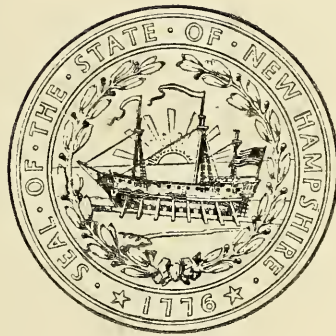


# **Town of Grafton**


*New Hampshire*



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*TOWN and SCHOOL DISTRICT*



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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and Other 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, 1956

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## TOWN OFFICERS

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**TOWN CLERK** Barbara D. Williams  
Dorothy H. Davis  
**TREASURER** Bernice B. Brown

### SELECTMEN

A. Stuart Gage C. Lawrence Gove  
Clinton S. Williams

**TAX COLLECTOR** Grover W. Braley

### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST

Roger E. Martin Stanley W. Phillips  
Reginald E. Barney

### TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

A. Stuart Gage Clinton S. Williams  
Morris F. Braley

### AUDITORS

Elsie F. Williams Lula H. Dean

### CONSTABLES

C. Lawrence Gove Fred Littlefield

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN** C. Lawrence Gove

### DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

A. Stuart Gage Richard F. Williams

**HEALTH OFFICER** George W. Peterson

**ROAD AGENT** Fred Littlefield

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Lula M. Bennett Lula H. Dean

Bernice B. Brown

### FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Donald S. Fowler A. Stuart Gage

Elwood W. Brewster

**CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT** Leslie E. Seamans

**MODERATOR** A. Stuart Gage

# TOWN WARRANT

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L. S.

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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 12th 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 one-fourth 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 and railing embankments.

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 \$672.48 to continue street lighting.

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

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$763.13 and thereby receive \$5,087.55 from the State for Town Road Aid.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400.00 for the control of White Pine Blister Rust in cooperation with the Forestry and Recreation Department for the current year.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50.00 for the observance of Old Home Day.

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

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3600.00 for the purpose of purchasing a power loader, the sum of \$1200.00 to be raised by taxation in 1957, the balance of \$2400.00 to be raised by two long term notes, one to be paid in 1958 and one in 1959.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for the purpose of putting a seal coat of oil on the two pieces of road oiled last year.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$267.00 for the purpose of painting and making necessary repairs on Town Hall, this appropriation to supplement the unexpended balance now existing for this purpose.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 as an emergency highway appropriation, said appropriation to be controlled by the Selectmen.

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

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 16th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

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

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1956.

Title of Appropriation	Appro.	Receipts	Total		Bal.	Over- draft
			Available	Expend.		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,100.00	\$	1,100.00	\$ 993.55	\$ 106.45	
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00		700.00	655.00	45.00	
Election and Registration	330.00		330.00	266.45	63.55	
Auto Permits	145.00		145.00	148.50		3.50
Town Hall and Observation Post	250.00		250.00	266.60		16.60
Police Department	75.00		75.00	34.30	40.70	
Fire Department	175.00		175.00	144.50	30.50	
Forest Fires	125.00	5.81	130.81	11.62	119.19	
White Pine Blister Rust	400.00		400.00	394.80	5.20	
Health Department	20.00		20.00	10.00	10.00	
Vital Statistics	25.00		25.00	10.00	15.00	
Town Highway Maintenance	2,120.22	3,627.03	5,747.25	6,412.81		665.56
Cutting Bushes and Railing Embankments	600.00		600.00	327.00	273.00	
Culverts	500.00		500.00	393.28	106.72	
Special Emergency Road Appro.	500.00		500.00		500.00	
General Expense Highway	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,166.00		166.00
Street Lighting Dept.	672.48		672.48	672.48		



Library	225.00	225.00	225.00	225.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,994.02	505.98
Town Poor	800.00	800.00	110.00	690.00
Cemeteries	275.00	275.00	153.95	121.05
Painting and Repairing Town Hall	750.00	750.00	167.28	582.72
Old Home and Memorial Day	75.00	75.00	50.00	25.00
Common	25.00	25.00	10.00	15.00
Interest	40.00	40.00	84.00	44.00
Town Road Aid	765.20	765.20	765.20	
Town Dump	50.00	50.00	42.00	8.00
County Tax	1,559.93	1,559.93	1,559.93	
New Equipment	250.00	250.00	250.00	
Oiling Roads	1,750.00	1,750.00	788.15	961.85
	<u>\$17,802.83</u>	<u>\$21,435.67</u>	<u>\$18,106.42</u>	<u>\$4,224.91</u>
		\$ 3,632.84		<u>\$895.66</u>

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

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

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1956	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1956	Estimated Revenue Ensnuing Year 1957
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**From State:**

Interest and Dividents Tax	\$ 120.00	\$ 178.19	\$ 178.19
Railroad Tax	400.00	463.81	463.81
Savings Bank Tax	65.00	91.20	91.20
For Fighting Forest Fires	40.00	5.81	20.00
Class V Highway Gas Tax	3,370.52	3,479.78	3,479.78

**From Local Sources Except Taxes:**

Dog Licenses	200.00	238.00	230.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	10.00	15.50	10.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	30.00	57.51	60.00

Income of Departments:

(a) Highway, incl. rental of equipment	40.00	90.00	70.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,350.00	1,820.97	1,500.00
Sale of Town Property	50.00	60.00	50.00
Cash Surplus	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00

**From Local Taxes Other than**

**Property Taxes:**

Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	400.00	356.00	350.00
Yield Taxes	1,597.55	1,179.96	1,500.00

Total Revenues from All Sources Except Property Taxes	\$9,673.07	\$10,036.73	\$10,002.98
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# GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

During Year, January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956.

Compared with

Expenses of the Previous Year, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

Purpose of Expenditures	Appro. Previous Year 1956	Actual Expend. Prev. Yr. 1956	Appros. Rec'm by Bud. Com. 1957
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## CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

### General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,100.00	\$ 993.55	\$ 1,100.00
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00	655.00	700.00
Election and Registration Expenses	330.00	266.45	110.00
Auto Permits	145.00	148.50	150.00
Expenses Town Hall and other Town Bdgs.	250.00	266.60	225.00

### Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department		75.00	34.30	75.00
Fire Department	\$175.00			
Forest	125.00	300.00	156.12	300.00
Blister Rust		400.00	394.80	400.00
Dog Tax Commission			19.40	

### Health:

Health Department		20.00	10.00	20.00
Vital Statistics		25.00	10.00	15.00
Cutting Bushes and Railing		600.00	327.00	600.00
Town Dump		50.00	42.00	50.00

### Highways and Bridges:

Culverts		500.00	393.28	400.00
Town Maintenance—Summer		5,600.00	2,603.40	5,600.00
Town Maintenance—Winter			3,809.41	
Street Lighting		672.48	672.48	672.48
General Expenses of Highway Dept.		1,000.00	1,166.00	1,000.00
Town Road Aid		765.20	765.20	763.13
Special Road Appropriation		500.00		500.00
Libraries		225.00	225.00	175.00

(Expenses carried to page 11.)

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the En  
Compar

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expendi

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Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year	Actual Revenue Previous Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year
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# GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

During Year, January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957.

Compared with

Expenses of Previous Year, January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956.

Purposes of Expenditures	Appro. Previous Year 1956	Actual Expend Prev. Yr. 1956	Appros. Rec'm by Bud. Com. 1957
(Expenses brought from page 9.)			
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	800.00	110.00	800.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	1,994.02	2,500.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>			
Memorial Day and Old Home Day	75.00	50.00	80.00
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Parks	25.00	10.00	25.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Cemeteries	275.00	153.95	275.00
Paint and Repair Town Hall	750.00	167.38	267.38
<b>Interest:</b>			
On Temporary Loans	40.00	84.00	85.00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Road Oiling	1,750.00	788.15	700.00
New Equipment	250.00	250.00	3,600.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$19,722.68</b>	<b>\$16,565.99</b>	<b>21,187.99</b>

GROVER M. BRALEY  
LESTER W. BARNEY  
MORRIS F. BRALEY  
A. STUART GAGE

Budget Committee

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Financial Report  
of the  
TOWN OF GRAFTON  
IN GRAFTON COUNTY  
for the  
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1956

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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.

December 31, 1956

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

BERNICE B. BROWN,  
Treasurer

<b>Town of Grafton, N. H.</b>	<b>Balance</b>
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**ASSETS**

**Cash:**

In hands of treasurer	\$14,181.00
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**Accounts Due to the Town:**

Due from State:

(a) Savings Bank tax	\$ 91.20	
(b) Railroad tax	463.81	
		555.01

**Unredeemed Taxes:**

(a) Levy of 1956	\$917.13	
(b) Levy of 1955	396.42	
(c) Levy of 1954	11.24	
		1,324.79

**Uncollected Taxes:**

(a) Levy of 1956	\$1,466.25	
(b) Levy of 1955	126.00	
(c) Levy of 1954	5.50	
(d) Previous years	22.59	
(e) State Head Taxes—Levy of 1956	100.00	
(f) State Head Taxes—Prev. years	5.00	
		1,725.34

Total Assets	\$17,786.14
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\$17,786.14

Surplus, December 31, 1955	\$6,488.09
Surplus, December 31, 1956	7,313.88
Increase of Surplus	825.79



Sheet

December 31, 1956

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**LIABILITIES**
**Accounts Owed by the Town:**

New Cemetery	\$425.80
Town Hall repair and paint	582.62

**Due to State:**

Acct. oiling Roads	961.85
State Head Taxes—1956	
Uncollected	100.00
Collected, not remitted to State Treasurer	170.00

**Due to School Districts:**

Balance of Appropriation	8,231.99
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Total Liabilities	\$10,472.26
Excess of Assets over Liabilities (Surplus)	7,313.88
Grand Total	\$17,786.14

# Town of Grafton, N. H. Receipts and

## RECEIPTS

### Current Revenue

#### From Local Taxes :

Property taxes	\$28,207.61
Poll taxes	344.00
Yield taxes	1,123.99
State Head Taxes at \$5	1,080.00

Total Current Year's Taxes Collected and remitted	\$30,755.60
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Property Taxes and Yield Taxes, Previous years	67.07
Poll Taxes, Previous Years,—Reg. at \$2	12.00
State Head Taxes at \$5—Previous years	80.00
Interest received on Taxes	57.51
Penalties on State Head Taxes	15.00
Tax sales redeemed	514.01

#### From State :

For Class V Highway maintenance	\$3,479.78
Interest and dividends tax	178.19
Reimbursemt a-c Blister Rust	5.20
Fighting forest fires	5.81

\$3,668.98

#### From Local Sources, Except Taxes :

Dog licenses	\$220.60
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	15.50
Rent of town property	90.00
Cemetery lots	50.00

(Receipts carried to page 18.)

**Payments****December 31, 1956****PAYMENTS****Current Maintenance Expenses****General Government:**

Town officers' salaries	\$993.55
Town officers' expenses	655.00
Election and registration expenses	265.45
Auto Permits	148.50
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	266.60

**Protection of Persons and Property:**

Police department	34.30
Dog tax commission	19.40
Fire department, including forest fires	
Forest	11.62
Fire Department	\$144.50
Blister Rust	400.00
Culverts	393.28
Cutting bushes and railing	327.00

**Health:**

Health department	10.00
Vital statistics	10.00
Town dump	42.00

**Highways and Bridges:**

Town Road Aid	765.20
Town Maintenance—	
Summer	\$2,603.40
Winter	3,809.41
	————— 6,412.81
Street lighting	672.48
Gen. Expenses of Highway Dept.	1,166.00
Libraries	225.00

(Payments carried to page 19.)

## Town of Grafton, N. H    Receipts and

(Receipts brought from page 16.)

Registration of motor vehicles,		
1955 Permits	16.17	
1956 Permits	1,804.80	
		2,197.07
<b>Receipts Other than Current</b>		
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Temporary loans in anticipation		
of taxes during year	\$6,000.00	
Refunds	10.89	
Gifts	50.00	
Sale of town property	60.00	
Yield tax cash bond	50.00	
Cold patch and road oil	54.79	
		6,225.68
Total Receipts Other than Current Rev.		\$43,592.92
Cash on hand January 1, 1956		11,952.25
Grand Total		\$55,545.17

## Payments December 31, 1956

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(Payments brought from page 17.)

**Public Welfare:**

Old age assistance	1,994.02
Town poor	110.00

**Patriotic Purposes:**

Old Home Day	50.00
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**Recreation:**

Parks	10.00
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**Public Service Enterprises:**

Cemeteries	153.95
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**Unclassified**

Collecting Head Taxes	34.80
Taxes bought by town	917.13
Yield taxes, cash bond	50.00

————— \$1,001.93

Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$16,283.59
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**Interest:**

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	84.00
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Total Interest Payments	84.00
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**Outlay for New Construction,**

**Equip. and Permanent Improvements:**

Oiling roads	\$788.15
Town Hall repairs	167.38
Oil for driveways	47.54
New equipment (Highway)	250.00

Total Outlay Payments	1,253.07
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(Payments carried to page 21.)



# Payments December 31, 1956

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(Payments brought from page 19.)

**Indebtedness:**

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	6,000.00
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**Payments to Other Govern-  
mental Divisions:**

State Head Taxes paid	
State Treas. (1956 taxes) \$819.20	
State Treas. (Prev. years) \$349.18	
—————	1,168.37
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Taxes paid to County	1,559.93
Payments to School Districts	
1955 tax \$6,015.21	
1956 tax 9,000.00	
—————	15,015.21
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Total Payments to Other Gov. Divisions	\$17,743.51
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Total Payments for all Purposes	\$41,364.17
Cash on hand December 31, 1956	14,181.00
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Grand Total	\$55,545.17

### 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, land 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 Dam and flowage	4,000.00
Schools, lands and buildings	7,500.00
Equipment	780.00
New Cemetery	200.00

#### All Lands and Buildings Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds

Former Owner	Description	Value
Sargent, Geo., H.,	mining rights on Banks land	\$ 25.00
Leach, Sarah Est.,	mining right on Banks land	25.00
Poor, Charles,	16 a. mining right near Jump-off so-called and 2 a. land adjoining Almon Barney's	25.00
Kenney and Kraft,	100 a. mining right on La Plant farm	25.00
Sargent, John G.,	35 a. Hazelton lot	70.00
Gallagher, Joseph T.,	15 a. Smith quarry right	25.00
Abbott, Dorothy,	7½ a. woodland	25.00
Leslie, William heirs,	50 a. mining right on George Heath farm	25.00
Duhrels, Sophia,	340 a. mining right on Alvah Stevens land	50.00
Gaudette, Edward,	25 a. Nixon lot	50.00
Gaudette, Edward,	50 a. Hoyt swamp lot	100.00



## SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Land and Buildings		\$585,993.00
Mills and Machinery		15,000.00
Electric Plants		35,870.00
Stock in Trade		11,750.00
Horses, Asses and Mules	20	1,575.00
Cows	48	4,180.00
Neat Stock	22	1,535.00
Sheep and Goats	138	1,545.00
Fowl	8,000	6,425.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		1,640.00
Portable Mills		10,450.00
Wood and Lumber		21,575.00
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Total Gross Valuation before		
Exemptions		\$697,538.00
Less Exemptions to Soldiers and		
Blind		31,670.00
		_____
Net Valuation on which tax rate		
is computed		\$665,868.00

## SOLDIERS AND WIVES EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

Aldrich, Edgar F., Jr.	\$1,000.00
Church, George	1,000.00
Cyr, Gideon	200.00
Dimond, Alice	1,000.00
Dukette, Earl	1,000.00

Finley, Phillip and Mary	1,000.00
Gallup, Donald	1,000.00
Gleason, Archibald	1,000.00
Gove, Paul C.	950.00
Gordon, John	1,000.00
Hilyard, Theodore	1,000.00
Hogue, Nelson	1,000.00
Hogue, Charles	1,000.00
Howe, Florence L.	700.00
Hammons, John W.	1,000.00
Jackson, Ralph J.	400.00
Lang E. Stuart	1,000.00
Lyons, Louis J.	1,000.00
Morse, Edwin E.	900.00
Neill, Thomas W.	1,000.00
Patterson, John	1,000.00
Pierson, Charles G.	1,000.00
Phillips, Stanley W.	1,000.00
Price, Frank Heirs	520.00
Pratt, Wm. B.	1,000.00
Rounseville, A. H.	1,000.00
Rhoades, Wm. S., and Ethelyn R.	2,000.00
Scales, Ruel B.	1,000.00
Smith, Evelyn	1,000.00
Stone, Albert and Clara	1,000.00
Welsh, Harold P.	1,000.00
Williams, Wallace H.	1,000.00
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	\$30,670.00

### BLIND

Lovering, James E.	1,000.00
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Total Exemptions	\$31,670.00

### APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,100.00
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00
Election and Registration	330.00
Auto Permits	145.00
Town Hall and other Town Bldgs.	1,000.00
Police Dept.	75.00
Fire Dept.	175.00
Forest Fires	125.00
White Pine Blister Rust	400.00
Health Dept.	20.00
Vital Statistics	25.00
Town Dump	50.00
Culverts	500.00
Cutting Bushes and Rail. Embank.	600.00
Town Highway Maintenance	5,600.00
Special Road Appro.	
(For emergency only)	500.00
Oiling Roads	1,750.00
General Exp., Highway Dept.	1,000.00
Street Lighting	672.48
Town Road Aid	765.20
New Equipment	250.00
Libraries	225.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00
Town Poor	800.00
Memorial and Old Home Day	75.00
Parks	25.00
Cemeteries	275.00
Interest	40.00
County Tax	1,559.93
School Tax	17,231.99
	————— \$38,514.60

**Less Estimated Revenue and Credit:**

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$	178.59
Rail Road Tax		450.00
Savings Bank Tax		116.00
Yield Tax Sources		865.94
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		1,650.00
Dog Licenses		215.00
Business Licenses and Permits		12.00
Rent of Town Prop. and Equip.		75.00
Interest on Taxes		30.00
Sale of Tax Deeded Property		50.00
Miscellaneous Sources		400.00
Cash Surplus		3,500.00
Class 5 Highway (gas tax)		2,479.78
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Total Revenue and Credits		10,022.31
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		\$28,492.29
Plus Overlay		526.03
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Net Amount to be raised by taxation		\$29,018.32
Less Polls at \$2.00 (193)		386.00
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Amt. to be raised by Property Taxes on		
which tax rate is figured		\$28,632.32
Tax Rate, \$4.30		

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**SUMMARY OF WARRANT, PROPERTY, POLL**  
**AND YIELD TAXES**

Levy of 1956

**DR.**

**Taxes Committed to Collector:**

Property Taxes	\$28,632.32	
Poll Taxes	386.00	
	—————	\$29,018.32
Yield Taxes		2,202.33
Interest Collected		5.69
		—————
Total Debits		\$31,226.34

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**Remittances to Treasurer:**

Property Taxes	\$28,207.61	
Poll Taxes	344.00	
Yield Taxes		1,123.99
Interest Collected		5.69

**Abatements:**

Property Taxes	68.80	
Poll Taxes	10.00	

**Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:**

Property Taxes	355.91	
Poll Taxes	32.00	
Yield Taxes		1,078.34
		—————
		\$31,226.34

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT OF STATE HEAD  
TAXES, Levy of 1956**

**DR.**

<b>State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:</b>		
Original Warrent	\$1,200.00	
Total Commitments	\$1,200.00	
Penalties Collected	7.00	
Total Debits		\$1,207.00

**CR.**

<b>Remittances to Treasurer:</b>		
Head Taxes	\$1,080.00	
Penalties	7.00	
Abatements	20.00	
Uncollected Head Taxes as per Collector's List	100.00	
		1,207.00

**UNCOLLECTED HEAD TAXES FOR 1956**

Joseph Abarie	\$5.00
Loretta Abarie	5.00
Wilfred A. Bocash	5.00
Verna I. Bocash	5.00
James Church	5.00
Gideon Cyr	5.00
Herbert S. Chase, Jr.	5.00
Priscilla Chase	5.00
Adna Gallup	5.00
Loraine Gallup	5.00
Joseph P. Hill	5.00

Blanche Hill	5.00	
Leon LaBonty	5.00	
Lillian LaBonty	5.00	
Rollie Morse	5.00	
Ida Morse	5.00	
Patrick O'Doherty	5.00	
Hermina O'Doherty	5.00	
Lee V. Sleeper, Jr.	5.00	
Paid after Dec. 31, 1956	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$100.00

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT OF PROPERTY,  
POLLS, AND YIELD TAXES**  
Levy of 1955

**DR.**

**Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1956:**

Property Taxes	\$11.10	
Poll Taxes	14.00	
Yield Taxes	142.17	
	<hr/>	\$167.27

**Added Taxes:**

Poll Taxes	\$2.00	
Interest on Property and Polls	.32	
Interest on Yield Taxes	.20	
	<hr/>	2.52
Total Debits		\$169.79

**CR.**

**Remittances to Treas. during Fis-  
cal Year ending Dec. 31, 1956:**

Property Taxes	\$11.10
Poll Taxes	12.00
Abated Taxes	4.00
Yield Taxes	16.17
Interest on Yield Taxes	.20

Interest on Property and Polls	.32	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List	126.00	
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Total Credits		\$169.79

**STATE HEAD TAXES, 1955**

**DR.**

Uncollected as per Collector's List	\$50.00	
Added Head Taxes	20.00	
Penalties collected	7.00	
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Total Debits		\$77.00

**CR.**

**Remittances to Treasurer:**

Head Taxes	\$70.00	
Penalties	7.00	
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Total Credits		\$77.00

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT OF POLL AND YIELD  
TAXES FOR 1954**

**DR.**

**Levy of 1954**

Yield Taxes	\$44.30	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
Interest	3.05	
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Total Debits		\$51.35

**CR.**

**Remittances to Treasurer:**

Yield Taxes	\$38.80	
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Interest	3.05	
Abated Polls	4.00	
Uncollected Yield Tax	5.50	
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Total Credits		\$51.35

**DR.****Head Taxes, 1954**

Uncollected for 1954	\$15.00	
Penalties	1.00	
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Total Debits		\$16.00

**CR.****Remittances to Treasurer:**

Head Taxes	\$10.00	
Penalties	1.00	
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	\$11.00	
Uncollected Head Tax	5.00	
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Total Credits		\$16.00
Uncollected Head Tax for 1954		
Lloyd Church	\$5.00	

**DR.****Levy for 1953****Uncollected Taxes for 1953:**

Yield Taxes	\$9.32	
Poll Tax	2.00	
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Total Debits		11.32

**CR.**

Uncollected Yield Tax	\$9.32	
Abated Poll Tax	2.00	
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Total Credits		\$11.32

## Levy of 1952

## DR.

## Uncollected Taxes :

Yield Taxes	\$14.27	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
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Total Debits		\$18.27

## CR.

Yield Taxes Collected	\$ 1.00	
Uncollected Yield Taxes	13.27	
Abated Poll Taxes	4.00	
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Total Credits		\$18.27

## Uncollected Poll Taxes :

Levy of 1951	\$ 4.00
Levy of 1950	2.00
Levy of 1949	2.00
Levy of 1948	4.00
Levy of 1947	4.00
Levy of 1945	1.00
Levy of 1941	2.00
Levy of 1940	2.00

## Uncollected Special Tax.....

Levy of 1945	3.00	
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Total		\$24.00
Abated years 1951, 1950, 1949, 1948, 1947, 1945, 1941 and 1940		\$24.00

## Tax Sales Redeemed during 1956 :

Property Taxes	\$514.01	
Interest collected	48.25	
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Paid Treasurer		\$562.26

### UNCOLLECTED TAXES FROM 1952 TO 1957

John Gill	1952 Yield Taxes	\$13.27
John Gill	1953 Yield Taxes	9.32
Earl N. Goss	1954 Yield Taxes	5.50
Paid after Dec. 31, 1956, 1955 Yield Taxes		126.00
1956 Yield Taxes:		
Eric K. Fay		\$ 44.64
F. C. Hammond and Sons		137.64
Myrl C. Phelps		82.51
Paid after Dec. 31, 1956		29.44
Paid after Dec. 31, 1956		37.80
Roswell R. Reney		25.44
Sevigny Lumber Co.		701.12
Evelyn B. Smith		7.20
Virginia Torstenson		12.55
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		1,078.34

### 1956 PROPERTY AND POLL TAXES

	Poll	Property
Loretta Abarie	\$2.00	
Verna I. Bocash	2.00	
James Church	2.00	
Herbert S. Chase, Jr.	2.00	
Priscilla Chase	2.00	
Lorraine Gallup	2.00	
Joseph P. Hill	2.00	\$8.60
Blanche Hill	2.00	
Ephraim Hunt Heirs		8.26
Leon LaBonty	2.00	
Lillian LaBonty	2.00	
Rollie Morse	2.00	2.15
Ida Morse	2.00	
Patrick O'Doherty	2.00	
Hermina O'Doherty	2.00	
Lee V Sleeper, Jr.	2.00	2.15

Paid after Dec. 31	2.00	
James Colby		43.00
E. J. Rollins		86.00
Sonny Sullivan		2.15
Paid after Dec. 31, 1956		83.20
Robert Withington		120.40
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	\$32.00	\$355.91
Total Uncollected		\$387.91

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent tax payer as of December 31, 1956, on account of Levies 1952, 1953 1954, 1955, and 1956 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GROVER W. BRALEY, Collector

**SUMMARY OF SALES ACCOUNT AS OF  
DECEMBER 31, 1956**

**DR.**

	1956	1955	1954
Taxes Sold to Town during current Fiscal yr.	\$917.13		
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Jan. 1, 1956		\$667.04	\$243.79
Expenses after sale Dec. 31, 1955		10.84	
Interest Collected after Sale		9.95	38.30
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	\$917.13	\$687.83	\$282.09

**CR.**

Remitted to Treas. dur. yr.		\$291.41	\$270.85
Unredeemed Taxes at end of year 1956	\$917.13	396.42	11.24
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	\$917.13	\$687.83	\$282.09

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES ON  
ACCOUNT OF LEVIES

	1956	1955	1954
Bennett, Lula M.	\$170.55	\$142.17	
Bennett, Lula M.	6.09	5.86	
Bennett, Lula M.	1.33	1,27	
Bennett, Lula M.	65.72	57.96	
Berry, Maud C. and Earl J.	85.91	74.08	
Church, George J.		28.22	
Coleman, Francis R.	114.37		
Coleman, Francis R.	12.14		
Coleman, Francis R.	3.71		
Paight, Phillip	37.72		
Patterson, John	23.51		
Staniels, Herbert E.	103.41		
Valia, Winnie B.	58.20		
Valia, Winnie B.	2.63		
Warcup, Ray		8.52	
Welsh, Harold P.	83.15		
Hammond, Raymond Heirs	10.93		
Maier, Harry	7.47	7.52	
New England Mica Co.	11.79	11.24	11.24
Putney, Wesley T.	31.24		
Russell, George A.	67.97	59.58	
Summitt Mining Co.	5.96		
Summit Mining Co.	3.70		
Thibedeau, Steve	9.63		
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	\$917.13	\$396.42	\$11.24

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1956	\$11,952.25
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**Received from Selectmen:**

Plowing Driveways	\$ 85.00	
Sale of Land	60.00	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	50.00	
Cash Bond (Yield Taxes)	50.00	
Road Oil Sold	47.54	
Refund on Express	8.55	
Refund acct. of Highway Dept.	7.25	
Pistol Permits	6.50	
Rental of Equipment	5.00	
Refund—Road Agent	2.16	
		322.00
Brundage Gift		50.00
National State Capital Bank		
Short term note		6,000.00

**From State:**

Class V Highways	\$3,479.78	
Interest and Dividend Tax	178.19	
Refund—Forest Fire	5.80	
Rebate—Blister Rust	5.19	
		3,668.98

**From Town Clerk:**

Auto Permits	\$1,821.97	
Dog Taxes	220.60	
Filing Fees	9.00	
1955 Balance due	.18	
		2,051.75

**From Tax Collector:**

**Current Taxes Collected**

Property	\$28,207.61
Polls	344.00

Head	1,080.00	
Timber	1,123.99	
Interest and Penalties	12.69	
	<u>          </u>	30,768.29

**Previous Taxes:**

Taxes redeemed and Interest	\$562.26	
Timber	55.97	
Polis	12.00	
Head	80.00	
Interest and Penalties	22.67	
	<u>          </u>	732.90

Total Receipts	\$55,545.17	
Less Selectmen's Payments	41,364.17	
	<u>          </u>	
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1957		\$14,181.00

BERNICE B. BROWN, Treasurer.

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS**

**Town Officers' Salaries**

Elsie F. Williams, Auditor	\$ 21.60
Lula H. Dean, Auditor	23.85
Barbara D. Williams, Clerk	25.00
Dorothy H. Davis, Clerk	75.00
A. Stuart Gage, Selectman	186.10
A. Stuart Gage, keeping books	25.00
Clinton S. Williams, Selectman	176.40
C. Lawrence Gove, Selectman	165.60
C. Lawrence Gove, Fire Warden	25.00
Bernice B. Brown, Treasurer	95.00
Grover W. Braley, Tax Collector	175.00
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	\$993.55

**Town Officers' Expense**

Branhan Pub. Co., Clerk's Auto Book	\$ 4.18
Asso. N.H. Assessors, dues	3.00
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., supplies	32.75
Elsie F. Williams, typing	17.00
F. J. Shores, transfers	20.08
Grover W. Braley, searching records and notifying mortgagees	10.84
Reporter Press, Town Reports	372.00
Mildred S. Braley, bonding officers	103.90
Wheeler and Clark, dog tags and book	6.77
N.H. Tax Collectors' Asso., dues	3.00
N.H. City and Town Clerks' Asso., dues	2.00
State Tax Commission, law books	2.50
A. Stuart Gage, car, postage, etc	34.04
Bernice B. Brown, Treas.	1.37
John K. Stearns, surveying	15.00
Grover W. Braley, Collector	23.57
Dorothy H. Davis, Clerk	3.00
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	\$655.00

**Election and Registration**

Grover W. Braley, Ballot Clerk	\$ 21.60
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., check lists	11.25
The Reporter Press, printing notices	26.40
Stanley W. Phillips, Supervisor	43.20
Fred Littlefield, guarding rail	21.60
Ellen Williams, Ballot Clerk	21.60
Roger E. Martin, Supervisor	36.00
Enterprise Press, ballots	13.50



Doris Fowler, copying check lists	2.50
Elsie F. Williams, copying check lists	4.00
A. Stuart Gage, Moderator	21.60
Frank R. Dean, Ballot Clerk	21.60
J. C. Braley, Ballot Clerk	14.40
Donald S. Fowler, Ballot Clerk	7.20
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	\$266.45

#### Auto Permits

Barbara D. Williams, Clerk, 82 at .50	\$ 41.00
Dorothy H. Davis, Clerk	107.50
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	\$148.50

#### Town Hall and Observation Post

Public Service Co. of N.H.	\$ 43.18
N.E. Tel. ad Tel.	43.54
Prescott Oil Co., Oil	47.24
H. L. Webster and Sons, wood	20.00
Mildred S. Braley, Insurance on Hall	62.64
Roger E. Martin, Janitor	50.00
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	\$266.60

#### Police Department

Fred Littlefield	\$ 15.30
C. Lawrence Gove	19.00
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	\$34.30

**Dog Tax**

Dorothy H. Davis, 97 dogs at .20	\$19.40
Refunded by Dorothy H. Davis after Dec. 31, 1956	19.40

**Fire Department**

Frank K. Clarke, insurance on firemen	\$105.00
Mildred S. Braley, insurance on fire truck	39.50
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	\$144.50

**Forest Fires**

C. Lawrence Gove, Warden Meeting	\$11.62
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**White Pine Blistr Rust**

Wm. H. Messeck, State Forester	\$400.00
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**Health Department**

George Peterson, Health Officer	\$10.00
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**Vital Statistics**

Dorothy H. Davis, recording births and deaths	\$10.00
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**Town Hall Repairs**

C. Lawrence Gove, labor on steeple	\$97.50
C. Lawrence Gove, material	69.88
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	\$167.38

## TOWN HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

### General Statement

#### Receipts

1956 Appropriation	\$2,120.22	
Received from State	3,479.78	
Received from John Gordon, cold patch	7.25	
Received for plowing driveways	90.00	
Gift from Charles Brundage	50.00	
Total amount available		\$5,747.25

#### Expenditures

Summer Roads	\$2,603.40	
Winter Roads	3,809.41	
Total amount expended		6,412.81
Overdraft		\$ 665.56

### SUMMER ROADS

Fred Littlefield, Road Agent	\$1,234.00	
Fred Littlefield, supplies, etc.	6.48	
H. Deufield, labor	4.00	
Fred Littlefield, use of loader	80.50	
Donald Fowler, labor	166.00	
Freeman Johnson, labor	9.00	
C. L. Gove, labor on tractors	216.25	
Joseph Hill, labor	102.50	
Grover W. Braley, gas and oil	17.81	
Milo Perkins, labor	217.50	
H. E. Staniels, gas and oil	40.18	
E. W. Brewster, gas and oil	197.97	
Hathorn's Inc., repairs	15.46	
H. L. Webster and Sons, truck repair	18.06	

E. W. Owens, loading gravel	20.75
Victor Corno, tire repair	2.10
Grafton Garage, gas and oil	38.06
Blacktop Inc., cold patch	84.83
C. S. Williams, bulldozing	54.00
Thomas Neill, labor	15.00
Albert Hill, Jr., labor	18.00
Albert Doe, labor	36.00
E. C. Sterling, gravel	4.00
Harry Biathrow, loaded gravel	4.95
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	\$2,603.40

### WINTER ROADS

Fred Littlefield, Road Agent	\$990.25
Fred Littlefield, use of loader	4.00
Fred Littlefield, supplies	4.79
Grover W. Braley, gas and oil	13.40
W. D. Webster, antifreeze	5.55
Clinton S. Williams, labor	206.00
Clinton S Williams, gravel	57.50
Clinton S. Williams, bulldozer	21.00
Morris F. Braley, bridge plank and lumber	76.42
Paul Gove, labor	446.50
Grafton Garage, gas and oil	17.31
Richard Williams, labor	441.13
Maurice Ford, thawing culverts	10.64
Maurice Ford, coal	1.50
Hathorn's Inc.	16.31
Willis Wentworth, thawing culverts	11.97
Willis Wentworth, coal	1.50
Canaan Oil Co.,	70.52
H. E. Staniels, gas	2.63
Albert Hill, Jr., labor	3.00
Stanley Hill, labor	3.00
George Grabherr, labor	95.00

Albert Doe, labor	32.50
T. Hilyard, truck	113.75
T. Hilyard, labor	18.00
Donald Fowler, labor	428.00
Victor Corno, supplies	6.84
Joseph Hill, labor	48.00
E. W. Brewster, gas, oil, and supplies	458.25
Petroleum Industries, plow blades	46.20
Gordon's Store, gas	31.70
Eben Lashua, sand	1.90
Robert Warcup, labor	8.00
S. B. Williams, trip to Manchester	10.00
S. B. Williams, labor	17.25
Milo Perkins, truck	2.50
Milo Perkins, labor	2.00
State of N.H., thawing culverts	31.92
Rogers Garage, truck repair	20.52
W. C. Eaton, oil for tractors	32.16
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	\$3,809.41

#### Cutting Bushes and Railing Embankments

Milo Perkins, labor	\$ 79.00
Fred Littlefield, tractor	202.50
Fred Littlefield	27.50
Albert Doe, labor	18.00
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	\$327.00

#### Oiling Roads

State of New Hampshire	\$778.55
State of New Hampshire	9.60
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	\$788.15

**Culverts**

R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.,	\$393.28
Credit received from Fred Littlefield	2.16
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	\$391.12

**General Expense of Highway Department**

Public Service Company	\$ 46.08
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.,	532.34
H. L. Webster and Sons, repairs	103.63
Hill Martin Corp., repairs	238.86
Laura E. Gage, Insurance on tractors	66.00
Hathorn's Inc., repairs	34.38
H. P. Gagnon, welding	60.00
Bennie Goodman, glass for truck	7.43
Sanel Auto Parts	1.72
Rice's Inc., tire	57.00
Gulf Oil Corp, gear oil	18.56
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	\$1166.00

**Street Lighting**

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$672.48
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**Library**

Grafton Library Trustees, appropriation	175.00
Grafton Library Trustees, repair appropriation	50.00
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	\$225.00

**Old Age Assistance**

State of New Hampshire	\$1,994.02
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**Town Poor**

Dr. Alfred E. Sears, acct. Daniel Downes	\$20.00
Gordon's General Store, acct. Geo. Perkins	90.00
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	\$110.00

	<b>New Cemetery</b>	
P. K. Brown		\$4.95
	<b>Old Home Day</b>	
C. Lawrence Gove		50.00
	<b>Common</b>	
Roger E. Martin, mowing		10.00
	<b>Cemeteries</b>	
Milo Perkins, mowing		97.00
Carroll S. Cole, mowing		52.00
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		\$ 149.00
	<b>Interest</b>	
National State Capital Bank		84.00
	<b>Short Term Loans</b>	
Concord National Bank		6,000.00
	<b>Town Road Aid</b>	
Treasurer State of New Hampshire		765.20
	<b>Dump</b>	
The Reporter Press, signs		\$ 4.00
C. Lawrence Gove, care of dump		38.00
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		\$42.00
	<b>County Tax</b>	
L. M. Colby, County Treasurer		\$1,559.93
	<b>Taxes Bought by Town</b>	
Grover W. Braley, Collector		917.13
	<b>Head Taxes</b>	
State of N. H.		1,168.37
Grover W. Braley, collecting		34.80
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		\$1,203.17
	<b>Cash Bond Acct. Yield Tax</b>	
Grover W. Braley, Yield Tax		43.68
J. E. Dow, balance due on Yield Tax		6.32
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		\$50.00

**Schools**

Doris H. Fowler, Treasurer—	
1955 Appropriation	\$6,015.21
1956 Appropriation	9,000.00
	\$15,015.21

**New Equipment**

Noble Belisle Mach. Corp., truck snow plow	250.00
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**Oil for Driveways**

State of N. H.	47.54
Received from A. S. Gage	\$34.60
Received from E. W. Brewster	12.94
	47.54

**REPORT OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

We have been fortunate this past year in that no serious fires have occurred. We hope this good fortune will continue, but there is always the possibility that it will not. This is what our fire department is for. I would like to take this opportunity to ask the members who will not participate in the practice sessions so as to learn how to operate the equipment, to resign, so as to make room for men who are willing. We have reached the stage where the fire department will deteriorate without man power. Your money helps, but will not put out a fire. We need men who are familiar with the equipment and can operate it at a moment's notice.

Will this Department continue to exist, or will it be a failure? It is up to you—people of the town.

LESLIE E. SEAMANS,

Chief.

GEORGE PETERSON,

Secretary.



**TREASURER'S REPORT VOLUNTEER  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1956	\$754.80	
Total receipts 1956	259.00	
	—————	\$1,013.80
Less orders paid		110.57
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Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1956		\$903.23

A. STUART GAGE

Treasurer.

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**REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR 1956**

Total Circulation	1723
Fiction	758
Non-fiction	468
Juvenile	497

31 new books were added to our shelves through the year.

Fines collected                      \$5.55.

HATTIE E. BARNEY,

Librarian

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**REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

Interest drawn from Banks		\$415.99
<b>Payments</b>		
Carroll Cole, labor		\$298.00
Library Trustees (Barney and Flanders fund)		60.90
Grafton School District (Henry Stevens fund)		9.34
Expenses of Trustees		25.00
In hands of Trustees		22.75
	—————	\$415.99

**AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE**

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

Jan. 12, 1957

ELSIE F. WILLIAMS

LULA H. DEAN

Auditors.

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

From Jan. 1st to March 1956

Auto Permits (82)	\$651.12
Town Officers' Filing	5.00
Bal. due Treas., 1955	.18

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Total Cash Receipts from Jan. 1 to March 1956	\$656.30
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Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA D. WILLIAMS

Town Clerk

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

From March to December 31, 1956

**Dog Taxes:**

Male (84)	\$168.00
Female (12)	60.00
Kennel (1)	12.00
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	\$240.00
Less Town Clerk's Fee	19.40
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	\$220.60

Auto Permits	\$1,169.85
Primary Filing	4.00
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	\$1,173.85

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Total Cash Receipts	\$1,394.45
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Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY H. DAVIS

Town Clerk

## Report of the Trust Funds for the Year Ending December 31, 1956

Name and Year of Creation	Purpose	How Invested	Bal. of Princi- pal both at begin- ning and end of year	Bal. of Income on hand at Be- ginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on hand at End of Year
1919 East Grafton	Cemetery	N. H. Savings Bank	\$ 235.50	\$ 20.52	\$ 8.19	\$ 8.00	\$ 20.71
1919 H. Stevens	Cem. & School Cemetery	N. H. Savings Bank	500.00	15.34	16.51	15.34	16.51
1919 J. E. Martin	"	N. H. Savings Bank	200.00	42.88	7.75	7.50	43.13
1919 Estelle Axtell	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	2.49	1.66	1.50	2.65
1919 Candace S. Cook	"	N. H. Savings Bank	75.00	9.15	2.67	2.50	9.32
1919 Nason W. Cass	"	N. H. Savings Bank	150.00	29.91	5.74	5.50	30.15
1919 A. A. Barney	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	2.43	1.67	1.50	2.60
1919 Mary A. Smith	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	3.73	1.71	1.50	3.94
1918 W. Hardy	"	N. H. Savings Bank	100.00	14.86	3.66	3.50	15.02
1919 Ann M. Hoyt	"	N. H. Savings Bank	100.00	7.86	3.44	3.00	8.30
1920 Jane K. Lawrence	"	N. H. Savings Bank	500.00	106.85	19.38	20.00	106.23
1920 Nathan Severance	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	3.52	1.70	1.50	3.72
1923 Frank D. Currier, No. 1	"	N. H. Savings Bank	200.00	61.52	8.35	8.00	61.87
1923 Frank D. Currier, No. 2	"	N. H. Savings Bank	200.00	39.43	7.66	7.00	40.09
1929 Edward C. Dimond	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	2.37	1.67	1.50	2.54
1925 Geo. H. Cole	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	2.51	1.67	1.50	2.68
1925 A. F. Hoyt	"	N. H. Savings Bank	100.00	32.45	4.23	4.00	32.68
1927 George J. Whitney	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	2.02	1.67	1.50	2.19
1927 Ella J. Smith	"	N. H. Savings Bank	200.00	55.21	8.15	8.00	53.36
1932 Jonathan Severance	"	N. H. Savings Bank	100.00	11.52	3.57	3.00	12.09
1933 Volana E. Kilton	"	N. H. Savings Bank	200.00	15.20	6.90	6.00	16.10
1933 Mary E. Gifford	"	N. H. Savings Bank	50.00	2.58	1.67	1.50	2.75



1944	Alice M. Dodge	Cemetery	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	100.00	4.43	1.97	3.00	3.40
1944	Augustus G. Russell	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	100.00	5.64	1.99	3.00	4.63
1945	Mina Bullock Stevens	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	100.00	4.66	1.97	3.00	3.63
1946	Dean	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	100.00	6.09	2.01	3.00	5.10
1946	H. Alvah Stevens	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	300.00	27.02	6.20	9.75	23.47
1946	Geo. M. Flanders	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	100.00	6.43	2.01	3.00	5.44
1946	Barney & Flanders	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	2,000.00	60.90	39.06	60.90	39.06
1947	William Haskins	Library	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	100.00	11.08	2.10	3.00	10.18
1947	Geo. S. Sanders	Cemetery	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	500.00	42.85	10.28	16.00	37.13
1950	Guilford & Nancy Underhill	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	500.00	25.34	6.16	9.00	22.50
1949	George S. Pierce	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	50.00	1.87	.97	1.50	1.34
1949	Jeremiah & Mary Whitney	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	100.00	6.53	2.01	3.00	5.54
1949	Fred C. Davis	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	100.00	6.49	2.01	3.00	5.50
1950	Alfred & Mary Sleeper	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	200.00	12.79	4.02	6.00	10.81
1950	Fred W. Barney	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	1,000.00	63.56	20.15	25.00	58.11
1951	C. N. Howe	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	100.00	5.54	1.99	3.00	4.53
1952	Jacob Blauuw	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	62.50	2.73	1.23	1.50	2.46
1952	Flora E. & Edwin L. Sargent	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	200.00	8.36	3.94	6.00	6.30
1954	Gage and Bucklin	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	200.00	6.53	3.91	6.00	4.44
1955	Robert H. & Eva L. Heath	"	Meri'ack Co.	Sav. Bk.	100.00	2.50	1.93	2.00	2.43

**Certificate**

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

Dec. 31, 1956

CLINTON S. WILLIAMS  
MORRIS F. BRALEY  
A. STUART GAGE, Trustees.

All the above Trust Funds yield 31-4% Interest per annum excepting the Volana E. Kilton Fund in Franklin Savings Bank, which yields 3%.

The Robert H. and Eva L. Heath Fund is a new Fund created in 1955.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### DISTRICT OFFICERS

DONALD S. FOWLER	Moderator
DORIS H. FOWLER	Treasurer
LULA BENNETT	Clerk
LULA H. DEAN	Auditor

### School Board

NATALIE BROWN	Term expires 1957
A. STUART GAGE	Term expires 1958
MARION SEAMANS	Term expires 1959

### Teacher

Mrs. Martha Ford	Grades 1-6
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### Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

### School Nurse

Ellen F. Williams, R.N.

## TENTATIVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

1957 - 58

Open Sept. 4	Close Dec. 20
Open Jan. 2 (Thurs.)	Close Feb. 14
Open Feb. 24	Close April 18
Open April 29 (Tues.)	Close June 13

Days out: Teachers' Convention Oct. 17, 18; Nov. 11; Nov. 28, 29; May 30; Spring Institute 1 day. Close 12:30 Nov. 27.

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

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

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

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Treasurer's Report

for the

Fiscal Year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956

#### Summary:

Cash on hand July 1, 1955	\$1,392.19
Received from Selectmen, Current	
Appropriation	\$16,015.21
Received from Selectmen, Special	
Appropriation	1,000.00
Received as Income from Trust Funds	9.34
Received from sale of Notes and	
Bonds	2,740.00
Received from Capital Reserve Funds	362.19
Received from all other Sources	35.00
	20,161.74
Total Receipts	20,161.74
Total Amount available for Fiscal Year	21,553.93
Less School Board orders paid	20,965.28
	\$588.65
Balance on hand June 30, 1956	\$588.65

DORIS H. FOWLER,

Treasurer.

### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Grafton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 and find them correct in all respects.

LULA H. DEAN,

Auditor



## SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

### Receipts:

From Selectmen, current appro.	\$16,015.21
From Selectmen, special appro.	1,000.00
From Trust Funds	9.34
From sale of Notes and Bonds	2,740.00
From Capital Reserve Funds	362.19
From all other Sources	35.00
	\$20,161.74
Cash on hand June 30, 1955	1,392.19
	\$21,553.93

### DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

1955 - 56

#### Salaries of District Officers:

Marion Seamans, school board	\$ 75.00
Natalie Brown, school board	50.00
Lula Dean, auditor	6.00
A. Stuart Gage, school board	50.00
Doris Fowler, treasurer	35.00
Lula Bennett, clerk	4.00
Donald Fowler, moderator	2.00
Ellen F. Williams, census	15.00
	\$237.00

#### Superintendent's Salary:

Supervisory Union 4	223.38
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#### Expenses of Administration:

Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., general fund book	10.00
Supervisory Union 4, share of expenes	295.28
William Cady, shipping water sample	1.87
Marion Seamans, expenses	6.93

A. Suart Gage, expenses	1.50	
Natalie Brown, expenses	9.75	
J. L. Hammett Co., diplomas	3.25	
Reporter Press, ballots	8.75	
Ellen Williams, transportation to clinic	10.80	
General Ice Cream Corp., ice cream for graduation	6.75	
Gordon's Store, napkins	.30	
Doris Fowler, expenses	.55	
	<hr/>	355.73

#### Teachers' Salaries:

Martha Ford	\$2,167.09	
Maude Ware	1,999.51	
Lula Dean	10.00	
Director of Internal Revenue	580.80	
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	452.60	
	<hr/>	5,210.00

#### Textbooks:

Beckley-Cardy Co.	\$26.80	
Martin & Murray Co., Inc.	23.30	
Silver Burdett Co.	20.66	
American Book Co.	29.34	
Webster Publishing Co.	4.74	
Cardigan Sport Store	1.00	
E. M. Hale & Co.	21.99	
	<hr/>	127.83

#### Scholars' Supplies

Laidlaw Bros.	6.73	
Milton Bradley Co.	38.18	
American Education Publications	36.00	
Ginn & Co.	5.28	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	9.70	
Webster Publishing Co.	5.04	

Row, Peterson & Co.	27.86	
Silver Burdett Co.	26.91	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	20.28	
J. L. Hammett Co.	.73	
Cascade Paper Co.	58.52	
	—————	235.23

**Other Expenses of Instruction:**

Cardigan Sport Store	4.90	
Laidlaw Bros.	.69	
	—————	5.59

**Janitor's Salary:**

Mildred Runyan		362.00
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**Fuel:**

Canaan Oil Co.		319.99
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**Water, Light and Janitor's Supplies:**

Public Service Co. of N. H.	116.30	
Gordon's Store. supplies	.57	
Masury-Young Co., floor oil	13.67	
Kant Slam Door Check Co.	9.95	
George W. Tucker, supplies	7.19	
H. J. Follansbee Co., supplies	3.00	
	—————	150.68

**Minor Repairs and Expenses:**

Myrtle Hackeman, cleaning	35.00	
Whitehall Co., Inc., use of shovel	25.00	
Mildred Runyan, materials	4.60	
William Cady	5.00	
	—————	69.60

**Health Supervision:**

Supervisory Union 4, nurse's salary		116.92
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**Transportation of Pupils**

C. Lawrence Gove	\$3,009.00	
Raymond Beals	825.00	
Roy Jenkerson	14.00	
	—————	3,848.00

**High School Tuition:**

Lebanon School District	290.00	
Enfield School District	200.93	
Andover School District	1,100.00	
Bristol School District	900.00	
Canaan School District	250.00	
New London School District	150.00	
	—————	2,890.93

**Elementary School Tuition:**

Springfield School District		370.00
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**Tax for State Wide Supervision:**

Alfred S. Cloues, treasurer		140.00
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**Insurance and Other Fixed Charges:**

A. S. Gage, insurance	105.13	
Mildred Braley, treasurer, bond and vacancy permit	9.50	
	—————	114.63

**Alteration of Old Buildings:**

William Cady	\$4,662.00	
Eastern States Artesian Well Co.	1,000.00	
H. B. Biathrow	107.00	
	—————	5,769.00

**Interest on Debt:**

National Bank of Lebanon		41.10
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**Retirement:**

N. H. Teachers Retirement System	\$354.64	
Supervisory Union 4, superintendent's and nurse's retirement	23.03	
	—————	377.67

<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$20,965.28</b>
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## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

NATALIE BROWN

A. STUART GAGE

MARION E. SEAMANS

School Board

## GENERAL STATISTICS

### Enrollment by Grades

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1955-56	3	8	4	8	4	9	4	7	47
1956-57									
Dec. 21	4	4	7	5	5	3			28

### District Totals

1955-56	Av. Att.	Av. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Att.
	43.2	4	47.2	91.6
1956-57				
Dec. 21	27.2	1.4	28.6	95.2

### Tuition Pupils 1956-57

Andover High School—Rate \$300		
Ernest Lyons (part of year)	Grade	9
Bristol High School—Rate \$320		
Sara Gordon	"	9
Teresa Peterson	"	9
Frances Belloir	"	10
Barbara Belloir	"	10
Diana Moses	"	10

Gaynell Gove	"	11
Jean Hilyard	"	12
Linda Griffen (part of year)	"	12
Bristol Elementary—Rate \$200		
John Belloir	"	7
David Downes	"	7
Ralph Gove	"	7
Esther Dimond (part of year)	"	7
Carol Downes	"	7
Bette Ann Mortensen (part of year)	"	7
Frances Peterson	"	7
Wendell Brown, Jr.	"	8
Ferman Carroll (part of year)	"	8
Robert Hill (part of year)	"	8
Canaan High School—Rate \$250		
Alphonse Fortier (part of year)	"	10
Kenneth Aldrich	"	12
Lebanon High School—Rate \$310		
Warren Cole	"	9
Sherry Dockum (part of year)	"	10
Robert Dockum (part of year)	"	11
Burt Dean	"	11
Springfield Elementary School—Rate \$190		
Patricia Dockum (part of year)	"	6
Lois Johnson	"	7
James Dockum (part of year)	"	8
Albert Stone, Jr. (part of year)	"	3

# UNION NO. 4 BUDGET

1955-56

District	Nurse	Travel	Office	Clerk	Conv.	Supt.	Travel	Total
Alexandria	\$ 110.00	\$ 59.50	\$ 25.87	\$ 115.00	\$ 5.75	\$ 209.87	\$ 57.50	\$ 583.57
Bridgewater	116.55	63.00	27.23	121.00	6.05	220.83	60.50	615.16
Bristol	728.53	393.80	172.08	764.80	38.24	1,395.76	382.40	3,875.61
Canaan	529.65	286.30	125.73	558.80	27.94	1,019.81	279.40	2,827.63
Danbury	137.27	74.20	32.53	144.60	7.23	263.89	72.30	732.02
Grafton	116.92	63.20	27.54	122.40	6.12	223.38	61.20	620.76
Groton			13.05	58.00	2.90	105.85	29.00	208.80
Hebron	89.36	48.36	20.93	93.00	4.65	169.73	46.50	472.47
Orange	21.64	11.70	5.04	22.40	1.12	40.88	11.20	113.98
Totals	\$1,850.00	\$1,000.00	\$450.00	\$2,000.00	\$100.00	\$3,650.00	\$1,000.00	\$10,050.00
				State's Share	\$2,750.00			
					\$6,400.00			

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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The biggest change this year in the education program in Grafton is, of course, the transporting of pupils in grades 7 and 8 to Bristol. This, or some comparable solution, became necessary because of two primary factors: 1) My failure to find a teacher qualified by state standards and with successful experience; 2) The decreasing number of pupils to be educated. Practically speaking, the month of May was spent looking for teachers for this supervisory union without any success. Much of the time from then until late summer was likewise used for this purpose. We are at the point where the question of hiring teachers is not wholly a matter of money but where teachers for certain types of positions just don't exist. Among these is that of the rural school. A local person within daily traveling distances seems to be the only possibility. A decreasing number of pupils made it possible to handle the first six grades with one teacher. Although I do not consider this a very desirable situation it is a defensible one, especially when the capabilities of our present teacher are considered.

Personally I hope the year spent in Bristol grades 7 and 8 will prove educationally profitable to those attending. Perhaps I should not do so, but I am going to point out that Grafton should feel fortunate in that there did exist good educational facilities for its pupils made available through the Bristol Authorities. This is not a one way proposition, however, and Bristol has profited materially and otherwise, and has always shown a willingness to make its facilities available as long as the size of the classes could be kept reasonable.



Another factor which had to be considered was that of transportation which had to be kept within reason for the school district and yet make it possible for the transporter to, at least, break even and, better still, to make a reasonable profit. A thousand dollars to be paid by the district seemed to be the limit and when the transportation facilities could be extended to high school pupils both in Grafton and Danbury the necessary funds to the transporter became available. Pupils, in these modern times, deserve the right to attend high school. The time will come when the school district will be required to pay these transportation costs.

Under the present state aid formula Grafton does not qualify for any money. It is doubtful if it will in the near future. The chief reason lies in our decreasing school population. A few years ago Grafton had over 80 elementary pupils, which, under the present formula would give us over \$5,000. A matter of 7 or 8 more pupils would let Grafton qualify now. For those interested in mathematics, below is a copy of the figures for 1956-57.

State Aid Formula to Qualify:

49.2 elementary pupils	x	\$200	—	\$9,840.00
10.5 high school pupils	x	\$300	—	3,150.00

Total				\$12,990.00
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14 mill tax on equalized valuation of \$1,046,562.00 equals \$14,651.87. Since this figure is higher than the top figure of \$12,990 Grafton does not qualify for any aid. It can be seen that a few more pupils would soon

make the top figure higher than the millage one. Conversely a lower millage figure would soon qualify Grafton too. The equalized valuations are set by the Tax Commission.

Grafton should watch and study carefully various plans to form a cooperative school including the school districts from Salisbury to Enfield. These plans take a great deal of work to prepare and involve many meetings and discussions over a period of years. Any conclusions at this time would be premature but we should keep an active participation in these studies on an ever widening scale.

Respectfully submitted,

C. MAURICE GRAY,  
Superintendent.



**GRAFTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET — 1957-58**  
**EXPENDITURES**

ITEM	Actual		Expend. Sch. Brd. Bud. Com.	
	Expend. 1955-56	Budget 1956-57	July 1 to Dec. 31, '56	Budget 1957-58
<b>Administration:</b>				
Salaries of district officers	\$ 237.00	\$ 242.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 242.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	223.38	244.16	244.16	244.80
Tax for state wide supervision	140.00	146.00	146.00	132.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	122.40	114.90	122.40	120.96
Supplies and expenses	233.33	235.00	163.40	250.00
<b>Instruction:</b>				
Elementary teachers' salaries	5,210.00	5,500.00	978.48	3,250.00
Books and other instruction aid, elementary	127.83	150.00	56.60	150.00
Scholars' supplies, elementary	235.23	150.00	34.97	150.00
Supplies and other expenses, elementary	5.59	20.00		20.00
<b>Operation of School Plant</b>				
Salaries of custodians, elementary	362.00	360.00	144.00	360.00
Fuel or heat, elementary	319.99	300.00	46.03	300.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses, elementary	150.68	200.00	50.73	200.00
<b>Maintenance of School Plant:</b>				
Repairs and replacements, elementary	69.60	100.00	35.00	150.00
<b>Auxiliary Activities:</b>				
Health supervision, elementary	116.92	106.28	112.03	112.32
Transportation, elementary	3,848.00	3,880.00	1,730.00	4,325.00
Tuition, high	2,890.93	4,200.00	1,879.02	4,550.00
Tuition, elementary	370.00	370.00	996.70	2,490.00
Special activities and special funds, elementary		10.00	10.00	10.00
<b>Fixed Charges:</b>				
Retirement, elementary	377.67	400.00	65.46	250.00
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses, elementary	114.63	88.00	77.80	88.00
Contingency fund		200.00		300.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$15,155.18</b>	<b>\$17,016.34</b>	<b>\$7,098.78</b>	<b>\$17,695.08</b>

**Capital Outlay:**

Additions and improvements, elementary  
Total Capital Outlay

\$5,769.00  
\$5,769.00

**Debt and Interest:**

Principal of debt  
Interest on debt

914.00 914.00 914.00 914.00  
83.10 41.10 68.52 68.52  
997.10 955.10 982.52 982.52

TOTAL EXPENDITURES OR SCH. APPROP.

\$20,965.28 \$18,013.44 \$8,053.88 \$18,677.60 \$18,677.60

**RECEIPTS****ITEM**

\*Balance (actual or estimated)

Trust funds

Other

Notes

Capital Reserve

\$1,392.19 \$ 400.00 \$ 588.65 \$ 200.00 \$ 200.00  
9.34 10.00 10.00 10.00  
35.00  
2,740.00  
362.19

TOTAL RECEIPTS OTHER THAN PROP. TAXES

\$4,538.72 \$410.00 \$210.00 \$210.00

District Assessment Raised or to be Raised by Prop. Taxes

\$17,015.21 \$18,467.60 \$18,467.60

TOTAL APPROPRIATION VOTED BY SCH. DIST.

\$21,553.93 \$18,677.60 \$18,677.60

GROVER W. BRALEY  
LESTER W. BARNEY  
MORRIS F. BRALEY  
A. STUART GAGE

Budget Committee.

February 9, 1957

# Warrant for School Meeting

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town hall in said district on the 12th day of March 1957, at one 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 what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said town this 14th day of February 1957.

NATALIE E. BROWN

MARION E. SEAMANS

A. STUART GAGE

School Board.

## Marriages Registered in the Town of Grafton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1956

Date	Place of Marriage	Name of Groom & Bride	Age, Color Occupation	Birthplace	Residence	By Whom Married
May 19	Alexandria	John Gordon Huckins Avis Mae Belloir	24 W 26 W	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Bristol Grafton	A. Brownlow Thompson Minister
June 2	Hartford, Vt.	Stanley Delano Hill Beverley Ann Pollard	18 W 18 W	Lumberman House work	Grafton Enfield	Semour Hazen Justice of Peace
July 1	Lebanon	Chester E. Morse Selvegene Louke	20 W 19 W	Leather Wkr. Store Clerk	Grafton Lebanon	Frank K. Neary Minister
Aug. 5	Danbury	Lloyd Clayton Bennett Virginia Mae Ford	25 W 20 W	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Grafton Danbury	Milton E. Muder Clergyman
Sept. 29	Bristol	Allen Stanton Trask Gloria Mae Downes	26 W 18 W	Bookkeeper Press Oper.	Bristol Bristol	Ethel Lee Mathews Minister
Sept. 2	East Grafton	Donald Lester Dodge Mavis June Downes	31 W 20 W	At Home I. P. C.	Grafton Bristol	S. Melvin Nelson Justice of Peace
Dec. 22	Franklin	Norman Amedie Fredette Lois' Elsie Trumbull	29 W 25 W	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Franklin Grafton	Eugene S. Daniel, Jr. Justice of Peace

I hereby certify that the above list of marriages for 1956 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief  
Dorothy H. Davis, Town Clerk, Grafton, N. H.



***Births Registered in the Town of Grafton, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1956***

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex and No. Children		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence	Birth Place of Parents
			F	W				
Jan. 10	New London	Cynthia Louise Gallup	F	Liv. 1	Donald Robert Gallup	Louise Irene Stevens	Grafton New Hampshire Grafton New Hampshire	
Feb. 14	Lebanon	Joann Isabelle Bocash	F	Liv. 5	Wilfred Arthur Bocash	Verna Isabelle Morse	Grafton New Hampshire Grafton New Hampshire	
Mar. 13	Hanover	Jeffrey Alan Hogue	M	Liv. 4	Charles Nelson Hogue	Barbara Jane Cantlin	Grafton New Hampshire Grafton New Hampshire	
Mar. 24	Hanover	Debra Bee Morse	F	Liv. 2	Arlo Leslie Morse	Evelyn Marion Rich	Grafton New Hampshire Grafton New Hampshire	
June 1	Hanover	Wendy Marie Phillips	F	Liv. 2	Stanley Willard Phillips	Ruth Helen Gleason	Grafton New Hampshire Grafton Massachusetts	
June 5	Hanover	Janet Louise Barney	F	Liv. 1	Reginald Edmund Barney	Eleanor Marion Niles	Grafton New Hampshire Grafton Maine	
Sept. 3	New London	Barbara Louise Gove	F	Liv. 2	Paul Clarence Gove	Mary Louise Daniels	Grafton New Hampshire Grafton Massachusetts	
Nov. 8	Lebanon	Tim Arthur Abaire	M	Liv. 3	Joseph Euchriste Abaire	Loretta Claire Lemay	Grafton Vermont Grafton New Hampshire	

I hereby certify that the above return is a correct list of the births for 1956 to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Dorothy H. Davis, Town Clerk, Grafton, N. H.

## Deaths Registered in the Town of Grafton, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1956

Date 1956	Place of Death	Name and Surname	Age of Years	Place of Birth	Sex and Condition	Occupation	Name of Father and Mother
Apr. 16	Grafton	Lizzie J Braley	94	Alexandria	F Widow	Housewife	Cyrus French Sophronia Pettingill
July 18	Hartford, Vt.	Ralph J. Jackson	66	Randolph, Mass.	M Divorced	Laborer	Augustus Bacilupo Jeanette Church
Aug. 11	Grafton	Diamond Littlefield	93	Bartlett	M Married	Retired	Sylvester Littlefield Jane Unknown
Sept. 17	Lebanon	Harriet Maude Bent	77	Houlton, Me.	F Married	Housewife	George H. Welden Jennie Stevens
Oct. 27	Grafton	Edna Esther Dow	63	Hooksett	F Married	Housewife	Fred Locke Loretta Foote

I hereby certify that the above list of deaths for 1956 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
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