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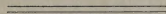
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TOWN OFFICERS

(Elected biennially)

Supervisors

Charles J. Brewster

James W. Rollins

John Chase

(Elected annually)

Town Clerk

Charles N. Lane

Selectmen

George M. Hall

Charles H. Chase

G. Arthur Gowen

Treasurer

George L. Barker

Collector of Taxes

James E. Stockbridge

Auditors

W. Leslie Dining

Frank H. Pearson

Board of Education

Marshall Chase

Willard Barker

Walter A. Scammon

Trustees of Trust Funds

George W. Dixon

Frank H. Pearson

Walter A. Scammon

(Appointed)

Board of Health

Fred N. Edmunds

Police

Melvin D. Stickney

Selectmen's Report

Land and Buildings.....	\$475,023.00
Horses, 172.....	13,630.00
Mules, 2.....	200.00
Cows, 504.....	32,365.00
Neat, 50.....	1,665.00
Sheep, 24.....	100.00
Hogs, 4.....	40.00
Hens.....	9,510.00
Vehicles, 9.....	1,850.00
Portable mills, 3.....	250.00
Wood.....	800.00
Stock in trade.....	4,200.00
Gas pumps, 8.....	800.00
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	\$540,433.00
Soldiers' exemption.....	3,800.00
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	\$536,633.00

Tax Rate, \$2.85

APPROPRIATIONS

State tax.....	\$1,365.00
County tax.....	1,159.28
Trunk line maintenance.....	1,266.00
Tractor.....	900.00
White pine blister rust.....	400.00
Highway by law.....	1,341.53
Federal aid road.....	2,500.00
Library.....	75.00
Schools.....	6,204.30
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	\$15,211.11

Town Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham, in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Stratham, 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 appropriation for the same.
3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400.00 to eradicate white pine blister rust.
4. To see if the town will vote to accept State aid for highway improvement, raise and appropriate money for the same.
5. To see if the town will vote for federal aid reconstruction, raise and appropriate \$2,500.00 for the same.
6. To see if the town will vote to repair stone wall and fence around the old Town Cemetery near the Congregational Church, raise and appropriate money for the same.
7. To see if the Town will vote to change the lighting arrangement in the Town Hall, raise and appropriate money for the same.
8. To see if the town will vote to repair the Town Cemetery fence.
9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to meet the sum of \$4,000.00 raised by the State for improvement and repairs on Winnicutt Road.

10. To see if the town will vote to observe Old Home Day, raise and appropriate money for the same.

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

12. To see if the town will vote to purchase a new ten ton tractor and to trade the one we now own towards the same, raise and appropriate money for the same.

Given under our hands and seal, the 18th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

GEORGE M. HALL,
CHAS. H. CHASE,
G. ARTHUR GOWEN,

Selectmen of Stratham.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GEORGE M. HALL,
CHAS. H. CHASE,
G. ARTHUR GOWEN,

Selectmen of Stratham.

Financial Report

Of the Town of Stratham, in Rockingham County, for the Fiscal
Year Ending January 31, 1926

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.

GEORGE M. HALL,
CHARLES H. CHASE,
G. ARTHUR GOWEN,

Selectmen.

GEORGE L. BARKER,

Treasurer

Date Feb. 18.

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash:

In hands of treasurer (do not include sinking funds) . . .	\$2,625.79
In hands of officials (Treasurer Savings Dept.)	2,500.00

Accounts Due to the Town:

Due from County	88.00
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Taxes not collected:

Levy of 1925	1,124.43
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Total Assets	<u>\$6,338.22</u>
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Net Debt—Surplus, January 31, 1925.....	\$2,210.05
Net Debt—Surplus, January 31, 1926.....	4,037.41

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Due to School Districts:

(a) Dog licenses.....	\$138.00
(b)	79.25

State and Joint Highway Accounts:

(a) Unexpended balance in State Treasury.....	\$107.17
(b) Unexpended balance in Town Treasury.....	173.39

Long Term Notes Outstanding: (For What Purpose)

Tractor Snow Plow.....	1,800.00
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Total Liabilities.....	\$2,300.81
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus).....	4,037.41
Grand Total.....	\$6,338.22

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION, RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property taxes committed to collector, 1925.....	\$15,152.07
Less discount and abate- ment, 1925.....	297.51
Less uncollected, 1925.....	1,124.43
Property taxes, current year, actually collected.....	\$13,730.13
Poll taxes, current year, ac- tually collected at \$3.....	927.00
Property and poll taxes, pre- vious years, actually collec- ted.....	1,630.76

Total of above collections..

\$16,287.89

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:	
Town Officers' Salaries.....	\$671.53
Town Officers' expenses.....	204.35
Expenses Town Hall and other Town buildings.....	954.48
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department, including care of tramps.....	17.35
Fire department, including forest fires..	62.25
Moth extermination, white pine blister rust.....	400.00
Health:	
Health department, including hospitals	11.35
Highways and Bridges:	
Trunk Line maintenance.....	1,535.28
Town maintenance.....	1,344.03
General expenses of highway department including watering troughs.....	775.58
Libraries:	
Libraries.....	1,240.15
Charities:	
Town poor.....	40.00
County poor.....	184.25
Patriotic Purposes:	
Aid to soldiers and their families.....	2.28
Recreation:	
Park and playgrounds, including band concerts.....	28.54
Public Service Enterprises:	
Cemeteries, including hearse hire.....	22.50
Unclassified:	
Abatements.....	102.47

Receipts (Concluded)

From State:

For highways:

For trunk line maintenance	\$118.87
Interest and dividend tax....	619.53
Insurance tax.....	27.75
Railroad tax.....	135.59
Savings bank tax.....	629.20

From County:

For support of poor.....	354.00
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From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses.....	138.00
Rent of Town Hall.....	5.25
Permits for the registration of motor vehicles	1,160.63

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Long term notes during yr	\$1,800.00
Trust funds.....	1,000.00

Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:	\$2,800.00
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$22,276.71
Cash on hand, February 1, 1925	2,210.05

Grand Total.....	\$24,486.76
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Payments (Concluded)

Interest:

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$180.00
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Total Interest Payments	\$180.00
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Indebtedness:

Payments on long term notes	\$1,800.00
Payments to trustees, trust funds	1,000.00

Total Indebtedness Payments	\$2,800.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Taxes paid to State	\$1,421.00
Taxes paid to County	1,159.30
Payments to School Districts	6,204.30

Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	\$8,784.58
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Transferred to Savings Dept	2,500.00
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Total Payments for all Purposes	\$21,860.97
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Cash on hand, January 31, 1926	2,625.79
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Grand Total	\$24,486.76
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description and Value

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	3,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	8,000.00
Equipment	2,500.00
Total	\$30,000.00

Budget of the Town of Stratham

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, Jan. 31, 1926, to Jan. 31, 1927, compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year, Jan. 31, 1925 to Jan. 31, 1926.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue Previous year 1925	Estimated Revenue Ensuing year, 1926	Increase	Decrease
From State:				
Insurance Tax	\$27.75	\$27.75		
Railroad Tax	135.59	135.59		
Savings Bank Tax	629.20	629.20		
For Highways:				
For Trunk Line Maintenance . .	118.87			\$118.75
Interest and Dividend Tax . . .	619.53	619.53		
From Local Sources except Taxes:				
All Licenses and Permits except Dog Licenses	1,160.63	1,160.63		
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	5.25	5.25		
From Poll Taxes:				
From other taxes except property taxes	927.00	927.00		
Amount raised by issue of Bonds or Notes	1,800.00			1,800.00
Revenue Which Must be Paid to Other Governmental Divisions:				
Dog Tax	217.25	130.00		87.25
Total Revenues from all Sources				
Except Property Taxes	\$ 5,641.07	\$ 3,634.95		
Amt. Raised by Property Taxes . .	\$15,152.07	\$17,000.00	1,847.93	
TOTAL REVENUES . . .	\$20,793.14	\$20,634.95	1,847.93	\$2,006.00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual	Estimated	Increase	Decrease
	Expenditures Previous year, 1925	Expenditures Ensuing year, 1926		
Current Maintenance Expenses:				
General Government:				
Town Officers' Salaries	\$671.53	\$671.53		
Town Officers' Expenses	204.35	204.35		
Care and supplies for Town Hall	954.48	954.48		
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Police Department	17.35	17.35		
Fire Department	62.25	62.25		
Moth Extermination	400.00	400.00		
Health:				
Health Department	11.35	11.35		
Trunk Line Maintenance:				
State's Contribution	2,534.00	2,534.00		
Town's Contribution	1,535.28	1,535.28		
Town Maintenance	1,344.03	1,344.03		
General Expense of Highway Department	775.58	775.58		
Education:				
Libraries	1,240.15	240.15		\$1,000.00
Charities:				
Town Poor	224.25	224.25		
Patriotic Purposes:				
Memorial Day and other Cele- brations	2.28	2.28		
Recreation:				
Parks and Playgrounds	28.54	28.54		
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries	22.50	22.50		
Interest:				
On Principal of Trust Funds Used by Town	180.00	95.00		85.00
Indebtedness:				
Payment on Principal of Debt: Long Term Notes	1,800.00	1,800.00		
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:				
State Taxes	1,421.00	1,421.00		
County Taxes	1,159.28	1,159.28		
Payments to School Districts . .	6,204.30	6,204.30		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES . . .	\$20,792.50	\$19,707.50		\$1,085.00

Report of Trust Funds

Town of Stratham

For Fiscal Year Ending Jan. 31, 1926

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief. Date, February 8, 1926.

GEORGE W. DIXON,
FRANK H. PEARSON,
WALTER A. SCAMMON,

Trustees.

February 2, 1926.

I have this day examined the account of the Trustees of the Trust Funds and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. LESLIE DINING,

Auditor.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, ON JANUARY 31, 1926.

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS—Purpose of Creation	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
	Amanda H. Lane, Library Fund.....	Lib. Loan, 2nd Issue	\$700.00	4 1/4	\$1.87	\$29.75	\$29.75	\$2.12
	Andrew Wiggan, care of Cemetery Lot....	Lib. Loan, 2nd Issue	100.00	4 1/4	1.57	3.18	3.00	1.75
	James W. Foss, care of Cemetery Lot.....	Lib. Loan, 2nd Issue	75.00	4 1/4	4.01	2.13	*	6.14
	Sarah Downes, care of Cemetery Lot.....	Lib. Loan, 2nd Issue	50.00	4 1/4	2.95	4.25	4.25	2.95
April 18, 1919	Frank P. Leavitt, care of Cemetery Lot....	Lib. Loan, 4th Issue	100.00	4 1/4	5.84	6.37	6.25	5.96
Oct. 30, 1920	Elizabeth Wood, care of Cemetery Lot.....	Lib. Loan, 4th Issue	150.00	4 1/4				
Jan. 14, 1922	John Scammon, care of lot in upper cemetery in which John Scammon and John J. Scammon are buried.....	Lib. Loan, 2nd Issue	100.00	4 1/4	4.75	4.25	2.50	6.50
Jan. 28, 1924	Mary J. Roberts, Library Fund.....	Piscataqua Sav. Bank	200.00	4	4.06	8.08	8.08	5.64
Jan. 28, 1924	Mary J. Roberts, care of Cemetery Lot....	Piscataqua Sav. Bank	100.00	4		4.08	2.50	
Nov. 11, 1925	Edmund B. Lane, Library Fund.....	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	1,000.00					
	Difference between market value and par value of bonds purchased.....		25.00	4 1/4	5.31	1.06		6.37

*This lot was cared for by funds received from outside

Treasurer's Report

Receipts 1925—1926

Balance on hand	\$2,210.05
E. R. Stockbridge, County Treasurer	354.00
E. R. Stockbridge, Rent, Winnicutt Club	24.00
C. H. Chase, Use of Tractor	4.10
C. N. Lane, Automobile Permits	1,160.63
Arthur G. Whittemore, Adm. Edmund B. Lane Estate, Legacy for Library	1,000.00
Frank H. Pearson, Breaking Road	1.00
Baker Farm, Breaking Road	2.00
J. E. Stockbridge, Breaking Road	2.00
State Treasurer, Tax and Int. Dividends	619.53
State Treasurer, Highway Account	118.87
C. J. Brewster, Oil Barrels	18.00
C. J. Brewster, Town Hall	5.25
J. E. Stockbridge, Collector	17,039.16
C. N. Lane, Dog Tax	138.00
Total Receipts	
	\$22,696.59
Paid on Selectmen's Orders	
	17,570.80
	\$5,125.79
Transferred to Savings Department of Exeter Banking Co.	2,500.00
Balance on Hand	
	\$2,625.79

GEORGE L. BARKER,

Treasurer.

February 3, 1926.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Town Treasurer, George L. Barker and find it correctly cast and properly

vouched with a balance on hand of twenty six hundred and twenty five dollars and seventy nine cents (\$2,625.79), also a deposit of twenty five hundred dollars with interest from Oct. 1, 1925 in the Savings Department of the Exeter Banking Co., the same being the unexpended appropriation for the Federal Aid Highway.

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,

Auditors.

SELECTMAN, 1925—GEORGE M. HALL

	Inspecting Culvert.....	\$2.00
Mar. 14	Portsmouth Tax Commission.....	3.75
14	Portsmouth to settle with County Com.....	2.00
20	In session.....	3.00
30	Carey case.....	3.00
April 3	Portsmouth County Commissioners.....	2.00
April	Measuring wood.....	2.00
	15-16-17 in session.....	9.00
	27 On Town business.....	1.00
May	Making returns, Tax Commission.....	2.00
	Making returns, R. R. stock.....	2.00
	23 On town business.....	2.00
	28 To Exeter.....	1.50
	Making taxes.....	25.00
	Copying tax book.....	4.00
	Work on Stratham Hill.....	1.00
June 1	To Joe Wiggin Place.....	2.00
	3 Inspecting white pine blister rust.....	1.50
	13 On Town business.....	2.00
July 8	Making returns, State Board Charities.....	1.50
Aug. 10	Appointing police.....	1.50
	Copying inventory.....	6.00
Sept. 24	On town business.....	3.00
Oct. 26	Drawing Juror.....	1.00
Nov. 17	On town business.....	2.00
	To James E. Stockbridge's.....	1.00
	On town business.....	3.00
	On evening sessions.....	11.00
	Postage.....	1.94

Dec.	To Manchester.....	\$4.00
Jan. 29-30.....		6.00
	Postage.....	.50
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		\$113.19

TOWN OF STRATHAM TO CHAS. H. CHASE, Dr.

Stratham, N. H., January 30, 1926.

Mar.	To Portsmouth Tax Commission.....	\$4.00
	1 day in session.....	3.00
April	Taking inventory.....	20.00
	2½ days in session.....	7.50
Oct. 26	Drawing Juror.....	1.00
Dec.	To Manchester.....	4.00
	11 evening sessions.....	11.00
Jan. 29-30, 1926.....		6.00
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		\$56.50

TOWN OF STRATHAM TO G. ARTHUR GOWEN, Dr.

January 30, 1926.

Mar.	Tax Commission, Portsmouth.....	\$3.00
	Day in session.....	3.00
April	Taking Inventory.....	20.00
	3 Days in sessions.....	9.00
Jan. 29-30	In session.....	6.00
	11 evening sessions.....	11.00
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		\$52.00

REPORT OF CHAS. J. BREWSTER, SUPT. STATE HIGHWAY, YEAR 1925

	Snow Paths	So. Side Maintenance	State Aid Maintenance	Total
Chas. J. Brewster, team.....	\$80.33	\$409.87	\$89.75	\$579.95
Chas. J. Brewster, freight bills.....		58.92		58.92
Chas. J. Brewster, labor on flag pole.....		5.00		5.00
Harry J. Sypfers, team.....		75.00		75.00

John E. Chase, team.....		\$34.50		\$34.50
Chas. H. Chase, team.....		28.00		28.00
Geo. R. Brewster, team.....		43.50		43.50
W. G. Parkman, team.....		53.50		53.50
George Chapman, team.....	4.00	45.00		49.00
Arthur H. Jewell, team.....		7.00		7.00
Edward S. Cooper, team.....		71.00		71.00
George Bowley, team.....		34.50		34.50
James Snell, laborer.....		33.00		33.00
Royal Mayo, laborer.....		28.50	4.50	33.00
Geo. Cammett, laborer.....		9.00		9.00
Chas. Hamel, laborer.....		7.50		7.50
Wm. Lane, laborer.....		9.00	6.00	15.00
Maurice Lane, laborer.....		19.50		19.50
Hillard LaPier, laborer.....		94.25		94.25
Winthrop Pike, laborer.....	55.00			55.00
D. C. Chapman, laborer.....		36.00	24.00	60.00
Wm Wentworth, laborer.....		25.50	3.00	28.50
Chas. Larrabee, laborer.....		55.50		55.50
Orin Joy, laborer.....		10.50		10.50
Herman LaPier, laborer.....		6.00		6.00
Harry Foote, laborer.....	9.00			9.00
Robert Fisk, laborer.....		3.00		3.00
J. F. Emery, man and team.....		5.00		5.00
Chas. Spaulding, laborer.....		1.50		1.50
Hammond Blaney, laborer.....		3.00		3.00
Hollis LaPier, laborer.....		18.00		18.00
Fannie Haven, posts.....		5.00		5.00
Chas. H. Brown, labor and tractor...		84.20	5.00	89.20
Chas. N. Lane, tools.....		16.70		16.70
W. G. Parkman, 22 loads gravel at 15c		3.30		3.30
H. J. Syphers, 24 loads gravel at 15c		3.60		3.60
W. L. Dining, 48 loads gravel at 15c..		7.20		7.20
H. G. Brierley, 47 loads gravel at 15c		7.05		7.05
G. W. Dixon, 62 loads gravel at 15c..		9.30		9.30
C. A. Pollard, 63 loads gravel at 15c.		9.45		9.45
Exeter Lumber Co., lumber.....		37.53		37.53
Howard Hanson, freight bill.....		24.78		24.78

Totals.....	\$148.33	\$1,438.65	\$132.25	\$1,719.23
Balance on hand from 1924.....			\$57.68	
Amt. deposited in Exeter Banking Co., for 1925.....			1,705.00	
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			\$1,762.68	
Checks drawn.....			1,719.23	
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Check Book and Bank Balance.....			\$43.45	

February 2, 1926.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Highway Agent, Charles J. Brewster and find it correctly cast, properly vouched and himself charged with an unexpended balance of forty-three dollars and forty-five cents (\$43.45).

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,

Auditors.

REPORT OF CHARLES E. JEWELL, ROAD AGENT

	Summer	Winter
Charles R. Brown.....	\$136.39	
George R. Brewster.....	65.00	
Michael Butler.....	34.50	
Russell Chapman.....	40.50	
Marshall Chase.....	55.13	
DeWitt Chapman.....	58.50	
George Chapman.....	167.63	
Exeter Lumber Co.....	17.60	
George M. Hall.....	17.95	
M. C. Hopper & Son.....	82.93	
Charles E. Jewell.....	356.00	
Arthur H. Jewell.....	73.50	
George E. Jewell.....	83.23	
Fred L. Jewell.....	59.50	
Charles N. Lane.....	7.02	
A. E. Locke.....	3.00	
Frank Reed.....	12.94	
Harry Syphers.....	6.00	
Walter A. Scammon.....	42.00	
William Wentworth.....	115.50	
Harry Wiggin.....	8.85	
Leslie Cook.....		\$2.25
W. H. Lang.....		28.51
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	\$1,443.67	\$30.76
Deposited in Bank.....		\$1,545.97
Checks Drawn.....	\$1,474.43	
Balance.....	71.54	
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	\$1,545.97	

We have this day examined the account of Road Agent, Charles E. Jewell, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched with an unexpended balance of seventy-one dollars and fifty four cents, (\$71.54).

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,

Auditors.

TOWN HALL

Report of C. J. Brewster, Janitor, Town Hall.

Entertainments	\$8.50	
Dance and Whist Party	10.50	
Junior Order	2.25	
Grange	10.00	
		\$31.25

Expense

C. J. Brewster, Janitor	\$10.50	
Free Meetings	12.00	
Paid out for glass and cord	3.50	
		\$26.00
Paid Treasurer Barker		5.25
		\$31.25

We have examined the accounts of C. J. Brewster, and find them correct.

GEORGE M. HALL,
CHARLES H. CHASE,
G. ARTHUR GOWEN,

Selectmen.

Town Clerk's Report

Town of Stratham, Dr., to Charles N. Lane

January 31, 1926

Issuing Auto Permits.....	\$23.55
Recording Vital Statistics.....	7.70
Attending Elections.....	3.00
Services as Clerk.....	45.00
Services as Dog Officer.....	10.00
	\$89.25

ACCOUNT OF DOG OFFICER, CHARLES N. LANE

No. of dogs to be licensed:

50 Males at \$2.00.....	\$100.00
12 Females at \$5.00.....	60.00
Cash on hand at last Audit.....	8.25
	\$168.25
Paid Treasurer Barker.....	\$8.25
Paid Treasurer Barker.....	129.75
License Fees.....	14.25
Uncollected.....	16.00
	\$168.25

February 2, 1926.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Dog Officer, Charles N. Lane, and find it correct.

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,

Auditors

February 2, 1926.

We have this day examined the account of Town Clerk, Charles N. Lane, and find that he has received for automobile permits the sum of \$1,117.43 and has paid Treasurer Barker the sum of \$1,160.63. There is consequently a refund due him of \$43.20.

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,

Auditors.

Report of Tax Collector

1925

Amount to collect		\$16,697.89
Interest		21.44
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		\$16,719.33
Paid Treasurer	\$15,297.39	
Uncollected	1,124.43	
Abatements	9.00	
Discount	288.51	
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	\$16,719.33	

JAMES E. STOCKBRIDGE,

Collector.

Stratham, N. H., February 2, 1926.

February 2, 1926.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Tax Collector, James E. Stockbridge and find it correctly cast and properly vouched with a balance of uncollected taxes for the year of 1925, of eleven hundred and twenty-four dollars and forty three cents, (\$1,124.43).

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,

Auditors.

1924

To collect.....		\$1,672.88
Interest.....		54.79
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		\$1,727.67
Paid Treasurer.....	\$1,609.92	
Sold.....	79.26	
Abatements.....	38.49	
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	\$1,727.67	

JAMES E. STOCKBRIDGE,
Collector.

February 2, 1926.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Collector, James E. Stockbridge, and find it correct and with proper vouchers.

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,
Auditors.

1923

Amount.....		\$27.68
Interest.....		3.16
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		\$30.84
Paid Treasurer.....	\$20.84	
Abatements.....	10.00	
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	\$30.84	

JAMES E. STOCKBRIDGE,
Collector.

February 2, 1926.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Tax Collector, James E. Stockbridge and find it correct with proper vouchers.

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,
Auditors.

Wiggin Memorial Library

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Feb. 1, 1925	Balance on Hand.....	\$28.48	
	Frank H. Pearson, Income from Amanda Lane Fund.....		29.75
	Frank H. Pearson, Income from Mary J. Roberts Fund.....		8.08
	Annual Appropriation.....		27.60
	Fines.....	\$9.67	
	Less expense.....	2.60	
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		\$7.07	\$7.07
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			\$100.98

Payments

July 2, 1925	W. P. Goodman.....	\$7.20	
Oct. 15, 1925	W. P. Goodman.....	59.62	
Dec. 15, 1925	W. P. Goodman.....	29.25	
Jan. 30, 1926	Balance on Hand.....	4.91	
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			\$100.98

February 3, 1926.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Library Trustee, George L. Barker, and find it correctly cast, properly vouched, with a balance on hand of four dollars and ninety one cents (\$4.91).

W. LESLIE DINING,
FRANK H. PEARSON,

Auditors.

BOOKS, 1925

No. Books lent.....	1308
No. Juvenile Fiction.....	69
No. Non Fiction.....	31
No. Adult.....	1208

"Minglestreams".....	Abbot, Jane
"Red Robin".....	Abbot, Jane
"With the Movie Makers".....	Amid
"Booth and the Spirit of Lincoln".....	Babcock, Bernie
"Glorious Apollo".....	Barrington, E.
"The Seven Sleepers".....	Bedding, Francis
"The Chicken Wagon Family".....	Benefield, Barry
"Drums".....	Boyd, James
"The Adventures of Bobby Coon".....	Burgess, Thornton W.
"The Adventures of Jimmy Skunk".....	Burgess, Thornton W.
"Made-to-Order-Stories".....	Canfield, Dorothy
"The Angel of Forgiveness".....	Carey
"Scott Burton Logger".....	Cheney, Edward
"The Ancient Highway".....	Curwood, James Oliver
"The Wayfarers".....	Cutting, Mary Stuart
"Old Youth".....	Dawson, Coningsby
"The Smiths".....	Fairbank, Janet A.
"The New Boswell".....	Freeman, R. M.
"Soundings".....	Gibbs, A. Hamilton
"The Private Life of Helen of Troy".....	Giskme, John
"On the Rio Grande".....	Gordon, Harvey
"Barren Ground".....	Glasglow, Helen
"The Leavenworth Case".....	Green, Anna Katherine
"Ariel Custer".....	Hill, Grace Livingston
"Not Under the Law".....	Hill, Grace Livingston
"My Home in the Field of Honor".....	Huard, James Nelson
"The Sons of Shiek".....	Hull, E. M.
"One Increasing Purpose".....	Hutchinson, A. L. M.
"The Second Joy Book".....	Johnston, William L.
"The Sketch Book".....	Irving, Washington
"The Flower of Fortune".....	Knipe, E. B. & A. A.
"The Lost Little Lady".....	Knipe, E. B. & A. A.
"The Lucky Sixpence".....	Knipe, E. B. & A. A.

- "The Pandolfo" Locke, William
 "Romeo in the Moon Village" McCutcheon, Geo. Barr
 "The Black Panther of Navaho" Miller, Warreatt
 "Ruben and Ivy Sen" Milu, Louise Jordan
 "The Little Ship" Norris, Kathleen
 "Emily Climbs" Montgomery, Louise M.
 "Queer Judson" Lincoln, Joseph C.
 "Gabriel Somara Peacemaker" Oppenheim, E. Phillips
 "The Way of These Women" Oppenheim, E. Phillips
 "Down the River" Optic, Oliver
 "In Panzibar" Paine.
 "The Perennial Bachelor" Parrish, Anne
 "Red Ashes" Pedler, Margaret
 "Drag" Pelly, William Dudley
 "The 4th Norwood" Pinkerton, Robert
 "The Keeper of the Bees" Porter, Gene Stratton
 "Parade" Post, Emily
 "The Happy Venture" Price, Edith B.
 "George Thorne" Richardson, Norval
 "A Poor Wise Man" Rinehart, Mary Roberts
 "The Red Lamp" Rinehart, Mary Roberts
 "Boy's Book of Border Battles" Sabin, Edward L.
 "Pollyanna's" Smith, Harriet L.
 "Gritle's Children" Spyre, Johanna
 "When Cattle Kingdom Fell" Stafford, J. R.
 "Bobby Blake at Snow Top Camp" Warner, Frank
 "Dana L. Wingate, A Captain of Youth" Wingate, Charles E. L.
 "The Daughter of the House" Wells, Carolyn
 "Our Rural Heritage" Williams, James M.
 "Set in Silver" Williamson, C. N. & A. M.
 "Professor, Oh! How Could You?" Wilson, Harry Leon
 "A Son of his Father" Wright, Harold Bell

School Report

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

Receipts

Balance on hand as per audit		\$1,687.20
Received from Geo. L. Barker, Town Treas.	\$7,322.86	
Received from State Treas., Equalization Fund	949.80	
Received from Geo. L. Barker, dog licenses	79.25	
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		\$8,351.91
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		\$10,039.11

Disbursements

Salaries District Officers:

Willard Barker	\$7.75	
Marshall S. Chase	30.00	
Walter A. Scammon	6.00	
Frank H. Pearson	35.00	
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		\$78.75
Excess salary, Superintendent		180.00
School Census		10.00
Expenses of Administration		9.95
Text Books		38.73
Scholars' Supplies		88.12
Flags and Appurtenances		7.99
Other Expenses of Instruction		12.90
Fuel		589.00
Janitors' Supplies		19.99
Minor Repairs and Expenses		101.15
Medical Inspection		25.00

High School Tuition:

Tuck High.....	\$12.34
Robinson Seminary.....	1,047.00
Portsmouth High.....	50.00

 \$2,331.00

Per capita tax..... \$224.00

Janitors:

Division I.....	\$66.00
Division II.....	54.60
Division III.....	37.00
Division IV.....	37.00

 \$194.60

Teachers' Salaries:

Edna M. Crane, Div. I.....	\$900.00
L. Gwendolene Woods, Div. II.....	900.00
Hilda Gustafson, Div. III.....	826.88
Alice S. Jewell, Div. III.....	72.00
Wilhelmina E. Cox, Div. IV.....	900.00
Esther B. Coombs, Music.....	170.00

 \$3,768.88

Balance on hand..... \$2,359.05

 July 14, 1925.

I have this day examined the accounts of F. H. Pearson, as School Treasurer, for the year ending June 30, 1925, and find them properly cast and correctly vouched with a balance of \$2,359.05 on hand.

ALICE S. JEWELL,

Auditor

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board and Citizens of Stratham, N. H.

I herewith submit my seventh annual report as Superintendent of the Stratham Schools.

The school year 1924-25 ending June 30, 1925 was from the standpoint of scholastic attainment or pupil progress a good year. The teachers were faithful in their work, the weather was not so bad as to interfere greatly with the sessions, the pupils were interested and the attendance the best we have known in ten years. Two teachers resigned at the end of the year. They had done good work, especially in creating in their pupils an interest in and a love for school and their going was a matter of regret. Their successors, however, are ably filling the places and the work of the schools so far in the current year is fully up to the standard. We have two pupils in the Plains school who are doing the eighth grade work of the ordinary rural school. This can be done in all the schools, but under the present plans for high school, should only be done by those pupils who will not attempt high school.

The present enrollment of 55 is distributed as follows: 13 at the Ridge, 9 at the Plains, 15 at the Winnicutt and 18 at the Stratham Hill. Those actually in attendance at this writing are fewer still. At the Ridge school removals from town and other causes have brought the number of pupils there to 8. With such a small number of pupils enrolled in two of the schools, the Ridge and the Plains, the question naturally arises as to the advisability of combining those two schools, or some two schools, on the ground of economy. I think there is no question of the economy of such a move, but I recognize that there are other considerations in the matter.

Table I, attached to this report, shows a comparison of statistics of the Stratham schools during the last seven years. In that time, the number of pupils has dropped from 85 to 66; there are enrolled at the present time 55, probably the smallest number during the last ten years. You will note that teachers' salaries have nearly doubled since 1919; a fact frequently found in the case of most school districts. The most gratifying information in Table I is the increase in percentage of attendance from 90 to 95 and the decrease in tardiness from 312 cases to 107 cases.

I hope a plan of having a long term in the fall and three terms of shorter duration later, separated by vacation to include Washington's Birthday and Fast Day, may soon be adopted. Two neighboring districts in this Union have the arrangement and by it secured last year 181 days of school, with no weeks broken into by holidays. The Stratham schools were in session 173 days and had six broken weeks.

The extensive repairs made last year have been much appreciated by both pupils and teachers. It is easier to maintain a good school in a pleasant and comfortable school house and the quality of teaching to be found in the Stratham schools is, I am sure, better for the effort you put into repairs last year.

There remain, however, several matters along this line which could well receive your attention. You have attempted successfully to better the heating arrangements at the Ridge and the Stratham Hill schools by the addition of a modified stove jacket to circulate the air and by placing the stoves on the windward side of the rooms. Of course, the commercial jacketed stove with a fresh air intake would not only better circulate the air but would insure the best of ventilation. The jackets already supplied cost about \$35.00 each, while the commercial varieties cost for jacket and stove from \$100 to \$150 in accordance with the size. The Plains and Winnicutt schools should have some improved heating arrangement to ensure comfort in all parts of the rooms, to prevent over-heating near the stove and too much cold in the far corners of the rooms. This need is especially urgent at the Winnicutt school for the room is very large and there is a considerable number of small children who especially need care as to heat. The room is used, more or less, as a community gathering place and this improved heating and ventilating plant would be appreciated on such occasions. There can be no question about the success of such a system; the Park Street school in Exeter has the plant in operation, providing one of the most comfortable schoolrooms in the district at a very moderate expenditure for fuel. I most heartily recommend the purchase of such a plant for the Winnicutt school and a smaller but similar one for the Plains school; the total cost of these plants would be \$250.

The fence and yard at the Stratham Hill school need some attention; the former being thrown by the frost and the latter fast

growing up to bushes; one or two trees at both the Ridge and Winnicutt schools should be removed so as to provide adequate light for the pupils; this removal can be made without spoiling the beauty or symmetry of the remaining trees.

The interest of the parents in our schools and their loyal support of the teachers and school policies are very evident. It is with a deep appreciation of this that I bespeak a continuation of such co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON A. TOWLE,

Superintendent of Supervisory Union, No. 16.

Exeter, N. H., Feb. 16, 1926.

TABLE I.

Statistics for Seven Years ending June 30, 1925.

School Year	Number Weeks	Boys	Girls	Total Pupils	Average Attendance	Average Absence	Ave. Membership	Percent of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Visits of Superintendent	Visits by School Board	Visits by Others	Average Salary
1918—19	36	51	34	85	61.96	6.76	68.76	90	312	58	44	260	\$513.00
1919—20	36	44	42	86	60	6	66	91	300	58	14	246	710.00
1920—21	36	30	35	65	51	2	53	96	369	71	18	299	722.00
1921—22	36	32	30	62	48	3	51	94	119	68	7	189	740.00
1922—23	36	36	36	72	48	5	53	90	278	64	0	145	856.00
1923—24	37	39	30	69	54.10	3.65	57.75	94	111	60	0	81	900.00
1924—25	37	35	31	66	50.52	2.97	53.49	95	107	69	1	144	900.00

TABLE II.

Statistics for School Year Ending June 30, 1925

SCHOOLS	Weeks in Year	Boys	Girls	Total	Average Daily Attendance	Average Daily Absence	Average Membership	Per cent of Attendance	No. Cases Tardiness	No. Visits of Supt.	No. Visits of School Board	No. Visits Others
Winnicutt	37	13	7	20	15	1.3	16.3	92	45	17	0	59
Plains School	37	5	4	9	7.10	.35	7.45	95	18	16	1	30
Ridge School	37	13	7	20	14.49	.74	15.23	95	3	16	0	28
Str'th'm Hill	37	4	13	17	13.93	.58	14.51	96	41	20	0	27

Record of Perfect Attendance

1924—1925

Three Terms

Howard McLane	Violet McLane	Marjorie Parkman
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Two Terms

Eli Dotson	Dorothy Fisk	Paschal Jewell
John Parkman	Douglas Scammon	Norman Wiggin

One Term

Levi Barker	Mary Clark	Muriel Dining
Persis Dunton	Arthur Kelly	Maurice LeRoy
Dorothy McLane	William McLane	Charles Scammon
Lewis Smith	Marjorie Smith	Alice Williams
Doris Wiggin	Jessie Wiggin	Robert Wiggin

TABLE IV
TEACHERS

		1924—1925	1925—1926
L. Gwendolene Woods	Stratham Hill	\$900.00	\$900.00
Edna M. Crane	Ridge	900.00	900.00
Hilda A. Gustafson	Winnicutt	900.00	
Mildred Hannaford	Winnicutt		900.00
Wilhelmina Cox	Plains	900.00	
Marjorie Whytock	Plains		900.00

TABLE V
MEDICAL INSPECTION

Dr. C. W. Colby, School Physician

October 1925

Number of pupils examined.....	53
Number of card notices sent to parents.....	53

Number cases found of:

Malnutrition.....	36
Defective vision.....	24
Defective hearing.....	0
Defective teeth.....	32
Hypertrophied tonsils.....	23
Adenoids.....	1
Defects of breathing.....	1
Enlarged glands.....	27
Unvaccinated.....	2
Cardiac disease.....	1
Skin disease.....	1

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Stratham qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said district on the ninth day of March, 1926, at 12 o'clock noon to act upon the following subjects:

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

Given under our hands at said Stratham this 17th day of Feb. 1926.

M. S. CHASE,
W. A. SCAMMON,
School Board of Stratham.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

M. S. CHASE,
W. A. SCAMMON,
School Board of Stratham.

SCHOOL BOARD'S BUDGET

Detailed statement of money required for support of school and other statutory requirements for fiscal year, beginning July 1,

1926. (Required by Section 4, Chapter 122, Public Laws, 1925).

Expenditures

A. Cost of elementary schools:

1. Teachers.....	\$3,600.00
2. Janitors, etc.....	200.00
3. Fuel.....	400.00
4. Texts and pupils' supplies.....	150.00
5. Flags and appurtenances.....	10.00
6. Health supervision.....	25.00

Total "school money" required..	\$4,385.00
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B. Statutory Requirements:

1. High school tuitions.....	\$2,750.00
2. Salaries of district officers.....	100.00
3. Per capita tax.....	214.00
4. Superintendent's excess salary...	215.50

Total statutory obligations.....	\$3,279.50
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C. Special appropriations recommended:

1. Repairs.....	
2. Other special appropriations.....	

Total special appropriations.....	
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES RECOMMENDED BY SCHOOL BOARD

\$7,664.50

REVENUE REQUIREMENTS TO MEET BUDGET

Revenue

A. Revenue required from taxation:

1. \$5 tax per \$1000 equalized valuation. Minimum requirement in State aided districts.....	\$3,163.99	
Additional for elementary schools....	1,121.01	
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Total for elementary schools.....	\$4,285.00	
2. To meet statutory requirements.....	3,279.50	
3. Estimated special appropriations.....		
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Total amount to be raised by taxation.....		\$7,564.50

B. Estimated additional revenue:

1. Balance from dog license.....	\$90.00	
2. State aid allotment..	833.70	
3. Other estimated receipts (July balance)	1,000.00	
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Total estimated additional revenue.....		\$1,923.70

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE TO BALANCE BUDGET.....		<hr/>
		\$9,488.20

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925.

Date	Name of Child	No.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Feb. 4	Grace Rand	3	Samuel Rand	Ida White	Exeter	Stratham, N. H.
March 1	C. G. Carbonneau	6	Eugene Carbonneau	Laura Wentworth	Exeter, N. H.	Newfields, N. H.
Sept. 12	Joan Batchelder	3	Clarence Batchelder	Marion Lovering	Northwood, N. H.	Charlestown, Mass.
June 4	Barbara W. Tuck	1	Frank W. Tuck	Mary A. Ryan	Exeter, N. H.	Malden, Mass.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	By Whom Married
March	2 Stratham.....	Harry Fred Oaks, Jr. Ethel Grace Doherty.	20 19	Haverhill, Mass. Prince Edward's Is.	Harry F. Oakes. Lillian M. Wiggett John Doherty. Maud E. Hoyt.	J. Harry LeRoy
	14 Stratham.	—Leavitt —Quakenbush.	20 18	Greenland. Brentwood	Joseph E. Leavitt Lucy S. Marston Melvin Quakenbush. Effie F. Copping.	A. C. Lane, Justice of Peace
June	25 Stratham.	Otto H. Syphers. Beatrice M. Steading.	26 23	Westfield, Me. Boothbay, Me.	Harry J. Syphers. Adelaide Goss. Sanford S. Steading. Lillian Davis.	J. Harry LeRoy
	25 Tilton.	Nelson E. Barker. Hilda A. Gustafson.	19 21	Stratham. Milton, N. H.	Frank H. Barker. Laura M. Snell. Herman N. Gustafson. Sarah Lord	Arthur M. Dunston

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	By whom Married
June	27 Epping.....	George W. Dixon..... Laura A. Toplin.....	65 65	Kittery, Me..... Newfields.....	Samuel C. Dixon..... Lucy M. Prior..... Asa D. Neal..... Emily J. Wiggin.....	Lyman D. Bragg
August	6 Stratham.....	Abner R. March..... Ethel L. Drown.....	45 48	Stratham..... Little Compton, R. I.....	John W. March..... Margaret B. Thaxter..... George R. Drowne..... Josephine A. Simmonds	J. Harry LeRoy
October	14 Greenland.....	Fred S. Beals..... Esther M. Brackett.....	36 29	Nova Scotia..... Greenland.....	Stephen R. Beal..... Edith M. Spurr..... Charles N. Brackett.....	George N. Coffin, Jr.
Dec.	23 Stratham.....	Leonard M. Hill..... Zelie E. Cote.....	29 32	Chester, N. H..... Pawtucket, R. I.....	Fannie M. Lamprey..... John Hill..... Rose Hathaway..... Peter Cote..... Delyida Joly.....	J. Harry LeRoy

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925.

Date	Name and Surname	Age			Place of Birth	Condition	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days				
May	5 Ruth R. Leach	6		24	Stratham	S	Harold Leach	Hughner Leach
July	7 Abbie F. Lane	78	11	18	Dover, N. H.	W	Edmund J. Lane	Martha J. G. Barker
Aug.	6 William K. Kirk	88	4	2	Warsaw, Ind.	S	Timothy Kirk	
June	7 Arthur J. Furber	48						
BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL								
Jan.	25 Rachel J. Scammon	89		14		W	George Wentworth	Lizzie Coburn
Feb.	11 Edith M. Chapman	40	5	18	Stratham	M	Frank V. Chapman	Christina Bodway
Mar.	12 Abigail E. Chapman	10	1	3	Stratham	S		
	28 Benjamin J. Moulton	91	5	11		W		
April	30 Mary E. Chapman	95		1		S	Charles E. Tuttle	Lanerance Otis
May	5 Margaret K. Tuttle	32	10	20	Somerville, Mass.	M	Fred A. Wentworth	Florence L. Gamlin
June	14 Augustus K. Odus	63	4	27		M		
Aug.	30 Phillis A. Wentworth		11	9	Stratham	M		
Sept.	17 Fannie A. Morse	63	9	21		M		
Oct.	5 Charles T. Smith	52						
Oct.	19 Elizabeth L. Parks							
Nov.	14 Wilfred C. Lane	47	4	21			Joseph H. Parks	Bertha Stickney

