght 25.00 25.00 0n 25.00 15.00 vah 50.00 50.00	
 Gallagher, Joseph T., 15 a., Smith quarry ri Abbott, Dorothy, 7½ a., woodland William Leslie Heirs, 50 a., mining right of George Heath farm Brown, James P., 1 a. lot Duhrels, Sophia, 340 a., mining right on Al- Stevens land 	70.00 ght 25.00 25.00 0n 25.00 15.00 vah 50.00	

Inventory of the Town of Grafton, April E Land and Buildings	l, 1953 \$572,092
Electric Plants	32,115
Horses 23	1,950
Cows 66	7,105
Neat Stock 56	5,080
Sheep 25	300
Fow1 7500	9,325
Portable Mills 2	2,650
Wood and Lumber	39,264
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 15	1,940
Stock in Trade	18,354
Mills and Machinery	15,000
- Total Valuation before Exemptions Less Soldiers' Exemptions and Exemptions	\$705,175
to Blind	23,305
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	1 \$681,870
Soldiers and Wives Exempt from Taxatio Exemptions to Blind	n and
Aldrich, Edgar F., Jr.	\$1,000
Cady, William	770
Church, George	1,000
Dimond, Alice	350
Dukette, Earl	1,000
Finley, Philip and Mary	1,000
Gill, John A.	200
Gleason, Archie L.	1,000
Hilyard, Theodore R.	1,000
Hogue, Charles N.	1,000
Hogue, Nelson J.	1,000
Hollenbeck, Charles	1,000
Howe, Florence L.	
	400
Jackson, Ralph J. Morse, Edwin E.	

Patterson, John J.	1,000
Pratt, William B.	1,000
Provost, Ernest J.	850
Price, Frank, Heirs	520
Phillips, Stanley W.	1,000
Rhoades, William S. and Ethelyn R.	2,000
Rounseville, A. H.	1,000
Scales, Ruel B.	1,000
Watson, William and Mary	1,000
	715
	\$22,305
Lovering, James E. (Blind)	1,000
Total Exemptions	\$23,305
Appropriations	
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,100.00
Town Officers' Expense	500.00
Election and Registration	110.00
Auto Permits	110.00
Town Hall and other Town Buildings	200.00
Police Department	100.00
Fire Department	175.00
Forest Fires	125.00
White Pine Blister Rust	400.00
Health Department	20.00
Town Dump	25.00
Vital Statistics	20.00
Tractor Repairs	600.00
Town Road Aid	806.46
Town Maintenance	5,600.00
General Expense Highway Department	150.00
Cutting Bushes	400.00
New Equipment	3,400.00
Culverts	400.00
Street Lighting	700.00

Libraries		190.00
Old Age Assistance		3,200.00
Town Poor		800.00
Memorial Day, \$15; Old Home Day	, \$50	65.00
Parks		25.00
Cemeteries		230.00
Payments on Debt		1,425.00
Interest		60.00
County Tax		1,482.20
School Tax		17,482.26
Total Town and School Appropria	tions	\$39,900.92
Less Estimated Revenues and	Credits:	
Interest and Dividend Tax	\$ 85.45	
Railroad Tax	473.62	
Savings Bank Tax	109.51	
Class V Road Gas Tax	2,640.80	
Reimbursement acct., Exemption	101808	
Growing Wood and Timber	1,817.97	1
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,150.00 250.00	
Dog Licenses Business Licenses and permits	250.00	
Rent of Town Property	75.00	
Interest on Taxes	55.00	•
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	50.00	
Cash Surplus	2,275.00	
Old Age Assistance	397.20	
Long Term Notes	1,900.00	
- Total Revenues and Credits		11,284.55
Plus Overlay		\$28,616.37 422.17
Net Amount to be raised by Taxatio	on	\$29,038.54

Less Polls, 200 at \$2		400.00
Amount to be raised by Property Ta on which tax rate is computed	ax	\$28,638.54
Taxes Committed to C	Collector	
	\$28,638.54	
Poll Taxes at \$2	400.00	
		29,038.54
Tax Rate, \$4.20	· ·	
TAX COLLECTOR'S I	- REPORT	
Summary of Warrant, Property, P	oll and Yi	eld Taxes.
Levy of 1953		
Taxes Committed to Collector	:	
DR.		
Property taxes	\$28,638.54	
Property Yield taxes	697.89	
Poll taxes	400.00	
Total Warrants		\$29,736.43
Added Taxes:		
Poll Taxes	\$10.00	
Interest collected	6.41	
		16.41
		+00 750 04
Total Debits		\$29,752.84
CR.		
Remittances to Treasurer:	000 E10 44	
Property taxes	\$28,510.44 564.42	
Property Yield taxes	382.00	
Poll taxes	582.00 6.41	
Interest collected	0.41	
Uncollected Taxes as per Col-		
lector's List:	\$ 2.10	
Property taxes	پ 2.10 133.47	
Property Yield taxes	155.47	

Poll taxes	28.00	
Total Credits		\$29,752.84
Summary of Warrant, Stat Levy of 1953 DR.	e Head Ta	ıx
State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Original Warrant	\$1,215.00	
Added taxes	20.00	
Total Commitments		\$1,235.00
Penalties collected	_	16.50
Total Debits		\$1,251.50
CR.		
Remittances to Treasurer:	A1 150 00	
Head taxes Penalties	\$1,150.00 16.50	
Penalties	10.50	1,166.50
Uncollected head taxes as per		1,100.00
Collector's list		85.00
Total Credits		\$1,251.50
Uncollected Head Taxe		
Paid after January 1, 1954	\$5.00	
Paid after January 1, 1954	° 5.00	
Albert Belloir	5.00 5.00	
Arthur Brooks Cecelia Brooks	5.00	
Eugenia Doe	5.00	
John A. Gill	5.00	
Gertrude Gill	5.00	
Albert Hill	5.00	
Cora Hill	5.00	
Verne Hines	5.00	

Paid after January 1, 1954	5.00	
William Kecy	5.00	
Paid after January 1, 1954	5.00	
Herman Sturtevant	5.00	
Lee V. Sleeper	5.00	
Ada Sleeper	5.00	
		\$85.00
Levy of 1952		φο υ.ου
Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1953:		
Property	\$ 7.84	
Property Yield taxes	14.27	
Poll taxes	28.00	
Interest collected fiscal year	.41	
interest concerca notar year		
Total Debits		\$50.52
CR.		φ υ υ.υ μ
Remittances to Treasurer During		
Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 195		
Poll taxes	\$16.00	
Poll taxes abated	φ10.00 8.00	
Interest collected during year	.41	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collecto		
Property taxes	\$ 7.84	
Property Yield taxes	14. 27	
Poll taxes	4.00	
1 on taxes	4.00	
Total Credits		\$50.52
State Head Taxes, 19.	52	φ30.32
Uncollected Head taxes as per Col-	34	
lector's list	\$65.00	
Added taxes	403.00 10.00	
Penalties collected	6.50	
renatties confected	0.50	
Total Debits		001 EO
CR.		\$81.50
Remittances to Treasurer:	<i>P</i><i>C</i><i>C</i>OOOOOOO	
Head Taxes	\$55.00	

Abatements	20.00	
Penalties	6.50	
Total Credits		81.50
Levy of 1951		
Uncollected Taxes:		
Property taxes	\$5.96	
Poll taxes	4.00	
Yield taxes	6.15	
Total Uncollected Taxes		\$16.11
State Head Taxes, 195	51	
DR.		
Uncollected Head taxes	\$10.00	
Penalties collected	1.00	
Total Debits		\$11.00
CR.		
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head taxes	\$10.00	
Penalties	1.00	
Total Credits		11.00
		11.00
Levy of 1950		2.00
Uncollected poll taxes		2.00
Levy of 1949		2.00
Uncollected poll taxes		2.00
Levy of 1948		44.00
Uncollected poll taxes		44.00
Levy of 1947	\$.95	
Uncollected property taxes Uncollected polls	φ .93 8.00	
onconcerca pons		
Total Uncollected		\$8.95
Levy of 1945		
Uncollected poll tax		1.00

Uncollected special poll	3.00	
Total Uncollected		4.00
Uncollected Previous Years' Property	7	
and Poll Taxes		26.79
Tax Sales Redeemed Durin	ng 1953	
Property taxes	\$559.90	
Interest collected	30.36	
Paid Treasurer		590.26
Uncollected Taxes from 193		
1936 Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Morse	\$4.00	
1938 Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Morse	5.98	
1939 Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Morse	4.81	14 .7 9
1940		14.79
Cora Hill	\$2.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Morse	φ2.00 4.00	
Mit. and Mits, Rome Moise		6.00
1941		0.00
Cora Hill	\$2.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Morse	4.00	
		6.00
1945		
Ada Sleeper		4.00
1947		
Rollie Morse	\$ 2.95	
Ida Morse	2.00	
Lee V. Sleeper	2.00	
Ada Sleeper	2.00	0.05
1049		8.95
1948 Lee V. Sleeper	\$2.00	
Ada Sleeper	\$2.00 2.00	
ridu Dicepci	2.00	4.00
1949		1.00
Ada Sleeper		2.00

31		
1950		
Ada Sleeper		2.00
1951 Lee V. Sleeper Ada Sleeper	\$2.00 2.00	
1070		4.00
1952 Albert L. Doe Lee V. Sleeper Ada Sleeper	\$7.84 2.00 2.00	
		11.84
1953 Paid after January 1, 1954 Paid After January 1, 1954 Albert Belloir Arthur J. Brooks Cecelia Brooks Eugenia Doe Gertrude Gill Paid after January 1, 1954 Albert Hill Cora Hill Paid after January 1, 1954 Herman Sturtevant Ada Sleeper Lee V. Sleeper	\$2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00	
Total 1951 YieldTaxes Patrick Dukette Irving Smart	\$4.65 1.50	\$30.10
Total		, '.6.15
1952 Yield Taxes John Gill		14.27

1953 Yield Taxes

John C. Colburn	\$	1.90
Enfield Box Co.		25.20
John A. and Gertrude Gill		9.32
Everett Heath		5.69
Earl A. Robinson		91.37
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Total

133.48

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer as of December 31, 1953 on account of Tax Levies of 1936, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GROVER W. BRALEY, Collector.

Summary of Tax Sales Account as of December 31, 1953

DR.

	1953	1952	1951	1950
Taxes sold to Town				
during current fis-				
cal year	\$515.49			
Balance of unredeemed	•			
taxes Jan. 1, 1953		\$581.75	\$ 344.46	\$ 23.83
Expenses after sale,				
Dec. 31, 1952		8.36		
Interest collected after				
sale		11.35	13.93	5.08
	\$515.49	\$601.46	\$358.39	\$28.91
	CR.			
Remittances to Treas-				
urer during year		\$440.45	\$120.90	\$28.91

Unredeemed taxes at end of year \$515	.49 161.01	237.49	
•	.49 \$601.46	•	
Unredeemed Taxes from		on Accou	int of
Lev	ies of		
	1953	1952	1951
Austin, Jasper D.			\$47.57
Berry, Maud C. and Earl J.	\$ 84.55		
Duefield, Harold	19.59		
Littlefield, Fred			19.24
Morse, Lizzie	67.79	\$61.29	
Morse, Rollie	47.87	45.90	47.00
Patterson, John J.	23.49		
Sulloway, G. W. and L. I	. 182.48		
Sulloway, G. W. and L. L			
Sulloway, G. W. and L. L			
Sulloway, G. W. and L. L			
Sulloway, G. W. and L. L			
Warcup, Ray		24.85	
Parks, Phillip and Dorothy	V	28.97	
Russell, George A.	, ,		62.67
Timm, Vera A.			49.86
Timm, Vera A.			11.15
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\$515.49 \$161.01 \$237.49

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January, 1953 Received from Selectmen:		12,033.18
Trust Fund	\$200.00	
Brundage gift	50.00	
Plowing driveways	83.00	
Refund, Forest fire	17.97	
Rebate, Tractor insurance	14.82	
Refund, Head taxes	10.00	
Refund, TRA	1.21	

Refund, Pine Blister Pistol permits	.30 9.00	
Received from Town Clerk:		\$386.30
	¢1 400 99	
Auto permits Dog taxes	\$1,400.88 249.45	
Filing fees	249.45 7 .00	
Fining fees	7.00	1,657.33
Received from National State Capital Bank:		1,057.55
Long term note	\$1,900.00	
Short term note	5,938.20	
		7,838.20
From the State:		
Class V Highways	\$3,370.52	
Interest and Dividend tax	85.45	
Railroad tax	469.44	
Savings Bank tax	121.06	
Bounties	55.00	
Interest and Dividend tax, 1952	103.45	
Refund, Old Age Assistance	699.10	
Reimbursement, Timber tax	1,120.08	
Reimbursement, Corbin fire	711.15	
		6,726.25
Received from Tax Collector Current Taxes:		
Property taxes	\$28,510.44	
Polls	382.00	
Timber taxes	564.42	
Head taxes	1,150.00	
Head tax penalties	16.50	
Interest and costs	6.41	
Total of Current Taxes		30,629.77
Previous Taxes:		50,049.17
Polls	18.00	
Head taxes and penalties	72.50	
ricau taxes and penantes	12.50	

Interest and costs Tax sales redeemed	30.77 559.90	(01.17
		681.17
T (1 Desciptor	-	\$59,952.20
Total Receipts Less Selectmen's Orders Paid		47,072.56
Less Selectmen's Orders Faid	-	
Cash on hand, January 1, 1954		\$12,879.64
BERNICE B. I	BROWN, J	reasurer.
TOWN CLERK'S REPOI	RT FOR 1	953
82 Males	\$162.85	
19 Females	95.00	
1 Kennel	12.00	
		\$269.85
Less Clerk's fee		20.40
		\$249.45
Auto Permits	\$1,393.88	φ <u>2</u> +9.43
Town Officers filing	¢1,395.00 7.00	
Town Oneers ming		1,400.88
Paid to Town Treasurer		\$1,650.33
Respectfully subm		
CLIFT	ON D. DA	,
	То	wn Clerk
REPORT OF LIBR Year Ending December		
Total Circulation	202	23
Fiction	64	
Non-fiction	64	
Juvenile	73	
Fines collected —		
A nice selection of magazine		ole to our
readers New books come in each		

readers. New books come in each month. A total of

92 books were added to our shelves through the year.

New book stacks are now nearly finished which are

badly needed to take care of the overcrowded shelves. Library hours, 2 to 4 Wednesday and Saturday;

7 to 8 Wednesday evening.

HATTIE E. BARNEY, Librarian.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS Town Officers' Salaries

Paid	Natalie Brown, Auditor	\$ 21.60
	Elsie F. Williams, Auditor	21.60
	C. L. Gove, Selectman	154.80
	Clifton D. Davis, Town Clerk	100.00
	Bernice B. Brown, Treasurer	95.00
	A. S. Gage, Selectman	175.65
	C. S. Williams, Selectman	122.40
	Grover W. Braley, Tax Collector	175.00
	C. L. Gove, Fire Warden	10.00
		\$876.05
	Town Officers' Expense	
Paid	Assoc. of N. H. Assessors, dues	\$ 3.00
	Edson C. Eastman Co. Inc., supplies	31.80
	The Reporter Press, printing town reports	297.75

The Reporter Tress, printing town reports	221.15
The U.S. Auto and Truck Guide	7.00
Edson C. Eastman Co. Inc., dog tags	9.75
Elsie F. Williams, typing	5.00
Anna D. Proctor, transfers	.10
Mildred S. Braley, officers' bonds	102.10
F. J. Shores, Register of Deeds, transfers	11.27
Branham Publishing Co., auto book	6.12
New Hampshire Tax Collectors Assoc., dues	3.00
Charles R. Hardy, Treas.,	
Town Clerk's dues	2.00
A. S. Gage, expense	13.57
C. L. Gove, expense	7.18
Bernice B. Brown, expense	1.38

	Clifton D. Davis, expense	3.00
	Grover W. Braley, postage and supplies	19.63
		10.00
	Elsie F. Williams, copying Inventory	10.00 \$533.65
	Election and Registration	queenee
Paid	Carl N. Howe, Supervisor	\$24.40 [,]
1 alu	Roger E. Martin, Supervisor	14.40
	Stanley Phillips, Supervisor	10.80
	The Enterprise Press	10.70
	E. S. Hunt, guarding rail	7.20
	A. S. Gage, Moderator	7.20
	Donald S. Fowler, Ballot Clerk	7.20
	Frank R. Dean, Ballot Clerk	7.20
	Grover W. Braley, Ballot Clerk	7.20
	Giover W. Bratey, Banot Olern	
		\$96.30
	Auto Permits	
Paid	Clifton D. Davis	\$118.00
	Town Hall and Observation Post	
Paid	Public Service Co., of N. H., lights	\$45.04
	N. E. Tel & Tel., telephone at	
	Observation Post	37.91
	Roger E. Martin, Janitor	31.64
	Mildred S. Braley, Ins. on Town Hall	62.64
		\$177.23
	Police Department	
Paid	E. S. Hunt, Constable	\$131.75
	E. S. Hunt, expense	61.56
	E. S. Hunt, serving dog warrant	7.00
	Fred Littlefield, Constable	7.90
	Fred Littlefield, serving dog warrant	6.00
		\$214.21
	Fire Department	φ ω τ ττ
Paid	Frank K. Clarke, Firemen's Insurance	\$105.00

Mildred S. Braley, Insurance on Truck	49.00
	\$154.00
Forest Fires	·
Paid C. L. Gove, Torstenson fire	\$62.24
C. L. Gove, expense to Fire Meeting	9.20
C. L. Gove, Tewksbury Pond fire	13.98
C. L. Gove, Davis fire	16.04
C. L. Gove, posting signs	8.28
	\$109.74
Corbin Park Fire	
Paid C. L. Gove, Forest Fire Warden	\$1,738.84
Blister Rust	
Paid William H. Messeck, Jr., State Forester	
1953 Appropriation	\$400.00
Health Department	
Paid Wendell S. Brown, Health Officer	\$10.00
Vital Statistics	
Paid Clifton D. Davis, recording	\$33.00
births and deaths	\$23.00
Town Highway Maintenance	
General Statement	
Appropriation for 1953	\$2,229.48
Received from State, Class V. Highway	3,370.52
	\$5,600.00
Received for plowing driveways and	
tractor rental	83.00
	\$5,683.00
Expenditures	
Paid Earl Robinson, Road Agent:	
Winter Roads \$1,461.32	
Paid Charles N. Hogue, Road Agent:	
Summer Roads 4,402.68	

Winter Roads	298.67	
		6,162.67
Overexpended		\$479.67
Cutting Bushes		
Appropriation, 1953	\$400.00	
Expended	180.60	
Balance Unexpended, Dec. 31, 1953 Culverts		219.40
Appropriation, 1953	\$400.00	
Expended	402.68	
-		
Overexpended		2.68
Winter Roads—C. N. Hogu	ie, Agent	
Paid C. N. Hogue, Road Agent		\$125.25
C. N. Hogue, truck		26.00
H. E. Staniels, gas		6.64
E. W. Brewster, gas and oil		24.88
Theodore Hilyard, labor		77.80
St. Johnsbury Trucking Co. Ir	1C.	4.10
Fred Littlefield, labor		15.00
C. L. Gove, labor on tractor		19.00
Cutting Durbos		\$298.67
Cutting Bushes		\$ 21.60
Paid Ruel Scales, labor		\$ 21.00 143.00
John Hughes, tractor		143.00
Milo Perkins, labor		10.00
		\$180.60

Culverts

Paid C. N. Hogue	\$ 52.50
Theodore Hilyard, labor	40.00
Mascoma Valley Lumber Co., bulldozer	56.00
R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., metal culverts	254.18
	\$402.68
Tractor Repairs	
Paid R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.	\$16.25
Noble-Belisle Machinery Co.	10.12
Hathorn's Inc., welding	90.60
Hathorn's Inc., batteries for tractor	62.85
Columbian Steel Co., cutting edges	
for plows	97.10
H. L. Webster & Sons, labor	4.80
	\$281.72
General Expense Highway Departmen	
Paid Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$21.34
Laura E. Gage, Insurance on tractor	
house and tractors	78.00
	\$99.34
Street Lighting	\$99.J 1
Paid Public Service Co. of N. H.	626.50
Library	020.50
Paid Clifton D. Davis, Trustee	1,150.00
Old Age Assistance	,
Paid State of New Hampshire	3,441.33
Town Poor	.,
Paid County of Merrimack, acct. Addie Bach	676.62
Memorial Day	15.00
Paid Morrison's Rexall Store, flags	15.00
Old Home Day	50.00
Paid C. L. Gove, 1953 appropriation Common	50.00
	2.00
Paid Roger E. Martin, mowing	2.00

Winter Roads

Paid	E. A. Robinson, Road Agent	\$ 64.00
	E. A. Robinson, truck	489.00
	W. S. Brown, labor	228.25
	Casellini and Venable Corp., cutting	
	edges for truck plow	76.16
	Fred Littlefield, labor	92.35
	Harold Holt, labor	134.80
	C. L. Gove, labor	187.00
	Hebert Manufacturing Co., labor	
	and material	7.29
	Donald S. Fowler, labor	2.00
	Cavis Brothers, supplies	1.60
	John Gill, labor	1.20
	H. E. Staniels, gas	4.16
	H. L. Webster & Sons, supplies	1.00
	E. W. Brewster, supplies	33.36
	Victor Corno, oil	27.45
	Carroll Cole, labor	6.40
	Ruel Scales, labor	22.40
	G. F. Johnson, gas for tractor	21.60
	Lula Bennett, sand	25.90
	Theodore Hilyard, labor	22.80
	Albert Doe, labor	5.60
	Hathorn's Inc., welding	1.00
	H. P. Gagnon, welding	6.00
		\$1,461.32
	Summer Roads	
Paid	C. N. Hogue, Road Agent	\$1,316.25
	C. N. Hogue, truck	90.00
	H. E. Staniels, gas	31.94
	Theodore Hilyard, labor	66.00
	Ruel Scales, bridge stringers	3.00
	Ruel Scales, labor	363.70
	Eldon Bennett, labor	3.20
	E. W. Brewster, gas and supplies	184.70
	William Pratt, labor	6.40
	Joseph Hill, labor	300.40

Fred Littlefield, truck	248.00
William Kecy, labor	131.20
Arnold Mitchell, labor	82.20
A. L. Reney, gas	17.02
C. N. Hogue, supplies	1.70
Jones Auto Co., oil filters, supplies	9.95
Thurman Powell, labor	21,60
H. P. Gagnon, welding	20.00
H. B. Biathrow, bulldozing	75.00
Albert Hill, Jr., labor	34.00
H. B. Biathrow, dynamite	22.50
Lawrence Talbert, gas shovel	4.00
H. L. Webster & Sons, grader parts	68.28
Archie Morse, labor	114.00
Hathorn's Inc., welding	48.24
Grover Braley, gas oil,	32.23
Herbert Magoon, labor	6.00
Edward C. Sterling, gravel	7.20
C. L. Gove, labor	40.00
Daniel Downes, labor	2.00
John Patterson, gravel	1.20
C. L. Gove, express charges	4.23
Clayton Pratt, labor	33.00
H. L. Webster & Sons, truck repairs	4.02
Grafton Garage, gas	28.43
Milo Perkins, labor	93.00
R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., grader repairs	135.18
Blacktop Inc., cold patch	73.25
Columbian Steel Co. Inc., blades for grader	r 68.71
J. E. Faltin Motor Trans. Co. Inc,,	
express	2.05
Fred Littlefield, tire for grader	5.00
Danbury Garage, mounting plow	
bumper and welding	37.79
Ruel Scales, gravel	48.00
M. F. Braley, bridge plank	504.06
Neal Andrew, gravel	2.40
Mildred Braley, gravel	3.90
Earl Chellis, gravel	7.75

\$4,402.68

Cemeteries	
Paid Eldon Bennett, labor	190.00
Interest	
Paid National State Capital Bank:	
Interest on Grader Note	24.50
Interest on Truck Note	17.81
Interest on Short Term Note	61.80
	\$104.11
Short Term Note	
Paid National State Capital Bank	5,938.20
Payment on Principal of Debt	
Paid Nat. State Capital Bank, grader note	1,400.00
New Equipment	
Paid Jones Auto Co., truck	3,100.00
Town Road Aid	
Paid State of New Hampshire: Overdraft in 1952	3.04
1953 Appropriation	806.46
1999 Appropriation	
	\$809.50
Town Dump	
Paid C. L. Gove, labor	20.00
Whitehall Co. Inc., bulldozer	7.50
	\$27.50
County Tax	φ27.50
Paid Lawrence M. Colby, Treasurer	\$1,482.20
Trust Funds	1.9.
Paid Trustees of Trust Funds,	
Charles Cheney Trust Fund	200.00
Taxes Bought by Town	
Paid Grover W. Braley, Tax Collector	515.49
Head Taxes	
Paid Grafton County Sheriff's Department,	
balance of 1951 Head Taxes and cost	25.80

Paid State of New Hampshire—	
1952 Head Taxes	902.58
1953 Head Taxes	856.92
Paid Grover W. Braley, Tax Collector,	
Collecting Head Taxes	35.35
Bounties	
Paid C. L. Gove, Selectman, hedgehogs	\$110.25
C. L. Gove, Selectman, bear	5.00
A. S. Gage, Selectman, hedgehogs	17.50
C. S. Williams, hedgehogs	29.25
	\$ 162.00
Schools	
Paid Doris H. Fowler, Treasurer:	
Balance 1952 Appropriation	5,283.43
1953 Appropriation	9,500.00
	\$14,783.43

REPORT OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department had a successful and quiet year. There were no serious fires. There were six chimney fires and one oil burner fire. Some of the members of the Department assisted at the big Grantham Mountain forest fire. During the spring the members assisted in burning over some dangerous grass ground, —thereby gaining experience in handling the equipment and also in aiding the Fire Department treasury.

The ceiling in the Fire House has been completed and we wish to thank all the members who gave their time so generously.

The following officers were elected for the year ending December 31, 1954:

Chief-Leslie E. Seamans

Dept. Chief—(Appointed) C. Lawrence Gove Captain—George Grabherr

Lieutenant—Stuart Lang Treasurer—A. Stuart Gage Secretary—George Peterson GEORGE PETERSON, Sec'y. LESLIE SEAMANS, Chief

Financial Report

Balance on hand, January 1, 1953 Receipts 1953	\$559.63 219.50	
		\$779.13
Less orders paid		196.66
Balance, December 31, 1953		\$582.47
WENDELL S	BROWN	Treasuret

Auditor's Certificate

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Road Agent. Trustees of Trust Funds, Library Trustees and Fire Department and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

> ELSIE F. WILLIAMS LULA H. DEAN

Auditors.

Report of the School District

District Officers

DONALD S. FOWLER DORIS FOWLER LULA BENNETT CARL N. HOWE Moderator Treasurer Clerk Auditor

School Board

NATALIE BROWN A. STUART GAGE MARION SEAMANS

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Term Expires 1954 Term Expires 1955 Term Expires 1956

Teachers

Mrs. Martha Ford Mrs. Margaret Hughes Grades 1-4 Grades 5-8

Superintendent of Schools C. Maurice Gray

> Attendance Officer Ephraim S. Hunt

School Nurse Ellen F. Williams, R.N.

FINANCIAL REPORT

of School Treasurer and School Board Treasurer's Report

Summary :			
Cash on hand June 30, 1952		\$	743.82
Received from Selectmen,			
Current appropriation	\$14,783.43		
Received from Elementary School			
Tuitions	100.00		
From Trust Funds	10.18		
Received from all other sources	129.30		
Total Receipts		15	,022.91

Total amount available for fiscal year	\$15,766.73
Less School Board orders paid	15,673.61

Balance on hand as of June 30, 1953 \$93.12 DORIS FOWLER, Treasurer

Auditors' 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 Grafton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953 and find them correct in all respects.

School Board's Report

CARL N. HOWE, Auditor

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Receipts:		
From Selectmen, current appro.	\$14,783.43	
From Elementary School tuitions	100.00	
From Trust Funds	10.18	
From all other sources	129.30	
Total Receipts		\$15,022.91
Cash on hand June 30, 1952		743.82
Grand Total	-	\$15,766.73

Detailed Statement of Payments

Salaries of District Officers:	
E. S. Hunt, Truant Officer	
and census	\$20.00
Natalie Brown, School Board salary	50.00
Marion Seamans, School Board salary	75.00
Delma Pratt, School Board salary	50.00
Doris Fowler, Treasurer	35.00
Lula Bennett, Clerk	4.00
Donald Fowler, Moderator	2.00

Carl Howe, Auditor	б.00	
	<u> </u>	\$242.00
Superintendent's Salary:		
Supervisory Union 4		328.42
Expenses of Administration:		
Marion Seamans, postage and exps.	\$ 6.89	
Natalie Brown, expenses	13.00	
The Reporter Press, ballots	8.50	
A .S. Gage, expenses	1.25	
General Ice Cream Co.,		
ice cream for graduation	8.02	
Doris Fowler, postage	.66	
Earle Robinson trucking	2.00	
The Enterprise Press, notices	2.00	
Supervisory Union 4, clerk's salary	160.45	
		202.77
Teachers' Salaries:		
Margaret Hughes	\$1,958.50	
Martha Ford	2,086.80	
N. H. Teachers' Retire'nt System	303.70	
Director of Internal Revenue	246.00	
Roxie Gould	5.00	
		4,600.00
Transf. D. s. Ira		.,
Text Books:	\$45.26	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	\$45.20 9.64	
Educational Service, Inc.		
Houghton Mifflin Co.	17.47	
Martin & Murray Co.	14.35	
C. S. Hammond & Co.	7.50	
American Book Co.	29.18	
American Educational Publications	20.20	
Danbury School District	25.18	
Ginn & Co.	32.35	
Allyn & Bacon, Inc.	18.38	
Row, Peterson & Co.	26.11	
L. W. Singer Co.	3.94	

Lyons and Carnahan	10.41	
		259.97
Scholars' Supplies:		
Milton Bradley Co.	\$27.53	
Henry S. Wolkins Co.	23.08	
Ginn & Company	44.04	
Teachers College	1.71	
Supervisory Union 4	8.69	
Silver Burdett Co.	20.79	
J. L. Hammett Co.	52.43	
J. 14. Hammett CO.	54.40	178.27
Other Expenses of Instruction:		17 0.27
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Cardigan Sport Store	\$2.45	
J. L. Hammett Co.	4.26	
Lillian Reney	.50	
Bristol School District	1.70	0.01
		8.91
Janitor Service:		
Ann Merrill		258.00
Fuel:		
Arthur Seamans, putting in kindling		
at Pines	\$ 3.20	
Prescott Oil Co.	305.63	
		308.83
Water, Light and Janitor Suppli	es:	
Ann Merrill	\$ 2.90	
Public Service Co.	52.09	
Milton Bradley Co.	27.55	
Masury Young Co.		
	12.32	
Lillian Renev	12.32 2.00	
Lillian Reney Beckley-Cardy Co.	2.00	
Beckley-Cardy Co.		
Beckley-Cardy Co. Martha Ford	2.00 2.37	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	2.00 2.37 2.22	
Beckley-Cardy Co. Martha Ford Elwood Brewster Bristol School District	2.00 2.37 2.22 .40 1.39	
Beckley-Cardy Co. Martha Ford Elwood Brewster	2.00 2.37 2.22 .40	148.76

Minor Repairs and Expenses:		
A. S. Gage, painting school	\$68.98	
Donald Fowler, painting school	121.75	
Earle Robinson, trucking	2.85	
C. W. Towse, reapairs on stoves	14.75	
Ann Merrill, cleaning	21.00	
Leon Valia, labor	20.00	
Leslie Seamans, repairs on door		
and stove	1.00	
Wendell Brown, getting and in-		
stalling venetian blinds	15.55	
Concord Hardware Supply,		
Venetian blinds	35.56	
		301.44
Medical Inspection:		
Supervisory Union 4, nurse's salary		196.25
Transportation of Pupils:		
C. Lawrence Gove	\$2,500.00	
Raymond Beals	825.00	
Alfred Cady	135.75	
		3,460.75
High School Tuition:		
Lebanon School District	\$1,000.00	
Bristol School District	250.00	
Canaan School District	612.59	
Enfield School District	270.00	
Andover School District	1,800.00	
		3,932.59
Elementary School Tuition:		
Canaan School District	\$125.00	
Springfield School District	525.00	
		650.00
Insurance:		
Mildred S. Braley, insurance and		
vacancy permit		37.50
New Equipment:		
Carroll Cole, electric stove		12.00

Retirement: N. H. Teachers' Retirement system	\$272.78	
Supervisory Union 4, nurse and Supt.	26.37	
Supervisory emon i, naite and Super		299.15
Per Capita Tax:		
N. H. State Treasurer		198.00
Teachers' Sick Leave:		
Lula Dean	\$25.00	
Roxie Gould	25.00	
		50.00
Total Expenditures	-	\$15,673.61

Certificate

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

> NATALIE E. BROWN A. STUART GAGE MARION E. SEAMANS School Board

GENERAL STATISTICS

Enrollment by Grades									
Grades	1	2	3	4	5	б	7	8	Total
1952-53	9	6	5	7	12	5	5	9	58
Jan. 8									
1953-54	5	4	5	7	9	7	4	4	45

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District Totals

	Av. Att.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Att.
1952-53	48.58	2.96	51.54	94.25
Jan. 8				
1953-54				
Grades 1-4	21.14	.55	21.69	97.46
Grades 5-8	23.64	.36	24.	98.5
Totals	44.78	.91	45.69	98.

Tuition Pupils 1953-54

Andover High School - Rate \$225.00		
Edith Doe G	rade	9
Alvin Lyons	"	9
June Valia	"	9
Carolyn Doe	32	10
Gloria Downes	"	10
Betty Lyons	"	10
Marie Price	,,,	10
Kernal Seamans	,,	10
Wesley Bassett	"	12
Phoebe Seamans	"	12
Canaan High School — Rate \$250.00		
Kenneth Aldrich	,,	9
Gertrude Merrill	"	12
Canaan Elementary School - Rate \$125.0	0	
Jacqueline Cady	"	5
Bristol High School — Rate \$275.00		
Jean Hilyard	"	9
Patricia Peterson	> 9	10
Enfield High School - Rate \$285.00		
Thomas Gleason	"	12
Edith Church	33	11
Lebanon High School - Rate \$260.00		
Shirley Dean	93	11
Philip Paight	97	12
Arthur Seamans	"	12

School Calendar 1954-1955

Open	Close
Sept. 8 (Wed.)	Dec. 22 (Wed.)
Jan. 3	Èeb. 18
Feb. 28	Apr. 22
May 2	June 14 (Tues.)
Days out: Nov. 25	5, 26; M'ay 30.
Close 12:30 — Nov.	24; Dec. 22

Total number of days required by State Board is 180 including 3 for institutes and conventions and up to five for workshops.

Pupils must enter the first grade if 6 by Sept. 30 and may enter if 6 by January 1.

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

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Several significant changes in educational law were made by the last legislature. The amount of state aid was increased from \$600,000 to \$900,000 with the result that Danbury's increased from \$3759 to \$6795 and Canaan's from \$6958 to \$12,390. The two variables besides the total amount available which affect the amount received are the number of resident pupils in attendance and the adjusted valuations as set by the Tax Commission. Decrease in pupils and a boost in adjusted valuations ruins a district's chances of receiving aid. On this basis Bristol is \$25,000 away. Grafton with a loss in pupils from around 85 to 46 likewise becomes ineligible. Once again we make a plea for state aid in sufficient amounts so that those now receiving it may get more, and so that all districts may obtain some. Aid should be large enough to reduce the local tax assessment where needed and at the same time improve the educational plants and offerings to our pupils. Several millions of dollars are necessary to do these two things. The writer believes that such monies

will come from new sources of revenue, such as a sales tax, and would like to see a tax pegged for state aid including definite amounts for building for those districts too poor to provide for themselves. We should not be totally dependent on taxes from tobacco, liquor and the race track. The economic and social welfare of New Hampshire will be no better than the thinking of the products of its schools.

A new law now requires that all of the \$2.00 per capita tax be spent for supervision. Under this all unions receive \$2500 from the state, ours gets \$2750 and some unions more than this. Five assistant superintendents are permitted, and helping teachers may be employed where most needed until the total amount of money is spent. Two new unions may be established. This particular union has been under study as one which could well stand relief but there will be no change for 1954-55. Accordingly this will remain one of the two unions with nine districts sharing this doubtful honor with the Lisbon union. All others have less down to the point where the cities and larger towns may have a superintendent by themselvs or a superintendent and an assistant. In our union many evening meetings are necessary and supervision is not as it could be. No job can justify the sacrifice of the physical and mental health of its holder. There are limits to the efficient use of time and energy; eventually neither exists for practical accomplishments. Obviously nine districts can not receive the benefits from anyone that 5, 6 or even 7 can.

Two new age requirements are passed, All pupils must attend school if 6 by September 30 and must remain in school in a district maintaining a high school until 16. These changes aggravate certain problems at both ends of the scale. An extension beyond the age of 16 may well be a reality someday. Programs of study will change to meet an enlargement of an old problem, how and what to teach the non-academic pupil. A question is also raised as to the moral obligation to transport pupils to high school if the law requires their attendance. It is not inconceiveable that some legislature in the near future will require this transportation and probably will not supply the funds to do so.

Subversive Teaching. Increasingly important will be the three sided problem of Freedom to Teach versus communism versus communist smear tactics. This has been an issue nationally for some time but it is now filtering down to the local level. We must guard against hypocritical smear attacks against school people using the communist threat as a means to obtain other ulterior and insidious ends. By this we mean such things as charging a teacher with being a communist, or teaching communism, just because we do not like the teacher for any one of a hundred reasons. To do so is using the tactics of the communists themselves.

There is not much new either as to the aims or methods of the communists. In fact communist beliefs and practises have been well documented for nearly 100 vears. If no one is allowed to study and to learn about these fiendish things it will be another hundred years before the average person knows much about them. The communists do not need that long to undermine America if it remains with its head in the sands. Teachers must be allowed to teach: 1) facts. 2) how to find the facts. Any supercritical person can find passages in any book which can be distorted and warped: a distorted and warped person can find millions of them! Our youngsters will keep as good a balance as we adults show; we can expect no more even though we may have hopes. Let's keep a sensible and sane balance about these things and remember the Bill of Rights, the struggle to obtain it, and the basic reasons for its adoption.

Teachers' Salaries. The 1953 Maine Legislature passed a required salary schedule by inning with \$2400 and ending at \$3600 for those with the Master's degree. This is a rather remarkable piece of Legislation for a conservative New England Legislature to pass. There was a time when Maine was a fertile hunting ground for N. H. superintendents searching for teachers! Of course Maine has a much more liberal state aid law and hence can withhold aid from any district not complying with this schedule. The following facts are taken from the School Executive. The average factory wage has increased more than 300% since 1939. National income is up 400% while teachers' salaries are up 220%. Teachers' salaries would have to be increased more than \$1000 for the average teacher to show increases comparable to those of the factory worker. Except for local married teachers (some of whom commute) our schools would not be open. How many districts grant sick leave, leave

for death in the family, accident and health insurance, etc? These are some of the "fringe benefits" which help to ease low salaries, and are provided by many industries.

We wish again to call to your attention the fact that the toilets at the school are very unsatisfactory. Immediate steps should be taken towards making this school a more sanitary and pleasant place for your children to attend school. The amount of money necessary to do this will vary according to the extent of the repairs necessary and to how it is done. The cost involved could be spread over several years by 1) borrowing; 2) by setting aside capital reserves; 3) by doing the work piecemeal; 4) by a combination of these methods. It is wishful thinking at this time to think that the state is going to help with funds for this purpose. All of you are urged to give this matter your most serious attention, thought, and action.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MAURICE GRAY, Supt.

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2	\$100.00	\$375.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,350.00 \$2,275.00	\$1,914.00	Totals Paid by State
9		3.56	9.40	31.93	40.00	Orange
4.5	-	15.94	42.70	142.18	32.00	Hebron
3.07		11.62	30.70	104.15	32.00	Groton
7.56		28.31	75.60	252.82	198.00	Grafton
7.77		29.07	77.70	259.43	226.00	Danbury
26.91		100.88	269.10	901.05	600.00	Canaan
37.10		139.12	371.00	1,242.85	566.00	Bristol
6.50		24.37	65.00	217.75	68.00	Bridgewater
\$5.88		\$22.13	\$58.80	\$197.84	\$152.00	Alexandria
Convention	Con	Office	Travel Expense	a Supt's. Salary	\$2 Per Capits to State	District

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Supervisory Union No. 4 Budget

Adopted Actual Adopted Sch. Brd. Bud. Com. Budget Expen. Budget Budget Budget 1952-53 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55 1954-55			78.19 110.00 78.19 110.00	4,700.00 4,650.00 4,900.00 4, 200.00 359.97 206.00 4,	200.00 178.27 20.00 8.91	258.00 270.00 2	250.00 308.83 250.00 100 148 76 00		196.25 188.37 1	3,500.00 $3,460.75$ $3,460.00$ $3,460.004,750.00$ $3,995.09$ $5,600.00$ $5,000.00$	655.00 587.50 20.00	310.00 299.15 315.00 380.00 intary 65.00 37.50 47.00 74.00
	ITEM Administration:	Salaries of district officers Superintendent's salary (local share)	Tax for state wide supervision Salaries of other administrative personnel Supplies and expenses	Instruction : Elementary teachers' salaries	books and other instruction ands, cleinentary Scholars' supplies, elementary	Operation of School Plant: Operation of School Plant:	Fuel or heat, elementary	Water, light, supplies and expenses, elementary Maintenance of School Plant: Domine and and comments alementary	Acquist and representation, elementary Auxiliary Activities: Hardin supervision elementary	Fransportation, elementary	Tuttion, elementary Special activities and special funds, elementary	Fixed Charges: Retirement, elementary Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses, elementary

GRAFTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET 1954-55

Contingency Fund	200.00
TOTAL, CURRENT: EXPENSES Capital Outlay: New equipment, elementary	\$16,534.25 \$15,661.61 \$17,48926 \$16,715.50 \$16,766.90 12.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$12.00
TOTAL, ENPENDITURES OR SCHOOL, APPRO. ITEM *Balance (actual or estimated) Other	\$16,907.50 1,000.00 1,000.00 351.00 331.00
TOT. RECEIPTS OTHER THAN PROP. TANES District Assessment Raised or to be Raised by Property Taxes	\$1,351.00 \$1,351.00 \$15,766.90
Special Appropriations to be Financed by Bond Issue, Serial Notes or Cap. Res. Funds. \$351.00	
February 13, 1954	GROVER W. BRALEY LESTER W. BARNEY MORRIS F. BRALEY NATALIE E. BROWN A. STUART GAGE Budget Committee

WARRANT FOR SCHOOL MEETING

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Grafton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 9th day of March, 1954, at 1:30 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 agent 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 if the School District will vote to set aside the proceeds from the sale of the Center School, \$351.00, as a captital reserve fund to be used to secure an adequate water supply, to install flush toilets and to make other necessary changes incidental thereto in the East Grafton School.

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

Given under our hands at said Grafton this 18th day of February, 1954.

> NATALIE BROWN A. STUART GAGE MARION E. SEAMANS School Board

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Dec. 16	Dec. 5	Dec. 3	Nov. 17 Grafton	Oct. 23 Laconia	Oct. 2	Aug. 25	Aug. 2 Grafton	Aug. 1	June 8	Feb. 26	Feb. 20	Jan. 9 Grafton	Date 1953	Deat
Dec. 16 Grafton	Dec. 5 Hanover	Dec. 3 Concord	Grafton	Laconia	Oct. 2 Concord	Aug. 25 Manchester	Grafton	Concord, N. H.	June 8 Grafton	Derry, N.H.	Unity, N.H.	Grafton	Place of Death	hs Register
Ernest Albert Martin	Pamela Anne Williams 2 mos. Lebanon	Winfred Mayhew	Leon _a E. Barrow	Frederick W. Fitzpatrick 74 Massachusetts	Hattie Bell Whittier	Eva Jane Barney	ehouse	Aug. 1 Concord, N. H. George McDonald	Jennie F. Whittemore	Feb. 26 Derry, N. H. Bessie A. MacGregor	Feb. 20 Unity, N. H. Laura Myra Leavitt	Lula Mattie Derrick	Name and Surname	Deaths Registered in the Town of Grafton, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1953
83	10S.	83	68	74	83	78	69	4	87]	34]	85	[08	Age Year	f Gr
83 New Hampshire	Lebanon	Turner, Me.	89 Canaan, N.H.	Massachusetts	83 New Hampshire	New Hampshire	69 New Hampshire	84 Canada	87 New Hampshire	Franklin, N. H.	85 Grafton	80 Piermont, N.H.	Place Age of Years Birth	afton, N. H. fe
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M Married Retired		Widowed	Widowed	Widowed	Married	Single	Single	M Widowed Laborer	Widowed	Married	Married	Widowed	Sex and Condition	ie Year
Retired		M Widowed Unknown	F Widowed Housewife	M Widowed Clergyman	Married Housewife	Single Housekeeper	Single Attendant	Laborer	Widowed Housewife	Married Housewife	Married Housewife	F Widowed Housewife	Occupation	Ending L
Albert Martin Jane E. Cilley	Richard Williams Ellen Fennelly	Cornelius Mayhew Sophira Dillingham	Edwin Huse Elmina George	Unknown Unknown	Nelson R. Lovering Mitilla J. Clifford	Lafayette Barney Victoria Cole	Franklin P. Whitehouse Sarah M. Whitehouse	John McDonald	Louis Farnum Iuliette Whipple	Almond Barney Rollins	Henry Truell Inlia Stevens	John Goodwin Melissa Hutton	Name Name of oi Father and Mother	ecember 31, 1953

I hereby certfy that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. CLIFTON D. DAVIS, Town Clerk

sr 31, 1953	Bala, of Income ginning of Year ginning of Year During Bal of Income During Year Year Bal of Year End of Year	$\begin{tabular}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$
Decembe	Bal. of Principal bothjat begiumg and end of year	<pre>\$ 50.00</pre>
Report of the Trust Funds for the Year Ending December 31, 1953	How Invested	N. H. Savings Bank N. H. Savings Bank
ust Funds fo	Purpose	Cemetery
Report of the Tr	Name and Year of Creation	 1929 Edward C. Dimond 1916 Mary A. Smith 1916 Mary A. Smith 1916 A. A. Barney 1916 A. A. Barney 1919 A. M. Hoyt 1919 A. M. Hoyt 1951 Wiseman Truell 1938 Alfred Martin 1938 Mirted Martin 1939 W. Hardy 1930 Ichabod B. Sargent 1950 Sam. W. & Caroline Barney 1950 Sam. W. & Caroline Barney 1950 Jane K. Lawrence 1931 Henry Truell 1932 Johnathan Severance 1933 Mary E. Giford 1932 Nathan Severance 1933 Mary E. Grower Barney 1933 Mary E. Grower Barney 1935 Chas. and Ethel Cheney 1936 Clara E. Johnson

