

**ANNUAL
REPORTS**

**TOWN OF
CHESTER**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31**

1946

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OF THE
TOWN OF CHESTER
NEW HAMPSHIRE

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Walter P. Tenney

TOWN CLERK

Robert C. Hazelton

SELECTMEN

Austin C. Hunt

Philip G. Hazelton

John A. West

OVERSEER OF POOR

Philip G. Hazelton

TOWN TREASURER

Preston E. Goodrich

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Roland A. Nichols

SCHOOL BOARD

Mabel R. Finnigan

Ella A. Allen

H. Wallace Fitts

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Carrie A. Richardson

REPRESENTATIVE

Robert C. Hazelton

POLICE OFFICER

Edward E. Griffin, Chief

Maurice Colman, Special

James Towle, Special

George Pettigrew, Special and Dog Officer

ROAD AGENT

James W. Towle

HEALTH OFFICER

Preston E. Goodrich

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Arthur West

Carroll Backmann

Edward E. Griffin

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Walter P. Tenney

Mildred F. Hunt

Dr. James S. Roberts

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Blanche C. Jones

Maurice Colman

Ella A. Allen

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Harry Edwards

George W. Kimball

Walton Leighton

GREAT HILL CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Austin C. Hunt

Maurice Colman

Byron Mills

Charles A. Morse

William Wason

TRUSTEES OF WILCOMB TOWNSEND HOME

Myrtle Tenney

George Gillingham

Farish Lewis

Byron Mills

Ella A. Allen

TOWN AUDITORS

George W. Kimball

Alvah Healey

Herbert Ray

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Wilbur P. Hunt

FIRE CHIEF

Victor B. Spollett

CUSTODIAN OF HALL

Howard B. Fitts

BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO
TOWN MEETING.

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:—

(L. S.)

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall, in said Chester on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, next, at ten 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 for the same.
3. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of money for the improvement of highways in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 35 of the Laws of 1905 and pass any vote relating thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$572.73 for class 5 roads, the State to contribute \$2,290.91.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Town Poor and Old Age Assistance.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Chester Free Public Library.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Street Lights.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the general expenses of the Fire Department.

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

12. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any property acquired by the Town through Tax Collector's deeds.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for extermination of Moths and Pruning Trees.

14. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the eradication of Pine Blister Rust as required by the State Forestry Department in keeping with Section 9, Chapter 228 of the Public Laws.

16. To see if the Town will vote to confirm the action of the Selectmen in the sale of the Arthur I. Morse property.

17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay into the Town Treasury, from the Funds returned to them by the Trustees of The Wilcomb Townsend Home, the sum of \$408.58 to assist the Old Age Assistance deficit of 1946.

18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to reconstruct the Wilson Brook bridge and appropriate from the Post War Fund what balance may be left in said Fund, if necessary.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$73.09 (1/100 of one per cent of the town's valuation based on the 1946 assessment) to the Merrimack Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the town in co-operation with the other 37 communities in the Merrimack Valley Region.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for legal expenses.

21. To see what the Town wishes to do in regard to maintenance, Kitchen service, rental and Janitor service of Stevens Memorial Hall and raise and appropriate a sum of money for such purposes.

22. To see what discount will be allowed on taxes paid on or before August 1, 1947 and take any vote relating thereto.

23. To see what price per foot per lot and additional amount should be charged for Perpetual care in Great Hill Cemetery and pass any vote relating thereto.

24. To see if the Town will vote to have an Old Home Day and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

25. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

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

Austin C. Hunt
Philip G, Hazelton
John A. West
Selectmen of Chester, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

Austin C. Hunt
Philip G, Hazelton
John A. West
Selectmen of Chester, N. H.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
 Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1,

SOURCES OF REVENUE:	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1946	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1947
From State:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	1,093.52	700.00
Railroad Tax	6.26	5.00
Savings Bank Tax	101.45	75.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	17.51	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	119.00	100.00
Income of Departments:		
Highway, including rental of equipment	134.40	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	883.33	700.00
Withdrawals from Capital.		
Reserve Funds	1,621.32	
Cash Surplus	1,367.54	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00	568.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	14.55	

CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947 Compared with Actual
1946 to December 31, 1946.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES:	Actual Expendi- tures Previous Year 1946	Estimated Expendi- tures Ensuing Year 1947
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	990.41	1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	505.18	500.00
Election and Registration Expenses	255.10	75.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	540.81	600.00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	79.40	75.00
Fire Department	418.99	500.00
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust	600.00	650.00
Health:		
Health Department, including hospitals	22.99	35.00
Vital Statistics	13.20	15.00
Taxes bought by Town	95.70	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance:		
Summer	2,322.19	2,500.00
Town Maintenance:		
Winter	1,519.10	2,000.00
Street Lighting	1,540.08	1,540.08
General Expenses of		
Highway Department	1,571.37	600.00
Town Road Aid	573.83	572.73

BUDGET (continued)

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Maples Bridge	1,621.32	
Libraries:	225.00	225.00
Public Welfare:		
C. H. Webster Estate	16.00	
Town Poor	2,073.61	2,600.00
Old Age Assistance	1,008.58	1,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and Veterans'		
Associations	58.00	75.00
Recreation:		
Parks and Playgrounds,		
including band concerts	59.20	60.00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	100.80	125.00
Discounts on Taxes	485.90	
Unclassified:		
Damages and Legal Expenses	85.70	500.00
Advertising and Regional		
Associations	60.00	73.09
Interest:		
Wrong Tax	154.40	
Refund	4.73	
On Long Term Notes	71.92	70.00
Highways and Bridges:		
New Equipment	810.00	100.00
Indebtedness:		
Payment on Principal of Dept:		
Special Poll Tax	264.46	
Long Term Notes	1,109.80	
Payments to Other Governmental		
Divisions:		
County Taxes	2,588.58	
Payments to School Districts	11,816.82	

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1946

Valuation April 1st, 1946.

Lands and Buildings	626,485.00
Growing Wood and Lumber	25,905.00
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	652,390.00
Electric Plants	20,874.00
Horses, 42	4,275.00
Mules, 1	25.00
Cows, 270	33,375.00
Other Neat Stock, 24	1,810.00
Sheep and Goats, 18	142.00
Hogs, 6	160.00
Fowls, 11,870	11,080.00
Fur-Bearing Animals, 17	340.00
Portable Mills, 1	500.00
Wood, Lumber, Etc.	10,660.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 14	1,730.00
Stock in Trade	14,200.00
Mills and Machinery, 3	2,800.00
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	101,971.00
Total Valuation	754,361.00
Less Soldiers' Exemption	23,370.00
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	730,991.00

APPROPRIATIONS

Voted to raise and appropriate:

Town Officers' Salaries	1,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00
Election and Registration Expenses	250.00
Town Hall	600.00
Police Department	50.00

Fire Department	500.00
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust	600.00
Health Department	40.00
Town Road Aid	573.83
Town Maintenance	5,100.00
Street Lighting	1,540.08
New Equipment	750.00
Libraries	225.00
Old Age Assistance	600.00
Town Poor	2,400.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Parks and Playgrounds	60.00
Cemeteries	125.00
Advertising and Regional Association	60.00
Interest	85.00
Payment on Principal of Debt	1,109.80
County Tax	2,588.58
School Tax	12,500.64
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	31,297.93
Net amount to be raised	26,227.69
Poll Taxes and bank stock	643.00
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Total amount raised by Taxation	25,584.69
Total rate on one hundred dollars	3.50

Financial Statement of the Town for the
year ending December 31, 1946

1946 Tax Levy (Uncollected)	3,581.76
1945 Unredeemed Taxes	95.70
1944 Unredeemed Taxes	87.80
Cash in hands of Treasurer	5,148.59
Post War Fund	355.36
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	9,269.21

LIABILITIES
GREAT HILL CEMETERY NOTES

William White	75.00
Edmund Sleeper	45.00
Hannah Williams	50.00
Sarah A. True	75.00
Henry Moore	60.00
Samuel Parker	40.00
Lot Knowles	50.00
Charles H. Knowles	50.00
Charles Stevens	60.00
Oren F. Page	40.00
Hills Stevens	50.00
David Lane	70.00
Caroline M. Hall	50.00
Parker Morse	50.00
George Marden	50.00
James W. Gordon	50.00
James H. Hardy	50.00
George West	50.00
George H. Jack	60.00
Amos Hazelton	75.00
Ephraim Orcutt	50.00
Augustus Morse	50.00
Charles F. True	50.00
French Heath	50.00
Mary Merrill	25.00
Hannah M. Sawyer	50.00
James DeLeskey	75.00
W. F. Warren	50.00
	1,500.00

Liabilities

Notes due Trustees of Trust Funds	1,500.00
Due School District, including dog tax	3,781.05
	5,281.05

PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries and Auto Permits	990.41
Town Officers' Expenses	505.18
Election and Registration	255.10
Town Hall	540.81
Care of Town Clock	13.00
Police Department	79.40
Fire Dept. and Forest Fires	418.99
Health Dept.	22.99
Vital Statistics	13.20
Street Lighting	1,540.08
Libraries	225.00
Cemeteries	100.80
Blister Rust	400.00
Spraying Trees	200.00
Parks and Playgrounds	46.20
Memorial Day	58.00
Old Age Assistance	1,008.58
Town Poor	182.35
Special Case	1,891.26
Taxes on C. H. Webster Estate	16.00
Taxes Bought by Town	95.70
Wrong Tax	154.40
Discounts	485.90
Special Poll Tax	264.46
County Tax	2,588.58
Paid Up Cemetery Notes	1,109.80
Interest	71.92
Refunds	4.73
Legal Expenses	29.10

School Money	11,816.82
Merrimac Valley Region Association	60.00
Damage by Dogs	56.60
Town Road Aid	573.83
Town Maintenance (Withholding tax included)	3,841.29
General Expense of Highway	1,571.37
Maple Bridge	1,621.32
Snow Plow and Wing	810.00
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	33,663.17

TREASURER'S REPORT

of the Town of Chester, N. H., for the year
ending December 31, 1946

Receipts

Cash balance from 1945 account		8,571.93
Tax Collector:		
Property tax, 1943	12.20	
Property tax, 1944	118.81	
Property tax, 1945	2,230.91	
Property tax, 1946	22,125.82	
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Poll taxes, 1945	239.00	
Poll taxes, 1946	568.00	
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Interest, 1943	2.64	
Interest, 1944	9.18	
Interest, 1945	62.78	
Interest, 1946	2.89	
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National Bank Stock Tax		14.55
Other Tax from 1944		7.00

Town Clerk:		
Auto taxes	883.33	
Filing fees	11.00	
Dog tax	337.01	
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Philip G. Hazelton, Selectman:		
Tax and Insurance Reimbursement		
Charles H. Webster Estate		139.50

State of New Hampshire:		
Savings bank tax	101.45	
Railroad tax	6.26	
Interest and dividend tax	1,093.52	
C. H. Webster Estate	172.62	
Reimbursement on O. A. A. case	209.13	
Forest fire	17.51	
Use of Town Grader	1.50	
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Carrie Richardson, Treas., insurance	5.40	
Mildred Hunt, Treas., (trust funds)	1,621.32	
Charles H. Smith, plowing snow, etc.	66.50	
James W. Towle, plowing snow, etc.	61.00	
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Edwin E. Griffin, rent of hall	14.50	
Howard Fitts, rent of hall	14.50	
W. P. Tenney (Grange)	90.00	
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\$38,811.76

Paid Selectment's Orders
Nos. 828-1000 and 1 to 97 33,663.17

Balance on hand December 31, 1946 \$5,148.59

Preston E. Goodrich,
Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Chester, N. H., January 17, 1947

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Town and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

George W. Kimball
Alvah G. Healey
Herbert W. Ray

Auditors.

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail No. 1

Town Officers' Salaries

Austin C. Hunt, Selectman	175.00
Philip G. Hazelton, Selectman, (Overseer Poor)	190.00
John A. West, Selectman	150.00
Preston E. Goodrich, Treasurer	75.00
Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector	253.91
Robert C. Hazelton, Town Clerk	50.00
Robert C. Hazelton, Auto Permits	96.50
	<hr/> 990.41

Detail No. 2

Town Officers' Expenses

Austin C. Hunt, Selectman	25.00
Philip G. Hazelton, Selectman	25.00

John A. West, Selectman	25.00
Preston E. Goodrich, Treasurer	35.00
Roland A. Nichols, Tax Collector	20.00
Mildred F. Hunt, Treasurer of Trust Funds	15.00
Robert C. Hazelton, Town Clerk	2.00
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	147.00

Detail No. 2B

Austin C. Hunt, perambulating	
Town lines and mileage	3.50
Philip G. Hazelton, perambulating	
Town lines	2.50
John A. West, perambulating	
Town lines	2.50
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	8.50

Detail No. 2C

Association of N. H. Assessors, dues	2.00
Ruth H. Avery, dues, Tax Collectors Assn.	2.00
N. H. City and Town Clerks Assn.	2.00
John W. A. Green, transfers	17.00
Austin C. Hunt, misc. supplies	9.00
George W. Kimball, postage	1.00
Harry Edwards, work at hall	1.50
Mildred F. Hunt, copying records	20.00
M. A. Noury, repairing 2 clocks	5.00
Ruth N. Ray, stamps	4.00
Sargent Brothers, tax bill blanks	9.20
The First National Bank, deposit box	2.40
Curtis Insurance Agency, officers' bonds	65.00
News-Enterprise Press, printing town reports, etc.	147.50
Preston E. Goodrich, postage, etc.	6.64
George W. Kimball, auditing	5.00
Alvah Healey, auditing	5.00

Herbert Ray, auditing	5.00
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies	30.44
Ladies Social Circle, auditors' dinners	10.00
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	349.68

Detail No. 3

Election and Registration

Edward E. Griffin, supervisor of checklist, police	39.00
Carroll E. Backmann, supervisor of checklist	31.80
Arthur West, supervisor of checklist	31.80
Chester Abbott, supervisor of checklist	7.80
Leon Simonds, ballot clerk	15.00
Bernard Sanborn, ballot clerk	15.00
John Weeks, ballot clerk	15.00
Ladies Social Circle, dinner and lunches August and Nov.	29.00
Edson C. Eastman Co., town warrants	.70
George Pettigrew, police	15.00
Walter Tenney, moderator	15.00
Preston E. Goodrich, ballot clerk	5.00
News-Enterprise Press, checklists	35.00
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	255.10

Detail No. 4

Stevens Memorial Hall

N. H. Gas & Electric Co., lighting service	47.09
Earl Hazelton, sawing wood	21.00
Chester Telephone Co., telephone	23.63
Edward E. Griffin, janitor service	156.63
O. P. Romprey, cleaning cesspoll	12.00
Herbert Ray, 8 cords of wood	128.00
John West, sash cord	2.61
Wilson Wells, supplies	1.35
Curtis Insurance Agency, insurance	40.50

Wilbur Hunt, supplies	.75
Howard Fitts, janitor, expense	75.35
John Fiske, slabs and sawing	30.00
Harry Edwards, labor	2.00
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	540.81

Detail No. 5

Police Department—Damage by Dogs

George Pettigrew, police and dog officer	66.60
Edward E. Griffin, chief of police	49.40
Maurice Coleman, special police	10.00
James Towle, special police	10.00
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	136.00

Detail No. 6

Fire Department—Forest Fire Account

Telephone service	20.76
Lights	14.80
Holmes and Wheeler, coal	65.93
Wilson Wells, gasoline	7.39
Hunts' Garage, labor and supplies	26.75
Curtis Insurance Agency	71.10
Boston Woven Hose and Rubber Co., hose	45.84
John B. Varick Co., supplies	10.66
Victor Spollett, expense account	49.63
Philip Hazelton, insurance	22.50
Blanchard Association, new equipment	51.63
Aubrey Robinson, Ins. on Fireman	32.00
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	418.99

Detail No. 7

Health Department and Vital Statistics

Preston E. Goodrich, health officer	15.99
Dr. James S. Roberts	7.00

Robert C. Hazelton, vital statistics	13.20
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36.19

Detail No. 8

Old Age Assistance, town's share	1,008.58
Special case	1,891.26
Town Poor	182.35

3,082.19

Detail No. 9

Street lights	1,540.08
Care of Town Clock	13.00

1,553.08

Detail No. 10

Interest on Cemetery Notes	71.92
Taxes bought by Town	95.70
Discounts	485.90
Wrong Tax	154.40
Parks and Playgrounds	46.20
Spraying trees	200.00
Blister rust	400.00

1,454.12

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1946

Town of Chester

Expenditures:

Town Funds	400.00
Cooperative Funds	1,064.84

Total 1,464.84

Received from town	400.00	
Expended from town funds	400.00	
Balance due town		0.00
Acreege worked	1,890 acres.	
Currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed	16,562	

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

James W. Towle

Town Roads.

Beairsto, George, gasoline	4.60
Berry, Gilbert, labor	2.40
Berry, Paul, labor	49.80
Boyce, Harry, labor	15.60
Chester General Store, gasoline	7.00
Church, Muriel, gravel—Team 2.00.	43.70
Clement, Felix, gasoline and oil	60.05
Dickason, James, labor	6.00
Davis, Donald, labor	90.45
Davis, Ronald, labor	82.05
Davis, Albert, labor	102.45
Edwards, Harry, labor	9.00
Estes, Harry, gasoline and oil	14.15
Gordon, Andrew, truck and tractor	101.50
Gillingham, Ernest, gravel	8.00
Hazelton, John, labor	9.60
Hunts' Garage, welding	2.00
Huckins, Everett, truck	3.30
Lane, Walter, edging plank, slabs	5.50
Langille, Earl, labor	8.10
Lewis, Lester, truck	30.00
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, bush cutters	3.85
Martin, Fred, labor	40.20
Pivorar, Frank, truck	5.55

Sundeen Lumber Co., cement	1.50
Smith, Edward, truck	81.90
Smith, Harry, truck, labor	166.10
Towle, James, labor	540.80
Towle, James, truck	90.00
Towle, Chester, labor	2.40
Towle, Philip, labor	41.40
Towle, James Jr., labor	62.40
Warren, Bert, tractor	157.50
Wason, Harold, labor	1.60
Wells, Wilson, gasoline and oil	35.68
Weeks, John, labor	1.20
Welch, Aie, truck	73.50
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	1,960.83

SNOW

Hunt's Garage, welding	2.00
Lewis, Lester, truck	184.00
Lewis, Lester Jr., labor	11.40
Lester, Ralph, labor	2.40
Towle, James W., labor	48.80
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	248.60

SNOW FENCES

Davis, Albert, labor	.60
Davis, Roland, labor	3.60
Davis, Donald, labor	3.60
Towle, James W., labor	16.00
Towle, Philip, labor	3.60
Towle, James W. Jr., labor	8.40
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	35.80

TRACTOR HOUSE

Davis, Albert, labor	3.00
David, Donald, labor	3.00
Healey, Robert, labor	11.20
Muldoon Bros., 100 ft. 2x4	4.50
Towle, James, labor, truck	93.30
Towle, James Jr., labor	3.60
Wason, William, boards	9.00
Wason, Harold, cement work	187.50
	315.10

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

Charles H. Smith

Town Roads—Snow

Beairsto, George, gasoline and oil	4.20
Clement, Felix, gasoline and oil	50.56
Davis, Donald, labor	1.80
Davis, Albert, labor	1.80
English, Merton, labor	1.80
Fortier, Herman, truck plowing snow	352.50
Hazelton, Llewellyn, labor	1.80
Hunt, Wilbur, plowing snow	3.00
McFarland, Earl, labor	7.20
Pingree, Earl, labor	1.80
Rand, Loren, gasoline	4.60
Smith, Charles H.	6.40
Towle, James, with tractor, truck	188.65
Towle, James Jr., labor	13.80
Towle, Philip, labor	3.60
Towle, Chester, with tractor, plowing snow	21.60
Wells, Wilson, gasoline	5.80
Willey, John, labor	33.60
	704.51

AUDITORS' REPORT

Chester, N. H., January 17, 1947

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

George W. Kimball

Alvah G. Healey

Herbert Ray

Auditors:

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER, N. H.

Having sold the home and our holdings of timber land of Mrs. Coates place, we deem it our duty to give a final financial account of our trusteeship of the expenditure of the funds from the Trust Funds. We drew from the Trust Funds \$16,000.00, also a gift from Amos Tuck French of \$1,000.00, from which we used to furnish the living room and dedicate the room to him.

We paid \$9,000.00 for the home. The following costs are approximate. Heating plant, \$2,500.00, for extras more than contract \$300.00. For plumbing and septic tank, \$380.00. Beds, bedding, carpets, rugs and furniture, \$1,500.00. Painting, papering, electric wiring and fixtures, \$300.00. Kitchen utensils, dishes, silver, \$275.00.

Building addition on house for bath room and extra bed room \$750.00, partitioning off room for hallway, house cleaning, drain to cellar, oil burner, fuel tank, numerous other jobs \$1,200.00. Matrons salary, fuel, food, running expenses for first few months, \$320.

From the earnings of the home we shingled the shed and barn, painted all the buildings and an artesian well, this expense should have been borne by the Trust Funds and not from Inmates fees.

It should be added to our earnings. We have re-
turned to the Trust Funds:—

Sale of Elgin National stock	4,368.24
Sale of home	9,200.00
Sale of Coates timber land	800.00
Sale of Anaconda stock	43.56
Rebate on Fire Ins. on home	24.00
Sale of land in East Boston	100.00
Money held Banks	7,953.33
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	22,489.13

In addition to this	
1935 Land sold Miss MacIntosh	35.00
1942 Land sold the town for tractor house	50.00
Balance of checking account	164.03
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	22,738.16

Myrtle Tenney
George E. Gillingham
F. G. Lewis
Byron, D. Mills
Ella A. Allen
Board of Trustees

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT, 1946
WILCOMB TOWNSEND HOME

Disbursements

To Treasurer's Bond	5.00
To Expense of Trustees meeting	3.00
To Flowers Mrs. McCully, a past Trustee	5.00
To Grinnell and Grinnell for certificate of incorporation, deeds, revenue stamps, telephone calls, services since incorpora- tion, including bill in equity, etc.	129.10
Bal. of dividends returned to Trust Funds and Accounts	366.15

To F. G. Lewis for year's care of property	50.00
To F. G. Lewis, revenue stamps on deed for home and wood lot	11.55
Copy of deed of Townsend place	2.00
For citation final settlement of Mrs. Prescotts gift	6.00
To Trustees of Trust Funds, bal. of dividends	509.37

1,087.17

Revenue

Jan. 1946, balance on hand	558.33
Rec'd dividends from Trust Funds	408.34
Rent of Townsend House	110.00
Sale of grass 1945	10.00
Dividend Anaconda stock	.50
Dividend from Trustee of Trust Funds	737.62

1,824.79

Revenue	1,824.79
Disbursements	1,087.17

737.62

Bank balance as per statement	737.62
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F. G. Lewis
Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT
GREAT HILL CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Checking Account

Balance from 1945	244.22
Deposits	128.80

373.02

Expenditures	65.00	
Balance		308.02
Savings Account		
Bal. from 1945	61.01	
Interest	1.57	
Balance		62.58
Perpetual Care Account		
Balance from 1945	476.04	
Sale of lots	262.80	
Interest for 1946	6.48	
		745.32
Paid Treas. of Trust Funds		733.00
Accumulated interest		12.32
		745.32
Balance	12.32	

Maurice G. Colman
Treasurer

CHESTER CEMETERY TRUSTEES

In Account with Amos T. French, Cemetery Land

Jan. 1, 1946, Balance on hand		712.16
Paid Earle M. Hazelton	20.00	
Dec. 31, 1946 balance	692.16	
		712.16

Walton E. Leighton
Harry C. Edwards
George W. Kimball
Trustees

Chester, N. H., January 23, 1947

Examined and found correct.

Alvah G. Healey
Herbert W. Ray
Auditors

REPORT OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

During the year 1946, 20 calls were answered.

Chimney Fires	6	
Building fires	7	
Grass and brush fires	4	
Automobile fires	2	
False alarm	1	
Out of town calls	4	
Received from the town of Sandown		50.00

Have had to replace some worn out equipment.

Victor B. Spollett
Chief

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Receipts

Cash on hand 1946	139.72
Received from town	225.00
Received from John C. Chase Fund	12.55
Received from Geo. Stevens Fund	10.19

387.46

Expenditures

Blanche C. Jones	120.00
Mildred Robie, magazine	10.00
Goodman's Book Store	68.72

Books and magazines	18.32	
Other expenditures	17.34	
		234.38
Cash to Balance		153.08

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books added to the library in 1946	110
Purchased with town money	81
Purchased with fines	4
Books given	25
Books removed from the shelves	50
Number of books taken out	3592
The largest number in any one day Feb. 23	71
The smallest number, June 26	8
The number of fiction read in 1946	3154
The number of non-fiction read in 1946	438
The number of cards issued	31
Dr.	
Money received in fines	22.71
Cr.	
Expended for assistant, books, magazines and supplies	20.92
Cash on hand	1.79
	22.71

Books and magazines have been given to the library by Miss Peggy Hooper, Mrs. Maud Rand Estes, Mrs. Harry Wetherby, Robert Partridge, Mrs. H. G. Learnard, Mrs. Roland Nichols, Mrs. A. J. Learnard.

The set of andirons and screen that were loaned to the library in 1945, have been removed by the Rev.

Chester Wilcomb. The library is in need of a screen for the fire place.

The library subscribed in 1946 to the American, Colliers,, Country Gentleman, Hygeia, McCalls, National Geographic, Nature, Good Housekeeping, The Wisdom, and the Woman's Home Companion.

Life and the Saturday Evening Post were given by Mrs. G. H. Learnard and Mrs. Roland Nichols.

The number of Catalogued books is 7537.

All gifts are gratefully acknowledged.

Blanche C. Jones

Librarian

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CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS												
May 3, 1904	John W. Noyes by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	2	1.03	6.05	7.05	.03				
Feb. 16, 1915	Jonathan Pressey by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	45.00	2	.90	.90	.90	1.72				
Mar. 15, 1906	William W. White by will	Town Note	75.00	3½	2.19	2.63	3.10	.25				
Dec. 23, 1908	Luther W. Hall by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.39	2.01	2.15	.15				
Dec. 24, 1908	Edmund Sleeper by Heirs	Town Note	45.00	3½	.67	1.58	2.10	2.00				
June 17, 1909	Hannah M. William by same	Town Note	50.00	3½	.25	1.75	2.00	.16				
Feb. 10, 1910	George W. Stevens by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	339.80	2	1.21	6.85	7.90	.17				
Aug. 23, 1910	Sarah A. True	Town Note	75.00	3½	1.54	2.63	4.00					
Aug. 23, 1910	Henry Moore by Emma M. Moore	Town Note	60.00	3½	.10	2.10	2.20					
July 7, 1911	Samuel S. Parker by same	Town Note	40.00	3½	.50	1.40	1.90					
Oct. 3, 1911	Charles A. Dearborn by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.01	2.01	2.00	.02				
Oct. 11, 1911	Rev. Charles Tenney by Mary E. Tenney	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.51	2.01	2.10	.42				
June 3, 1912	Lot Knowles by Heirs	Town Note	50.00	3½	.75	1.75	2.10	.40				
Oct. 31, 1914	Cynthia J. Brown by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2	.10	1.00	1.10					
Aug. 30, 1916	John Hazelton by Susan Hazelton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.51	2.01	2.25	.27				
Nov. 25, 1916	Charles H. Knowles by same	Town Note	50.00	3½	.30	1.75	2.05					

Feb. 16, 1916	Charles Stevens oy will	Town Note	60.00	3½	.70	2.10	1.75	1.05
Aug. 25, 1917	Oren F. Page by Mary A. Byard	Town Note	40.00	3½	.50	1.40	1.90	
Sept. 29, 1917	Hills Stevens, by Lydia A. Newell	Town Note	50.00	3½	.60	1.75	2.10	.25
Nov. 1, 1917	David Lane by Sarah E. Lane	Town Note	70.00	3½		2.45	2.45	
June 30, 1918	Caroline M. Hall by will	Town Note	50.00	3½	.50	1.75	1.75	.50
June 30, 1918	George L. Converse by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2		1.00	1.00	
Mar. 26, 1919	Parker Morse by Clarence O. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3½	.70	1.75	1.95	50
Mar. 26, 1919	George Marden by Clarence O. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3½	.75	1.75	2.05	.45
Oct. 28, 1924	James H. Hardy by Abbie Hardy	Town Note	50.00	3½	.50	1.75	1.35	.90
Mar. 20, 1925	Lydia J. Ramsey by same by Kate V. Colby	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.26	2.01	2.25	.02
Sept. 25, 1925	George S. West by Gertrude J. West	Town Note	50.00	3½	.25	1.75	2.00	
Jan. 23, 1926	Mills & Wilson by Frank M. Mills per Martin Mills	Amoskeag Savings Bank	250.00	2	5.97	5.13	6.20	4.90
Oct. 5, 1926	Helen F. Soule by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	2.33	2.05	2.35	2.03
April 6, 1928	George Herman Jack by Jessie Stevens Jack	Town Note	60.00	3½	.65	2.10	2.25	.50
June 5, 1928	Amos Hazelton by Elizabeth S. Hook	Town Note	75.00	3½	2.13	2.62	4.00	.75
June 5, 1928	James & J. Albert Hook by Elizabeth S. Hook	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.76	2.01	2.75	.02
June 5, 1925	Ephraim Orcutt by Elizabeth S. Hook	Town Note	50.00	3½	.25	1.75	2.00	
Jan. 2, 1929	Augustus P. Morse by Augustus P. Morse	Town Note	50.00	3½	1.00	1.75	2.35	.40
Dec. 31, 1929	Charles F. True by will per Sarah J. True	Town Note	50.00	3½	1.00	1.75	2.75	

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CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS												
Jan. 5, 1931	French - Heath by Jennie C. Heath	Town Note	50.00	3½	.50	1.75	2.25					
Jan. 1, 1929	Mary E. Merrill by same	Town Note	25.00	3½	.24	.87	.75				.36	
May 30, 1930	Arthur L. Morse and Harry Roberts by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.01	2.01	2.00				.02	
April 27, 1931	George A. Hosley by Emma Hosley	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2	.02	4.02	4.00				.04	
Mar. 12, 1929	John C. Chase by same	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	200.00	2	3.19	4.08	4.50				2.77	
May 1, 1920	Village Cemetery by Clarence O. Morse	U. S. Savings Bond	1,000.00	2½	5.84	25.23	26.75				4.32	
May 25, 1918	Albert Knippee by will	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½	1.68	2.50	2.00				2.18	
Oct. 1, 1924	James W. Gordon by will	Town Note	50.00	3½	.30	1.75	1.85				.20	
June 29, 1918	Sarah U. Lane by will	Town Note	200.00	3½	2½	31.10	6.00	17.50			19.60	
April 15, 1919	John West by Sarah F. Robinson	Town Note	50.00	3½	2½	1.50	1.75				.15	
April 15, 1919	Joseph Knowles	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½	1.26	2.50	3.50				.26	
April 15, 1919	Robert and Rebecca Knowles	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½	2.06	2.50	3.00				1.56	
Jan. 31, 1920	John W. West 2nd by will	Town Note	50.00	3½	.50	1.50	1.87				.13	
Jan. 31, 1920	Elizabeth I. Kent by will	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½	2.50	2.50	2.50				2.00	
April 30, 1921	Page Reed Smith by Josephine Lovering	Town Note	80.00	3½	2½	2.70	2.40				3.10	

April 30, 1921	Sally Lovering Sleeper	Town Note	40.00	3½	2½	.50	1.20	1.65	.05
June 28, 1921	Joseph Dane by Nellie E. Dane	Town Note	50.00	3½	2½	.50	1.50	1.60	.40
Nov. 26, 1921	Mary E. Bean by will	Town Note	50.00	3½	2½	.60	1.50	1.75	.35
May 27, 1922	John S. Emery by Richard S. Emery	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		1.07	2.50	2.20	1.37
Sept. 30, 1922	George Wells by Carrie L. Warren	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		.30	2.50	2.30	
Oct. 3, 1922	Amos Green by Charles H. Green	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		3.47	2.50	1.95	4.02
Oct. 3, 1922	Charles H. Green by Charles H. Green	Town Note	100.00	3½	2½	3.31	3.00	3.50	2.81
Mar. 31, 1923	Silas F. Learnard by Martha L. Learnard	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.30	2.50	2.50	2.30
May 3, 1923	Samuel S. Warren by Orpha A. Warren	Town Note	50.00	3½	2½		1.50	1.38	.12
Nov. 20, 1923	Mark Sanborn by Heirs	Town Note	50.00	3½	2½	1.00	1.50	1.75	.75
Nov. 30, 1923	Moses Pingree by will	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		2.65	2.50	3.20	1.95
Dec. 22, 1923	Herbert W. Robie	Town Note	50.00	3½	2½	.95	1.50	2.00	.45
Jan. 31, 1924	Daniel Bell by will	U. S. Savings Bond	100.00	2½		1.00	2.50	3.00	.50
July 1, 1931	Hannah M. Sawyer by will	Town Note	50.00	3½		1.50	1.75	2.10	1.15
Oct. 13, 1931	James DeLeskey by Rilla Day	Town Note	75.00	3½		2.34	2.62	2.25	2.71
Jan. 28, 1932	George F. West by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	185.00	2		.44	3.72	2.25	1.66
May 7, 1932	The Mills Family by Heirs of Annie Mills	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2		.02	4.02	2.05	1.99
Aug. 3, 1932	C. F. Marston by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2		.51	2.01	2.20	.32
May 2, 1933	Buzzell A. Follansbee by Herman Follansbee	Manchester Savings Bank	60.00	2½		.25	1.51	1.75	.01
Aug. 1, 1933	Carlos Noyes by will	Manchester Savings Bank	75.00	2½		.63	1.89	1.85	.67
Jan. 11, 1933	A. H. Wilcomb by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	224.00	2		21.70	4.99	11.45	26.24
		Mortgage D. A. Hamilton	220.00	5			11.00		

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Oct. 9, 1933	Josie Gerah by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	1.01	2.03	2.10	.94			
Jan. 19, 1934	John F. & Jennie E. Green, Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2	.26	3.01	3.10	.17			
July 9, 1934	Lucy Lawrence by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	1.01	2.03	2.05	.99			
July 8, 1935	Ellen A. Coates by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2	1.44	4.04	3.85	1.63			
Nov. 5, 1935	Joseph Webster by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.24	2.10	1.75	.50			
May 26, 1936	W. F. Warren by Frank Warren	Town Note	50.00	3½	.25	1.75	1.75	.25			
Feb. 23, 1937	Valeria A. Towle by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.01	2.01	1.75	.27			
May 20, 1937	Mabel J. Brickett by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.77	2.01	2.00	.78			
May 8, 1937	Charles E. Cook by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.01	2.01	1.75	.27			
Aug. 14, 1937	Moses Webster, Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	1.05	2.03	1.75	1.33			
Aug. 19, 1937	The Melvin Fund by John Tracy Melvin	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.01	2.01	1.80	.22			
Oct. 23, 1937	Fred B. and Alice E. Boyles by Abbott W. Boyles	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2	.23	3.01	2.65	.59			
June 28, 1938	Thomas J. Melvin by Helen E. Melvin by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2		2.01	1.80	.21			
Dec. 8, 1938	James Marden by daughter	Amoskeag Savings Bank	40.00	2	.05	.80	.85				
Mar. 1, 1939	Chester Noyes Greenough by Ruth H. Greenough	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.76	2.01	2.00	.77			

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

May 29, 1939	E. G. Buffum by Lilla J. Morton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.78	2.01	2.50	.29
Aug. 11, 1939	Frances L. Hazelton Estate of F. L. by O. L. Hazelton	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2		4.02	4.02	
Nov. 25, 1939	Susie Smith	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2		2.01	2.01	
May 21, 1940	Magdalena Robbs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2	1.18	4.04	4.10	1.12
Oct. 31, 1940	John H. Robie by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2	.01	3.01	2.75	.27
Dec. 27, 1940	George Mackintosh by Heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.01	2.01	2.00	.02
July 22, 1941	Lewis Kimball by Annie L. Little	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	1.46	2.03	2.25	1.24
June 6, 1941	Eva Underhill	Amoskeag Savings Bank	75.00	2		1.50	1.50	
Nov. 8, 1941	Sanborn & Morse by Heirs of Mary A. Sanborn & Leroy D. Morse	Amoskeag Savings Bank	120.00	2		2.41	2.35	.06
Nov. 29, 1941	Mary A. Owen by Mary Owen	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.05	2.01	1.75	.31
Dec. 8, 1941	Edward T. Morse, Lois C. Morse by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.01	2.01	2.00	.02
Oct. 7, 1942	Mary J. Maple by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2		2.01	2.00	.01
May 4, 1942	William Greenough by Arthur Greenough	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.32	2.01	1.85	.48
May 15, 1942	Arthur E. Leighton by same	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.17	2.01	1.93	.25
Feb. 23, 1942	William P. Nichols by children	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.51	2.01	2.50	.02
July 27, 1942	Justine P. Creamer by Ina Creamer	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.11	2.01	1.75	.37
Aug. 22, 1942	Isabelle C. Clark by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2	.02	4.02	3.25	.79
June 18, 1943	Lida E. Crawford by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	2	7.78	6.17	5.75	8.20
Dec. 13, 1943	Amos T. French, by will	U. S. Bonds	5,000.00	2 1/2	420.21	134.69	50.00	504.90
Feb. 15, 1943	Minnie D. French by will	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2	.25	1.00	1.00	.25

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July 16, 1945	Addie F. Watkins by will --	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2		2.84	.75	2.09
Dec. 7, 1945	Ann M. Wakefield by Maud B. Goodrich	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2		3.01		3.01
Dec. 30, 1944	Post War Appropriation Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	1,915.00	2½	16.48	45.20	1,621.32	355.36
Feb. 10, 1910	LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS George W. Stevens by will	Town Note	339.30	3½	2½	10.19	10.19	
Jan. 2, 1931	John C. Chase by John C. Chase	Amoskeag Savings Bank	500.00	2		10.05	10.05	
1915	The Wilcomb Home Fund by Mary J. Wilcomb	Amoskeag Savings Bank Manchester Savings Bank U. S. Savings Bond	3,466.98 919.04 1,000.00					
1927	Lydia A. Newell Home Fund by Lydia A. Newell	Amoskeag Savings Bank Manchester Savings Bank	4,286.62 4,620.67					
1946	Received from Trustees of Wilcomb Townsend Home.	Manchester Savings Bank	4,339.32					
	Ten \$100 Funds invested in a \$1,000 U. S. Savings Bond,	U. S. Savings Bond	22,489.13					

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Trustees of Trust Funds and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Chester, N. H. Jan. 23, 1947
Herbert W. Ray, George W. Kimball, Alvah G. Healey. Auditors.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHESTER

MODERATOR

Lewis J. Gordon

CLERK

Mildred C. Hunt

TREASURER

Carrie A. Richardson

SCHOOL BOARD

Mabel R. Finnigan

Ella A. Allen

Wallace Fitts

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Everton H. Parkinson

Residence, Derry, N. H., Tel. Office 195

SCHOOL NURSE

Lillian S. Mackintosh

Residence, Chester, N. H., Tel. Chester 12-2

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Edward E. Griffin

AUDITOR

Byron D. Mills

TEACHERS UNDER APPOINTMENT

School	Name	P. O. Address
Village Primary	Brown, Eliza	Chester, N. H.
Village Intermediate	Church, Muriel	Chester, N. H.
Village Grammar	Barker, Hope	Londonderry, N. H.
Towle	Greeley, Gertrude	Londonderry, N. H.

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Chester, N. H., qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stevens-Memorial Hall in said district on the 11th day of March, 1947 at 7:30 in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the ensuing 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 hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in the warrant.
7. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate for school purposes the sum of money as set forth in the budget, including the salaries of school officials, payment of district debt and other expenses, and pass any vote relating thereto.
8. To see if the district will elect to approve of the inclusion of its officers and employees (other than those eligible under the Teachers Retirement System) in the Employees' Retirement System of the State of New Hampshire, which system is provided for by chapter 27-A of the Revised Laws, as inserted by Chapter

183 of the Laws of 1945, and as provided by chapter 201 of the Laws 1945 and any subsequent amendments thereto.

9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen dollars and thirty cents (\$14.30) for the purpose of providing funds for the district's contribution to said retirement system for the coming year.

10. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty dollars (\$50) to install and maintain telephones at Primary and Towle Schools.

11. To hear the report of the special committee appointed in 1945 relating to a new school building and take any action relating thereto.

12. To see if the district will vote to construct and equip a consolidated elementary school.

13. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to execute any and all contracts or agreements necessary, proper, or advisable in connection with the construction and equipping of a school building and the acquisition of necessary real property in connection therewith.

14. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) or any part thereof and to authorize the school board to issue bonds or notes payable exclusively from funds to be raised by taxation for the purpose of financing the cost of the construction and equipping of a school building and the acquisition of the necessary real property in connection therewith and all other expenses necessary or incidental thereto and to fix the time and place of payment of such notes or bonds, the rate of interest thereon and to provide for the sale thereof and pass any vote relating thereto.

15. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to make application to the Federal works agency for funds under Title V of the War Reconversion and Mobilization Act for the preparation of plans and specifications for a new central school and to execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of the school district, any and all contracts, agreements necessary for the purpose of obtaining a loan or grant from the Federal Works Agency or any other agency of the United States.

16. To see if the district will authorize the appointment by the moderator of two citizens to act in conjunction with the school board to execute the intent of any article embraced in this warrant.

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

Given under our hands at said Chester this 21st day of February, 1947.

Mabel Finnigan
Ella Allen
Wallace Fitts
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

Mabel Finnigan
Ella Allen
Wallace Fitts
School Board

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 1946 to June 1947

1946

First Period:

Opens Monday, Sept. 30 Closes Friday, Dec. 20
1947

Second Period:

Opens Mon., Dec. 30, 1946 Closes Fri., Mar. 21, 1947

Third Period:

Opens Monday, March 31 Closes at the end of
180 teaching days.

Holidays

Jan. 1, 1947

April 24 & 25, 1947

May 30, 1947

September 1947 to June 1948

1947

First Period:

Opens Monday, Sept. 8, Closes Friday, Dec. 19
1948

Second Period:

Opens Monday, Jan. 5, Closes Friday, Feb. 20

Third Period:

Opens Monday, March 1 Closes Friday, April 16

Fourth Period:

Opens Monday, April 26 Closes at the end of
180 teaching days.

Holidays

Oct. 13, 1947

Nov. 11, 1947

Nov. 27 & 28, 1947

May 31, 1948

BUDGET

Items	Appro. for 1946-47	Proposed for 1947-48
Payments		
Support of Schools		
Teachers salaries	5,500.00	6,739.00
Text books	130.00	175.00
Scholars supplies	170.00	200.00
Flags	5.00	5.00
Other expenses of instruction	20.00	50.00
Janitor service	350.00	430.00
Fuel	400.00	300.00
Light & janitor supplies	75.00	75.00
Minor repairs	100.00	100.00
Medical inspection	171.54	176.00
Transportation	1,600.00	2,000.00
Tuition	4,600.00	5,980.00
Insurance	26.70	142.50
Other Statutory Obligations:		
Salaries of district officers	179.00	186.00
Superintendent's excess salary	152.63	250.00
Truant officer and census	15.00	15.00
Expenses of administration	80.00	200.00
Per capita tax	286.00	288.00
Teacher's retirement fund	49.00	75.00
Employee's retirement fund		75.00
Total payments	13,909.87	17,461.50
Income		
State aid	2,077.23	2,077.23
Dog tax	200.00	200.00
Trust funds	132.00	132.00
Total estimated income	2,409.23	2,409.23

Estimated payments	13,909.87	17,461.50
Estimated income	2,409.23	2,409.23
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Tax levy	11,500.64	15,052.27
Special appropriation	1,000.00	
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Total tax levy	12,500.64	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946

Income

Cash on hand July 1, 1945	869.93	
State aid	2,077.23	
Tax levy	8,571.49	
Dog tax	245.33	
Trust funds	127.47	
Sale of property	2.57	
Other receipts	78.45	
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Total resources		11,972.47

Payments

Teachers salaries	5,089.58	
Text books	128.23	
Scholars' supplies	133.42	
Flags	4.70	
Other expenses of instruction	11.63	
Janitor service	318.50	
Fuel	360.00	
Water, light, janitor's supplies	54.34	
Minor repairs	186.78	
Medical inspection	171.54	
Transportation	1,649.90	
Tuition—high school	2,706.01	
Other Statutory Obligations		
Salaries of district officers	183.00	

Superintendent's excess salary	166.78
Truant officer & census	14.00
Expenses of administration	94.78
Per capita tax	262.00
Insurance and other fixed charges	40.67
New equipment	93.68
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Total payments	11,669.54

Cash on hand June 30, 1946	302.93
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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 Chester, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946 and find them correct in all respects.

B. D. Mills
Auditor

July 12, 1946

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946

Cash on hand June 30, 1945	\$869.93
Received from selectmen, appropriation	8,571.49
Received from selectmen, dog tax	245.33
Received from trust funds	127.47
Received from State Treasurer, state aid	2,077.23
Received from all other sources	81.02
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Total amount available	\$11,972.47
Less School Board orders paid	11,669.54
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Balance on hand as of June 30, 1946	302.93

AUDITOR'S REPORT

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 Chester, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946 and find them correct in all respects.

B. D. Mills
Auditor

July 12, 1946

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Chester School Board:

I herewith submit my fifth annual report as superintendent of schools of Chester.

Statistical Reports Enrollment

The total enrollment for grades one through eight for the period ending January 31, 1947 was 119 as compared to 108 for the same period last year and 95 two years ago.

The membership by school and grade for January 31, 1947 follows:

School	Grade								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Primary	13	7	12	11	12	10			65
Grammar							14	14	28
Towle	2	3	2	2	4	2			15
Totals	15	10	14	13	16	12	14	14	108

The number of Chester pupils who were in attendance at high school on January 31, 1947 may be seen from the following:

School	Grade			Total	
	9	10	11	12	
Pinkerton Academy	7	3	2	6	18
Raymond High	7	3	3	5	18
Totals	14	6	5	11	36

Statistics for the School Year

Ending June 30, 1946

Total registration	115
Half days schools were in session	347½
Average membership	98.497
Average attendance	90.215
Per cent of attendance	91.591
Pupils not absent nor tardy	0
Cases of tardiness	49
Non-resident pupils	1
Pupils transported at district expense	29
Number of pupils promoted	95
Number of pupils not promoted	8
Per cent not promoted	7.7

CENSUS RETURNS

September 30, 1946

Number of resident children 5 to 16 in local schools	111
Number 5 to 16 in Pinkerton Academy	9
Number 5 to 16 in high schools outside the district	8
Number 5 to 16 in elementary schools outside the district	1
Total number 5 to 16 in some school	129
Number 5 to 8 not in school	6
Number 8 to 14 not in school	0
Number 14 to 16 not in school	1
Total number of children 5 to 16 not in some school	7

Total number of resident children	
Sept. 30, 1946	136
Total number of resident children	
Sept. 30, 1945	130

On Tuesday evening, June 18, 1946 graduation exercises were held in the Stevens Memorial Hall for thirteen pupils who had completed the prescribed elementary program of studies. Appropriate exercises preceded the awarding of certificates to the following:

Doris Barnes	Phyllis MacDonald
Albert Davis	Bernice McFarland
Helen Edwards	Robert Porter
Bernice Gates	Elisabeth Rand
Geraldine Harvey	John Rand
Earl Langille	Jean Wason
Louis Lessard	

The district was indeed fortunate to be able to replace its whole staff of teachers with experienced personnel. The loss of the entire staff is unfortunately not an unusual occurrence in these times. To secure an experienced staff at our salary scale was extremely fortuitous. The schools have had the usual interruptions plus a delayed opening and a two weeks interruption because of polio. That pupils have made the progress they have in such situation is a tribute to parents, pupils and teachers.

I should not fail in this connection to mention the loyal and conscientious service rendered in the past by Mrs. Hazel Hart, Mrs. Doris McCully and Mrs. Avis True. In years when the educational scene was characterized by teacher turnover that previously was unprecedented these three teachers rendered service to the pupils and schools of Chester. That the new staff has been able to teach successfully can be attributed

in no small measure to the work that these three teachers have done.

Educational progress as well as the exigencies of the times made it necessary to perfect a reorganization of the schools. The teacher supply demanded that the number of grades be cut down at Towle school and to equalize the pupil load at the Village schools. The advantages of the 7th and 8th grade pupils of being associated with larger groups of their own age was another factor which made it advisable to transport boys and girls of the 7th and 8th grade from Towle to the Village. This necessitated enlarging the intermediate room to accommodate grade 6. In order to heat the rooms adequately it became necessary to build vestibules at the Primary building. In addition the sanitation was improved on a "stop gap" basis. The necessity for remedying this situation on a more permanent basis is self evident. "Stop gap" measures can be used if plans are furthered to remedy the whole school housing program.

The pupil enrollment shows a surprising stability in the present day. National statistics show an increase in primary grade enrollments and figures indicate that the peak will be reached in 1950 or '51. In face of this national trend Chester has varied but little. The following table reveals this fact.

	Average membership	Primary Grades
1942	92	50
1943	91	40
1944	93	44
1945	95	41
1946	91	41

With average fluctuating only 4 from the high of 1945 to the low of 1943 and 1946 and with the excep-

tion of 1942 the same being true of the primary enrollment it is obvious that Chester schools have showed surprising stability.

The pupils are making educational progress. Test results over a period of years show that aside from occasional fluctuations the pupils of Chester are at or above the established norms for the grade. The pupils of the Chester schools are well mannered and behaved. The lessons that the home and schools teach in the intangibles are evidenced in the general behavior. When pupils seemingly make progress socially and scholastically, the district can be proud of its children.

Another serious obstacle that is partially overcome is the market situation. Paper supplies are still short. Book orders are delayed. Quality of paper is not up to usual standards. Orders are placed 6 to 10 months prior to date of use. This is both an advantage and a disadvantage. It is advantageous because we have in several instances been able to secure quotations at the time of placing orders which protected us against price increases. It is disadvantageous in that until nearer the close of school estimates of grade enrollments are apt to permit of greater amount of error.

The budget as proposed by the school board calls for an increase of \$3,552.00. A study of the various items reveals that two, teacher salaries and high school tuition, are responsible for \$2,619.00. The increase in salaries needs little explanation. The newspapers have carried, for the past several months, items that reveal the need for very definite increases in this area. The high school tuition is increased because of two variables. Increased enrollment and increased tuition cost jointly. The average cost of high school tuition has increased as follows:

		Increased
1942	\$89.79	\$8.80
1943	100.78	10.99
1944	107.46	6.68
1945	114.59	7.13
1946	123.79	9.20

The indications are that due to salary increases that the average will increase more this year than any previous year. The proposed budget has used as the students. In budgeting since the district must provide an opportunity for secondary education the potential enrollment must be used as a base.

The warrant in accord with the vote taken at the last district meeting includes several articles pertaining to a building program. The necessity for definite action is becoming more pressing. As materials become available pressure from several sources will make a definite program almost mandatory. The educational results obtained in face of existing plant facilities are truly amazing.

The educational opportunities available to the pupils of Chester are considerably enhanced by intangible assets that are difficult to measure. The abstract concepts of cooperation, conscientiousness, loyalty, sympathy and understanding are exemplified in whole or in part by all concerned with the welfare of Chester pupils. The school board gives unremittingly of its time and effort, exercises its best judgment and works co-operatively to contribute its full share to the Chester schools. Teachers and pupils are striving to accomplish the best results. Parents endeavor to give to their children the opportunity to profit from the educational facilities available.

With each group contributing its share the opportunity of working with all interested in the welfare of

Chester pupils is a privilege.

Respectfully submitted,

Everton H. Parkinson

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Everton H. Parkinson

Superintendent of Schools

Derry, N. H.

I submit the following report for the schools of
Chester, from September 1945 to June 1946:

		No. of correc- tions or under- treatment
Number of pupils examined	102	
Number of pupils with defective vision	12	8
Number of pupils with defective hearing	0	
Number of pupils with defective teeth	39	20
Number of pupils with nervous condition	1	1
Number of pupils with cardiac condition	1	1
Number of pupils tested for hearing by the audiometer	62	
Number of pupils retested	3	
Number of pupils attending dental clinic	18	

Number of dental operations	36
Number of communicable diseases	
Mumps	49
Number of home calls	40
Number of school calls	100

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian S. Mackintosh
School Nurse

Jan. 31, 1947

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Registered in the

TOWN OF CHESTER

For the Year Ending

December 31, 1946

Births Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for Year Ending December 31, 1946.

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Male or Female		Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.		
			L	F						
			No. of Child	Color						
			L	F						
			V	S						
			T	B						
1946										
Jan. 19	E. Derry ..	David F. Lewis ...	m	1	4	w	Robert T. Lewis	Marilyn V. Smith	Chester, N. H.	Derry, N. H.
June 17	Manchester	Janet L. Seabury ..	f	1	3	w	Ralph Seabury, Jr. . .	Ethel A. Hicks	Arlington, Mass.	Medford, Mass.
July 27	Manchester	Linda Claire Geddis	f	1	2	w	Howard A. Geddis ...	Louise Hutchings	Springfield, Mass.	Portsmouth, N. H. ...
Aug. 23	Manchester	David C. Healey ..	m	1	3	w	Forrest C. Healey	Esther E. Bolser	Chester, N. H.	New Brunswick
Sept. 8	Manchester	Barbara M. Wiggir	f	1	1	w	Chas. B. Wiggins, Jr. .	Helen T. Case	Boston, Mass.	Plainfield, N. J.
Oct. 2	Exeter	Noreen L. Simano .	f	1	2	w	William F. Simano ..	Mary I. Melkonian ...	Raymond, N. H.	Boston, Mass.
Oct. 28	Exeter	John F. Campbell, Jr.	m	1	1	w	John F. Campbell ...	Ella J. Simoneau	Andover, Mass.	Chester, N. H.
Sept. 6	E. Derry ...	Marcia Rand	f	1	4	w	George E. Rand	Gertrude Middleton ...	Chester, N. H.	Waltham, Mass.
Oct. 28	E. Derry ...	Laura L. Harvey .	f	1	5	w	Gordon H. Harvey ...	Ruth Sullivan	Aylesford, N. S.	Kennebunkport, Me. ...
Nov. 17	E. Derry ...	Lavarne L. Harvey	f	1	6	w	Gordon H. Harvey ...	Patricia Hilburg	Haverhill, Mass.	Derry, N. H.
Dec. 11	Berlin	Michele J. Goodrow	f	1	1	w	John W. Goodrow ...	Roma Julia Dahl	Boston, Mass.	Berlin, N. H.
		Jay Kurt Schnare	m	1	4	w	Herbert S. Schnare ...			

Marriages Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for Year Ending December 31, 1946.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age of each	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents	Name, Residence, Official Station of Person by whom Married.	Condition
Feb. 8	Chester	John F. Campbell Ella Jane Simoneau	Andover, Mass. Chester	20 w 21 w	w w	Veteran Shoe shop	Andover, Mass. Chester	George Campbell Mary Huiley William Simoneau Florence Guyette	1 Charles Walter Frye 1 Clergyman 1 Raymond	1
Mar. 24	Gilmanton Iron Works, N. H.	Charles E. Healey Margaret H. Warburton	Chester Gilmanton	26 w 22 w	w w	Factory Stitcher	Chester Gilmanton	Everett Healey Florence Holland John Warburton Clara Atkins	1 Arthur V. Dimock 1 Clergyman 1 Gilmanton	1
June 1	Whitefield, N. H.	Layford B. Collins Dorothy M. Woodard	Lancaster Chester	20 w 17 w	w w	Lumberman At home	Whitefield, Chester	Albert Collins Jessie Ingrison Leroy Woodard Blanche Smith	1 Rev. Jos. D. Burnett 1 Minister 1 Whitefield	1
June 26	Chester	John B. Folsom Leslie Ann Crosby	Epping Chester	31 w 20 w	w w	Teacher At home	Epping Derry	Edwin Folsom Mabel Reynolds Robert Crosby Martha Neal	1 Edward D. Johnson 1 Minister 1 Methuen, Mass.	1
July 1	Chester	Charles T. Odell Arlene J. Reynolds	Chester Chester	31 w 37 w	w w	Stenographer At home	Roselle, N. J. Cambridge, Vt.	Charles Odell Mary Deter Herbert Pierce	1 George S. Snyder 1 Minister 2 Chester	1
July 12	Derry	Elmer Leroy Philbrook Lucille Ida St. Amand	Chester Derry	22 w 16 w	w w	Clerical Stenographer	Beverly, Mass. Chelmsford, Mas	Jesse Baker Frisclilla Haskell Serphin St. Amand Simone Paradise William Lewey	1 Herbert L. Grinnell 1 Justice of the Peace	1
Nov. 3	Chester	Lawrence B. Lewey Barbara A. Berry	Keene Chester	23 w 20 w	w w	Cook Student	Lynn, Mass. Chester	Evangeline Colby Wayland Berry Alta Lawrence	1 Milton W. Pullen 1 Pastor 1 Chester	1
Nov. 28	Chester	Fredertck W. Beauregard Glady's F. Lewis	Springfield, Mass. Chester	30 w 23 w	w w	Cook At home	Keene Chester	George Beauregard Sarah Nadeau Lester J. Lewis	1 Milton W. Pullen 1 Clergyman 1 Chester	1
Dec. 29	Chester	Norman Brooks Holden Esther Elizabeth Robie	Chester Chester	25 w 21 w	w w	Hosp. Attend. Lab. Tech.	Stoneham, Mass. Derry	Leon B. Holden Grace I. Downs Myron F. Robie Mildred D. Steele	1 Milton W. Pullen 1 Clergyman 1 Chester	1

Deaths Registered in the Town of Chester, N. H. for Year Ending December 31, 1946.

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1946						
Jan. 5	E. Derry	Leroy Morse	66	Chester	Augustus P. Morse	Abbie Dinsmore
Jan. 12	Chester	Luther Basford Lane	90	Chester	Beth B. Lane	Mary Lane Basford
Feb. 8	Chester	Georgianna Abbott	74	Chester	Lutherford Abbott	Eldustio Barrett
Mar. 14	Chester	Sarah R. Underhill	79	Candia	Charles P. R. Sargent	Orrissa Truell
Mar. 19	Chester	Fred Henry Gilmore	64	Concord	Lucius Gilmore	Lovina Burnham
Apr. 23	Chester	Annie M. Johnson	73	Digby, Nova Scotia	Charles Winchester	Frances Smyth
June 25	E. Derry	Whitecomb Bruce	30	Putnam, Conn.	Edward Bruce	Grace Davis
July 8	Chester	Caroline Vollm	76	Germany	Fritz Wernig	Margaret Rumph
Aug. 12	Chester	Frank L. Richardson	85	Braizer Falls, N. Y.	David Richardson	Unknown
Sept. 5	E. Derry	Lois S. Schnare	8	Berlin, N. H.	Terbert Schnare	Roma Dahl
Oct. 8	Chester	Horace J. Baldwin	48	Revere, Mass.	Horace B. Baldwin	Louise Fitz
Nov. 27	Chester, N. H.	Bertha E. McCully	76	Maitland, N. S.	William J. Robinson	Eleanor Taylor

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

R. C. Hazelton, Town Clerk.

