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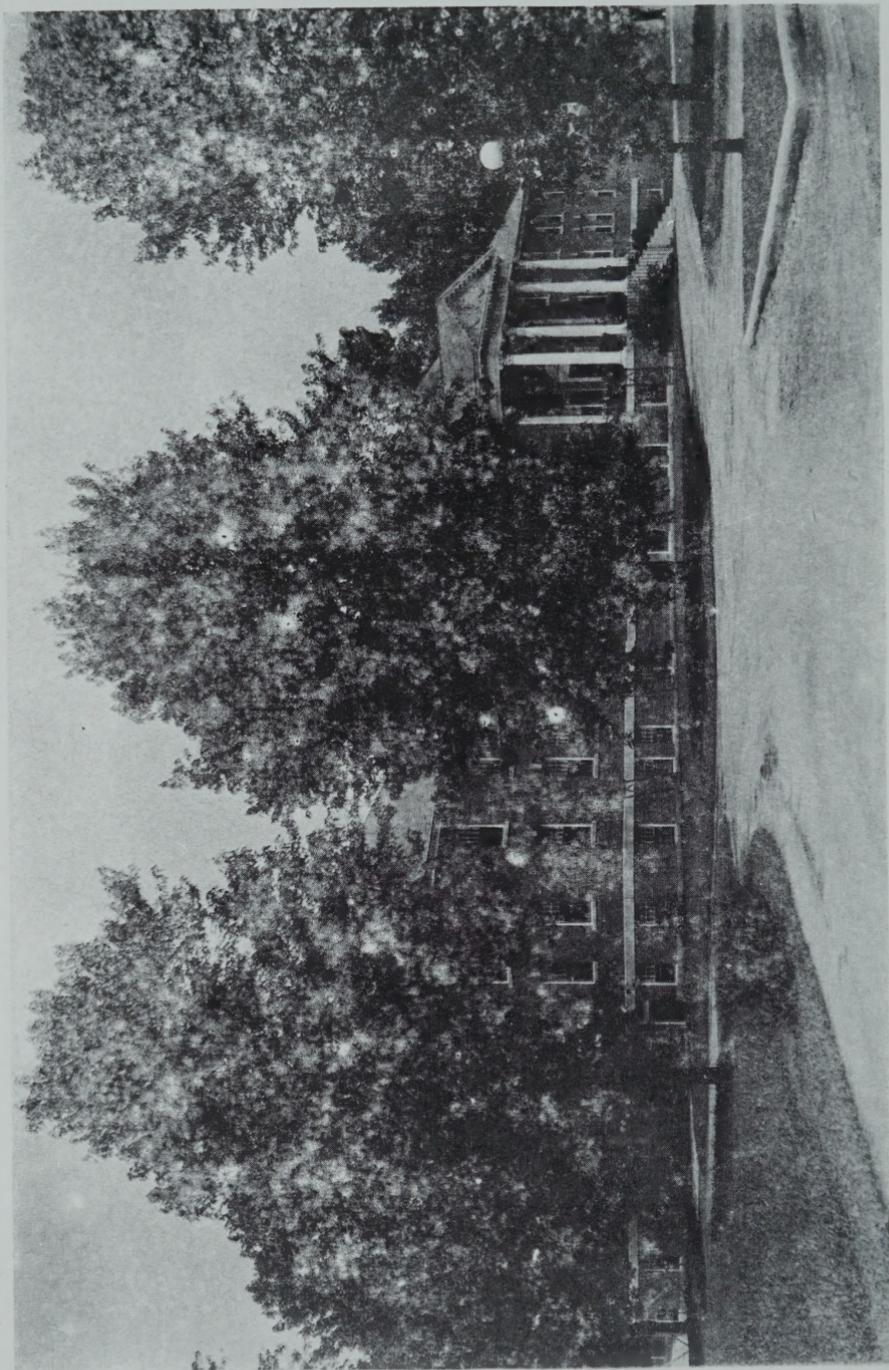
## ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

1953







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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS**

**OF THE**

*County of Grafton*

Together with the Reports of the  
Treasurer, Auditors, Superintendent, Jailer,  
Clerk of Court, Solicitor, Sheriff,  
Chaplain, Physician and  
Extension Service

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1953**

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## GRAFTON COUNTY OFFICERS

### Commissioners

Kenneth G. Bell	Plymouth
George F. Clement	Landaff
Robert A Jones	Lebanon

### Treasurer

Lawrence M. Colby	Littleton
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### Sheriff

Herbert W. Ash	Campton
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### Jailer

Erville H. Aldrich	North Haverhill
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### Clerk of Court

Unwar J. Samaha	Woodsville
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### Judge of Probate

Henry A. Dodge	Littleton
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### Register of Probate

Anna D. Proctor	Woodsville
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### Register of Deeds

Fred J. Shores	Woodsville
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### County Almshouse and House of Correction

Erville H. Aldrich	North Haverhill
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### Chaplain

Burton G. Robbins	North Haverhill
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### Physicians

E. C. Campbell, M.D., Medical Director	Woodsville
L. E. McKinlay, M.D., Asso. Physician	No. Haverhill
C. D. Eastman, M.D., Asso. Physician	Woodsville

### Auditors

Horace B. Knight	Woodsville
George H. Richardson	Littleton

**GRAFTON COUNTY DELEGATION — 1953-1954**

Ashland	Hiram F. Gingras
Bath	Edwin P. Chamberlin
Bethlehem	Charles H. Whittier
Bristol	Bowdoin Plumer
Campton	Philip S. Willey
Canaan	George L. Eggleston
Easton	Lyle E. Brown
Enfield	Thomas J. Lorden
Franconia	Nina E. Peabody
Grafton	Elsie F. Williams
Hanover	Edith P. Atkins, Robert J. Fuller, Elizabeth W. Hayward, Charles A. Holden
Haverhill	Norman A. McMeekin, Finley P. Sleeper
Holderness	William R. Stockwell
Lebanon	Arthur F. Adams, Jerold M. Ashley, Forrest B. Cole, Fred A. Jones, Victor G. Jones, Joseph B. Perley
Lincoln	Charles Griffin
Lisbon	Norman C. Fox
Littleton	Van H. Gardner, George E. Long- champs, Eda C. Martin
Lyme	Charles E. Dixon
Orford	Robert W. Carr
Piermont	Earl V. Howard
Plymouth	Kenneth G. Bell, Suzanne Loizeaux
Rumney	Jesse A. Barney
Thornton	Ida M. Horner
Warren	Fayne E. Anderson
Waterville	Sarah J. Woodward
Woodstock	Thomas F. Sawyer

**Delegates to the County Convention**

Alexandria	*Rex L. Plumer
Benton	Ethel Boutin
Bridgewater	Hollis L. Pollard
Dorchester	Herbert H. Ashley
Ellsworth	Chester A. Avery
Groton	Edgar C. McClellon
Hebron	Oscar V. Morse
Landaff	Arthur E. Snell
Lyman	Ralph H. Varney
Monroe	George L. Frazier
Wentworth	Charles A. Gilbert

\*Deceased

## GRAFTON COUNTY DELEGATION

Concord, N. H.  
January 15, 1953

The organization meeting of the Grafton County Delegation was held in Room 207, State House Annex, Wednesday, January 15, 1953.

The following members answered the roll call:  
Gingras, Ashland; Chamberlin, Bath; Whittier, Bethlehem; Plumer, Bristol; Willey, Campton; Eggleston, Canaan; Brown, Easton; Lorden, Enfield; Peabody, Franconia; Williams, Grafton; Atkins, Hanover; Fuller, Hanover; Hayward, Hanover; Holden, Hanover; McMeekin, Haverhill; Sleeper, Haverhill; Stockwell, Holderness; Adams, Lebanon; Cole, Lebanon; Jones, Fred, Lebanon; Jones, Victor, Lebanon; Perley, Lebanon; Griffin, Lincoln; Fox, Lisbon; Gardner, Littleton; Longchamps, Littleton; Martin, Littleton; Dixon, Lyme; Carr, Orford; Howard, Piermont; Bell, Plymouth; Loizeaux, Plymouth; Barney, Rumney; Horner, Thornton; Anderson, Warren; Woodward, Waterville; Sawyer, Woodstock; Plumer, Alexandria; Pollard, Bridgewater; Ashley, Dorchester; Avery, Ellsworth; McClellon, Groton; Morse, Hebron.

The Chairman, Mr. Willey, being a candidate for re-election for Chairman, asked for nomination for an acting chairman.

Mr. Pollard of Bridgewater nominated Mr. Fuller of Hanover to serve as Acting Chairman. Mr. Gingras of Ashland seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Mr. Fuller was elected to serve as Acting Chairman.

Mr. Fuller in the chair.

Charles Whittier of Bethlehem placed the name of Norman McMeekin of Haverhill for Chairman. Mr. Ashley of Lebanon and Mr. Longchamps of Littleton seconded the nomination.

Mr. Gingras of Ashland placed the name of Philip S. Willey of Campton for Chairman. Mr. Plumer of Bristol seconded the nomination.

Mr. Whittier of Bethlehem moved that the nominations be closed. Motion was carried.

Chairman appointed Mr. Cole of Lebanon and Mr. Griffin of Lincoln to act as tellers.

Result of the votes, 41 having voted, Mr. McMeekin having 23 and Mr. Willey 17 and one blank vote, the acting Chairman declared Mr. McMeekin as Chairman of the Delegation.

Mr. Willey of Campton moved that the vote be made unanimous.

Mr. McMeekin in the Chair.

Miss Loizeaux of Plymouth placed the name of Edith Atkins for Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Martin of Littleton seconded the nomination.

Miss Loizeaux of Plymouth moved that the nominations be closed, on a voice vote the motion carried.

Miss Loizeaux of Plymouth moved that the Secretary cast one ballot for Edith Atkins. Motion carried.

The Secretary having cast one ballot for Edith Atkins, the Chairman declared her elected Vice-Chairman of the Delegation.

Mr. Bell of Plymouth placed the name of Ida M. Horner of Thornton as Clerk of the Delegation.

Mr. Ashley of Lebanon seconded the nomination.

Mr. Griffin of Lincoln moved that the nominations be closed. Motion carried.

Miss Loizeaux of Plymouth moved that the Vice-Chairman cast one ballot for Ida Horner for Clerk.

The Vice-Chairman cast one ballot for Ida Horner and the Chairman declared her elected as Clerk of the Delegation.

Mr. Chamberlin of Bath moved that Forrest Cole of Lebanon, George Frazer of Monroe and Sue Loizeaux of Plymouth serve as members of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Longchamps of Littleton seconded the nominations and moved that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast one ballot for each nominee. The Clerk having cast one ballot for each nominee, the Chairman declared them elected as members of the Executive Committee.

It was moved and seconded and so voted that the Chairman be requested to hold a public budget hearing at Grafton County Farm, or if no room available at the Farm, at the Court House. And that the Chairman call a special meeting of the Convention on that date to make the biennial visit to the County Farm; and to transact any other business proper to come before the Convention.

Mr. Plumer of Bristol explained that there was a bill being drafted that would take care of the payment of mileage for the delegates. Mr. Willey stated that the bill was in Miss Alexander's hands and did not know how it was being drafted.

Mr. Plumer moved that we go on record as in favor of the bill. Discussion ensued.

Miss Loizeaux of Plymouth called for the main question. The main question was put, the question being on the motion of Mr. Plumer that we go on record as in favor of mileage for delegates. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Plumer withdrew his motion.

Mr. Griffin of Lincoln moved that it be left in the hands of the Executive Committee and for them to appear at the hearing on such a bill. Mr. Longchamps of Littleton seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Meeting duly adjourned at 3:00 o'clock.

A true record, Attest:

IDA M. HORNER

Clerk

Woodsville, N. H.

March 6, 1953

Members of the Grafton County Delegation attended the dinner at the Grafton County Farm at the invitation of the county commissioners on March 6, 1953.

The members inspected the institution and property with the commissioners.

After dinner we adjourned to the Chapel at the County Farm for the public hearing on the budget and House Bill No. 162.

The following members of the delegation were present:

Chamberlin of Bath	Longchamps of Littleton
Whittier of Bethlehem	Carr of Orford
Plumer of Bristol	Howard of Piermont
Willey of Campton	Bell of Plymouth
Eggleston of Canaan	Loizeaux of Plymouth
Brown of Easton	Barney of Rumney
Williams of Grafton	Horner of Thornton
Atkins of Hanover	Woodward of Waterville
Fuller of Hanover	Sawyer of Woodstock
McMeekin of Haverhill	Plumer of Alexandria
Stockwell of Holderness	Ashley of Dorchester
Adams of Lebanon	McClellon of Groton
Ashley of Lebanon	Morse of Hebron
Cole of Lebanon	Frazer of Monroe
Jones of Lebanon	Snell of Landaff
Perley of Lebanon	Varney of Lyman
Fox of Lisbon	

Other people present were County Commissioners George Clement, Kenneth Bell and Robert Jones.

Richard Rutherford, County Extension Agent; Clerk of the Court, Unwar Samaha; Clerk of Probate, Anna Proctor; Sheriff Herbert Ash, Mr. and Mrs. Erville Aldrich, Senator Fred Kelley, Arthur Carpenter of Plymouth, Attorney Robert G. Wakefield of Plymouth, Bertram Pulsifer, President of Plymouth Guaranty

Savings Bank; Thomas Gadd, President of Pemigewasset National Bank; Attorney Fred Harrington of Plymouth, Attorney William Maynard and Mrs. Maynard; Arnold Spencer and Mrs. Spencer, Chairman Board of Selectmen of Plymouth; Glenn Wheeler and Mrs. Robert Dole of Bristol, Mary Knight, Mrs. Morrill, Reta Hyde, Robert Ernst all of Plymouth, Frank Foster of Plymouth.

County Commissioner Kenneth Bell explained each item in the budget and told of why there were increases in some items. He stated that the budget for 1953 was for \$185,000.00 to be raised by taxes which was \$37,000.00 less than in 1952.

Commissioner Robert Jones explained the increase in medical referees item which was an increase of rates from \$50.00 to \$100.00.

Unwar Samaha, Clerk of the Court, explained the item of jury payrolls stating that it was very hard to estimate as they never could tell how many cases would be tried at the terms of court.

Richard Rutherford, County Extension Agent, explained the budget figures for the Extension Service. He explained that the State and Federal funds were used in the Extension Service. The following figures were given on the Salary of the Agents which was from State and Federal funds.

Salary of Agricultural Agent	\$3,400.00
Salary of Home Demonstration Agent	\$3,300.00
Salary of 4-H Club Agent	\$3,200.00
Salary of County Forester	\$3,300.00
Salary of Ass't 4-H Club Agent	\$3,200.00

Hearing closed on the budget at 3:30.

Hearing on House Bill No. 162: An Act relating to terms of probate and superior courts in the County of Grafton.

Mr. McMeekin of Haverhill, sponsor of the bill, explained that he was not appearing in favor of or against the bill. He explained after much thought

given to the Court House in Plymouth in last session that he presented the bill to get it before the people so they could express their wishes on the matter. He explained that the bill would not affect the terms of court, but would affect the location.

Kenneth Bell, Representative of Plymouth, appeared in opposition to the bill. He claimed the only argument for the bill was that it would save the county money. He gave the cost to the county on the upkeep of the Plymouth Court House in 1951; the cost was \$1,251.36, in 1952 the cost was \$1,072.78. There were extra repairs due to a special appropriation made by the delegation in 1952. He gave the amount of taxes that were being paid by 19 towns in the vicinity of Plymouth for the County tax which amounted to \$67,947.20.

Mr. Ashley of Lebanon, Representative of Lebanon, would like to go on record for the Town of Lebanon in opposition to the bill. He feels that we should maintain the three court houses. He explained that the population was just as great in the three locations and a court house was needed. Population in the vicinity of Haverhill, 15,981; Lebanon, 18,680; Plymouth 13,466.

Senator Fred Kelley of Littleton appeared in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Barney of Rumney appeared in opposition to the bill. He felt that we should take into consideration that Daniel Webster made his first plea there and it would be a shame to do away with the building.

George Eggleston, Representative from Canaan, wishes to go on record in opposition to the bill.

Philip Willey of Campton, Representative of Campton, appeared in opposition to the bill.

Arthur Carpenter of Plymouth appeared in opposition to the bill.

Attorney Robert G. Wakefield of Plymouth appeared in opposition to the bill. He was concerned with

the welfare and convenience of clients, witnesses and jurors.

Bertram Pulsifer of Campton, President of the Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank, appeared in opposition to the bill. He stated that the bank had not offered any money for the court houses.

Thomas Gadd of Plymouth, President of the Pemi-gewasset National Bank appeared in opposition to the bill.

Arnold Spencer, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Plymouth appeared in opposition to the bill.

Attorney Fred Harrington of Plymouth appeared in opposition to the bill as an attorney, President of the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club.

Mrs. Arnold Spencer of Plymouth appeared for the League of Women voters in opposition to the bill.

Mrs. Morrill of Plymouth appeared in opposition to the bill.

Reta Hyde of Plymouth appeared in opposition to the bill.

Robert Ernst of Plymouth appeared in opposition to the bill.

Mary Knight of Plymouth appeared in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Ashley of Dorchester appeared in opposition to the bill.

Attorney William Maynard of Plymouth appeared for the Belknap Bar Association in opposition to the bill. He appeared as an attorney in opposition.

Fred Jones of Lebanon, Representative of Lebanon, appeared in opposition to the bill.

Suzanne Loizeaux of Plymouth, Representative of Plymouth, appeared in opposition to the bill.

Glenn Wheeler of Bristol in opposition to the bill.

Mrs. Robert Dole of Bristol in opposition to the bill.

Mrs. Margaret Morton of Plymouth in opposition to the bill.

Frank Foster of Plymouth in opposition to the bill.

Mrs. William Maynard of Plymouth in opposition to the bill.

Unwar Samaha, Clerk of the Court, appeared not for or against the bill. Suggested that the delegation should take into consideration of some improvements at the Plymouth Court House, especially a room for use for attorneys and jurors.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 o'clock.

A true record, Attest:

IDA M. HORNER

Clerk

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Concord, N. H.

May 6, 1953

The Grafton County Delegation met in Room 306-307, State House, at 3:30 p.m., on May 6, 1953.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Norman McMeekin.

The following members answered the roll call:

Gingras	Chamberlin	Whittier
Plumer	Wiley	Brown
Peabody	Williams	Atkins
Fuller	Hayward	Holden
McMeekin	Sleeper	Ashley
Jones, Fred	Jones, Victor	Griffin
Fox	Longchamps	Martin
Dixon	Carr	Howard
Bell	Loizeaux	Barney
Horner	Woodward	Plumer
Pollard	Ashley	Avery
Morse	Snell	Varney
Frazer		

Public Hearing on House Bill No. 331. An Act dividing Grafton County into Commissioners Districts.

Mr. Gingras of Ashland, sponsor of the bill, spoke in favor of the bill and stated that the purpose of the bill was to divide the county into three districts and

each district would then elect a commissioner from each district.

Mr. Willey of Campton and Mr. Snell of Landaff spoke in favor of the bill.

Suzanne Loizeaux, Robert J. Fuller, George Longchamps, Herbert Ashley and Mr. Brown all in opposition to the bill. They claim that the gentlemen's agreement now is working satisfactorily.

Public Hearing on Senate Bill No. 40. An Act relative to the salary of the treasurer of Grafton County.

Edith Atkins of Hanover, sponsor of the proposed amendment to Senate Bill No. 40 relative to an increase in the salary of the solicitor from \$1,800.00 to \$2,400.00, which is only a  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  increase. She claims that the passing of new laws, such as reciprocal support act, is a great increase of work for the solicitor.

Sarah Woodward and George Longchamps in favor of increase.

Bowdoin Plumer of Bristol spoke in opposition to the bill with amendment. He feels that they took the office knowing the salary and should not come in and ask for an increase the first year.

Public Hearing closed at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Executive Session:**

House Bill No. 162. An Act relating to terms of probate and Superior Courts in the County of Grafton.

On motion of Miss Loizeaux, seconded by Mr. Willey, it was voted that House Bill No. 162 be reported as "inexpedient to legislate."

House Bill No. 331. An Act dividing Grafton County into Commissioners districts.

On motion of Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Jones, it was voted that House Bill No. 331 be reported as "inexpedient to legislate." Mr. Willey recorded as "ought to pass."

Senate Bill No. 40. An Act relative to the salary of the treasurer of Grafton County.

On motion of Mrs. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Jones,

it was voted that the amendment to Senate Bill No. 40 be adopted. On voice vote the amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fox, seconded by Miss Loizeaux, it was voted that the salary of the treasurer be increased. Motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Whittier, it was voted that we report Senate Bill No. 40 as "ought to pass," as amended. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion of the Budget ensued.

Herbert Ash, Sheriff, appeared and asked the delegation if they would consider an appropriation for clerk hire. Any amount that they felt was satisfactory would be agreeable to him.

On motion of Mr. Barney and seconded by Miss Loizeaux that we accept the budget as printed with the proviso that the solicitor's and treasurer's raises be included.

Mr. Willey offered the following amendment, moved that the sum of \$750.00 be allowed for clerk hire for sheriff.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Fox offered an amendment to the amendment, moved that the sheriff be authorized to spend \$500.00 for clerk hire. On a viva voce vote the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Willey offered the following amendment, amend the amendment to be retroactive as of January 17, 1953. On voice vote the amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Willey that the sum of \$10,000.00 be appropriated for sheriff and deputies for 1953 and same for 1954.

Discussion ensued. On a viva voce vote the motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Plumer that we raise by tax \$210,640.75 for year 1953 and \$210,689.26 for year 1954, plus any amendments and Senate Bill No. 40 as amended. On a viva voce vote the motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Barney, seconded by Miss Loizeaux, it was voted that the budget be accepted as amended.

Mr. Chamberlin moved, seconded by Mr. Snell, that the delegates who traveled to Concord on January 15, 1953, receive pay at the regular rate although they did not answer the roll call. Snell, Varney, Frazer were absent from the roll call.

Meeting duly adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

A true record, Attest:

IDA M. HORNER

Clerk

## BUDGET OF GRAFTON COUNTY

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
<b>Current Revenue</b>		
Income from Institutions		
(a) County Farm	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
(b) Court Houses	385.00	385.00
Reimbursements of Expend- itures for support of poor, etc.	3,048.51	3,000.00
<b>Receipts Other Than Current Revenue</b>		
Cash on hand (surplus)	25,140.75	25,140.74
<b>Total Revenue from All Sources Except Taxation</b>	<b>\$78,574.26</b>	<b>\$78,525.74</b>
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Purposes of Expenditures	Estimated Year 1953	Estimated Ensuing Year 1954
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses</b>		
General Government		
Salaries of		
(a) Commissioners	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
(b) Treasurer	500.00	500.00
(c) Auditors	200.00	200.00
(d) Solicitor	2,400.00	2,400.00
(e) Medical Referee	2,500.00	2,500.00
(f) Sheriff	1,250.00	1,250.00
Expenses of		
(a) Commissioners and Treasurer	2,500.00	2,500.00
(b) Register of Deeds	2,500.00	2,500.00
(c) Registers of Probate	2,450.00	2,450.00
(d) Solicitor (clerk hire)	750.00	750.00

## BUDGET OF GRAFTON COUNTY

### Expenditures (Continued)

Care and Supplies for		
Court Houses	6,000.00	6,000.00
Permanent Improvements		
Court Houses	1,000.00	1,000.00
Superior Court		
Jury Payrolls	7,000.00	7,000.00
“State vs. —” Payrolls	500.00	500.00
Counsel Fees	1,000.00	1,000.00
Stenographer, etc., Solicitor	4,000.00	4,000.00
Clerk of Superior Court	10,500.00	10,500.00
Sheriff and Deputies—	8,500.00	8,500.00
Clerk hire		
Public Welfare		
County Farm	133,000.00	133,000.00
Support of poor off farm	18,000.00	18,000.00
Old Age Assistance	15,000.00	15,000.00
Board and Care	30,000.00	30,000.00
of Children		
Soldiers’ Aid	5,000.00	5,000.00
Disabled	500.00	500.00
Welfare Administration	9,300.00	9,300.00
Interest		
On Temporary Loans	2,100.00	2,100.00
All Other Payments		
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	2,000.00
County Extension Service	15,465.00	15,465.00
Employees Retirement	2,500.00	2,500.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$290,015.00</b>	<b>\$290,015.00</b>
Less Revenue and	78,574.26	78,525.74
Cash on Hand		
<b>Amount to be raised by</b>	<b>\$211,440.74</b>	<b>\$211,499.26</b>
<b>County Tax</b>		

## REPORT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Grafton County:

In accordance with the Public Laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Commissioners of Grafton County herewith present the annual report of the Commissioners, Treasurer, Auditors, Superintendent of the County Farm, Jailer, Clerk of Court, Solicitor, Sheriff, Chaplain, Physician and County Extension Service.

As of December 31, 1953, the County had a cash balance of \$55,277.83 and bills receivable amounting to \$3,932.22, making total assets of \$59,210.05. By vote of the Delegation, the sum of \$25,140.74 was held in reserve to be applied to the 1954 budget, leaving an actual surplus of \$34,069.31. The County has no outstanding notes or bonds.

Purchases of supplies and equipment for the County Home were made during the year to keep the institution and hospital at a high level of efficiency. Painting some of the interior of the main building and also the jail made a decided improvement in the appearance of both places.

The dairy herd is one that the County should be proud of and there have been many favorable comments about it. Due to the drop in the price of livestock, the financial statement for the Farm shows a deficit, but this is largely due to a decrease in the inventory value of the cattle.

There were only slight increases in the amounts expended for the various types of relief, the payments for board and care of children practically matching the appropriation of \$30,000. The overdraft against the Clerk of Court was due to the extra expense of recording permanent records.

Through the efforts of our two investigators, the County received the sum of \$5,137.00 in reimbursements.

The Commissioners feel that the County is fortunate in having a staff of employees that keep the affairs of the County operating in such an efficient manner and wish that more people would take the time to make an inspection of "their County Farm."

We wish to express our appreciation to the Delegation, the various County and Town officials and the State Welfare Department for their friendly assistance in carrying out the work of the County.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH G. BELL  
ROBERT A. JONES  
GEORGE F. CLEMENT  
Commissioners

**FINANCIAL REPORT****BALANCE SHEET**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Cash on Hand:</b>	
Treasurer	\$54,977.83
Supt. of County Farm	300.00
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	\$55,277.83
<b>Accounts Due County:</b>	
(a) Taxes due from towns	None
(b) Accounts due farm	\$3,655.36
(c) Miscellaneous accounts	276.86
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	3,932.22
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$59,210.05</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	
	None
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>None</b>
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<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$59,210.05</b>
Surplus - December 31, 1952	\$53,223.13
*Surplus - December 31, 1953	59,210.05
Increase of Surplus	\$5,986.92

\*(Note: \$25,140.74 of this surplus of \$59,210.05 by vote of Delegation is to be applied to 1954 budget.  
Actual surplus \$34,069.31)

**FINANCIAL REPORT****SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY****Description:**

## Land and Buildings:

(a) Court Houses	\$150,000.00
(b) Jail	82,500.00
(c) County Farm	375,000.00
(d) Water System	30,000.00

## Furniture and Equipment

(a) Court Houses	30,000.00
(b) Jail	1,600.00
(c) County Farm	45,000.00

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**\$714,100.00**

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Unexp. Bal.	Overdraft
County Officers' Salaries	\$10,450.00	\$9,939.40	\$510.60	
County Officers' Expenses	2,500.00	2,467.98	32.02	
Register of Deeds Expenses	2,500.00	*2,307.87	192.13	
Register of Probate Expenses	2,450.00	1,853.73	596.27	
Care and Supplies for Court Houses	*5,615.00	*5,246.27	368.73	
Jury Payrolls	7,000.00	7,913.20		\$913.20
State vs. Payrolls	500.00	708.41		208.41
Counsel Fees	1,000.00	653.90	346.10	
Stenographer — Solicitor	4,750.00	5,244.70		494.70
Clerk of Superior Court	10,500.00	14,305.18		3,805.18
Sheriff and Deputies	8,500.00	9,438.23		938.23
County Farm	*83,000.00	*62,205.29	20,794.71	
Support of Poor not on County Farm	18,000.00	*8,388.81	9,611.19	
Old Age Assistance	*14,951.49	*12,306.20	2,645.29	
Aid to Disabled	500.00	687.58		187.58
Board and Care of Children	*27,000.00	*25,935.38	1,064.62	
<b>Aid to Soldiers</b>	5,000.00	*6,003.16		1,003.16
<b>Welfare Administration</b>	9,300.00	9,184.63	115.37	
<b>Interest</b>	2,100.00	1,661.46	438.54	
<b>County Extension Service</b>	15,465.00	15,465.00		
<b>Retirement</b>	2,500.00	1,975.15	524.85	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	2,000.00	1,602.69	397.31	

Permanent Improvements — Court Houses	1,000.00	950.18	49.82	.....
	<u>\$236,581.49</u>	<u>\$206,444.40</u>	<u>\$37,687.55</u>	<u>\$7,550.46</u>
Less amount transferred from 1952	25,140.75			
Amount of County Tax	<u>\$211,440.74</u>		7,550.46	
			<u>\$30,137.09</u>	
Net Unexpended Balance		\$206,444.40		
Net Expenditures		30,137.09		
Net Unexpended Balance		<u>\$236,581.49</u>		

\*Represents Net Figure —i.e. Total Expenditures less Reimbursements.

**FINANCIAL REPORT****RECEIPTS AND****Current Revenue:**

Taxes from towns and cities		\$211,440.74
Income of Institutions		
(a) County Farm	\$65,432.43	
(b) Court Houses	385.00	
		<u>\$65,817.43</u>
Reimbursement of Expenditures		
for support of poor, etc.		
(a) From State of N. H.		20.83
(b) From other sources		5,217.00
		<u>\$282,496.00</u>
<b>Total Current Revenue Receipts</b>		<b>\$282,496.00</b>

(Receipts carried to page 28)

**PAYMENTS****FINANCIAL REPORT****Current Maintenance Expenses****General Government**

1. Salaries of		
(a) Commissioners	\$3,600.00	
(b) Treasurer	500.00	
(c) Auditors	200.00	
(d) Solicitor	2,400.00	
(e) Medical Referees	1,989.40	
(f) Sheriff	1,250.00	
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		\$9,939.40
2. Expenses of		
(a) Commissioners	2,161.66	
(b) Treasurer	306.32	
(c) Register of Deeds	2,271.87	
(d) Register of Deeds (Indexing)	116.00	
(e) Register of Probate	1,853.73	
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		\$6,709.58
3. Care and Supplies of Court Houses		\$5,631.27

**Superior Court**

4. Jury Payrolls	7,913.20	
5. "State vs. —" Payrolls	708.41	
6. Counsel Fees	653.90	
7. Stenographer, Solicitor, etc.	5,244.70	
8. Clerk of Superior Court	14,305.18	
9. Sheriff and Deputies	9,438.23	
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		\$38,263.62

(Payments carried to page 29)

**FINANCIAL REPORT****RECEIPTS AND**

Total Receipts brought forward	\$282,496.00
<b>Receipts Other than Current Revenue:</b>	
Temporary loans during year	\$175,000.00
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$175,000.00
<b>Total Receipts from all sources</b>	\$457,496.00
Cash on hand at beginning of year	50,281.49
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$507,777.49</b>

**PAYMENTS****FINANCIAL REPORT**

<b>Public Welfare</b>	
10. County Farm expenditures	\$127,637.72
11. Support of poor not on County Farm	9,390.13
12. Old Age Assistance	12,327.03
13. Aid to Disabled	687.58
14. Board and care of children	29,957.80
15. Aid to Soldiers	6,116.42
16. Welfare Administration	9,184.63
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	\$195,301.31
<b>Total Current Maintenance Expenses</b>	<hr/> \$255,845.18
<b>Interest</b>	
17. Paid on temporary loans	1,661.46
<b>Indebtedness</b>	
18. Payments on temporary loans	175,000.00
<b>Outlay, New Construction</b>	
19. County Court Houses	950.18
<b>All Other Payments</b>	
20. County Extension Service	15,465.00
21. Retirement System	1,975.15
22. Miscellaneous	1,602.69
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<b>Total Payments for all purposes</b>	\$452,499.66
Cash on hand at end of year	55,277.83
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<b>Grand Total</b>	\$507,777.49

## DETAIL OF RECEIPTS

### Taxes from Towns

Alexandria . . . . .	\$1,503.34
Ashland . . . . .	7,573.81
Bath . . . . .	2,626.09
Benton . . . . .	302.36
Bethlehem . . . . .	9,772.79
Bridgewater . . . . .	2,015.03
Bristol . . . . .	8,066.46
Campton . . . . .	5,429.80
Canaan . . . . .	3,858.79
Dorchester . . . . .	543.40
Easton . . . . .	617.41
Ellsworth . . . . .	124.75
Enfield . . . . .	4,996.35
Franconia . . . . .	3,769.99
Grafton . . . . .	1,482.20
Groton . . . . .	972.63
Hanover . . . . .	23,235.22
Haverhill . . . . .	12,178.99
Hebron . . . . .	1,537.17
Holderness . . . . .	6,833.77
Landaff . . . . .	828.85
Lebanon . . . . .	30,635.65
Lincoln . . . . .	6,201.56
Lisbon . . . . .	7,742.96
Littleton . . . . .	17,864.63
Lyman . . . . .	759.07
Lyme . . . . .	2,482.31
Monroe . . . . .	18,029.55
Orange . . . . .	463.06
Orford . . . . .	2,304.70
Piermont . . . . .	3,057.43
Plymouth . . . . .	12,041.55
Rumney . . . . .	3,268.87
Thornton . . . . .	1,723.24
Warren . . . . .	1,499.12
Waterville . . . . .	209.33
Wentworth . . . . .	1,389.17
Woodstock . . . . .	3,499.34
	\$211,440.74

No uncollected taxes

**DETAIL OF RECEIPTS****Income of Institutions**

Grafton County Farm	\$65,432.43	
(See Report of Supt. of County Farm - page 53)		
Use of Court Houses		
State Tax Commission	20.00	
Town of Plymouth	365.00	
	<hr/>	\$65,817.43

**Reimbursements**

State of New Hampshire		
Old Age Assistance		20.83
Other Sources		
Boarded children	4,022.42	
Direct Relief	1,001.32	
Soldiers' Aid	113.26	
Sale of typewriters	80.00	
	<hr/>	5,217.00

**Temporary Loans During Year**

National State Capital Bank, Concord, N. H.		
Note No. 158, dated 2-20-53, due 12-18-53, for	100,000.00	
Note No. 159, dated 7-9-53, due 12-9-53, for	75,000.00	
Above notes discounted at 1.45 per annum	<hr/>	\$175,000.00

**DETAIL OF PAYMENTS****Current Maintenance Expenses****Commissioners:**

Bell, Kenneth G.	\$1,200.00
Clement, George F.	1,200.00
Jones, Robert A.	1,200.00

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 \$3,600.00
**Treasurer:**

Colby, Lawrence M.	\$500.00
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**Auditors:**

Knight, Horace B.	100.00
Richardson, George H.	100.00

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 \$200.00
**Solicitor:**

Tesreau, Charles F.	\$2,400.00
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**Medical Referees:**

DeWitt, Dr. R. F.	142.20
Dinerman, Dr. I. A.	122.35
Dudley, Dr. Frank G.	138.25
French, Dr. Elizabeth	104.60
House, Dr. R. K.	423.00
Miller, Dr. R. E.	778.20
Orton, Dr. L. M.	115.90
Putnam, Dr. W. F.	164.90

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 \$1,989.40
**Sheriff:**

Ash, Herbert W.	\$1,250.00
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**Expenses of County Officers**

Bell, Kenneth G., Commissioner	334.20
July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953	
Clement, George F., Commissioner	131.25
July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953	

Jones, Robert A., Commissioner	161.60
January 1, 1953 to June 30, 1953	
Graham, Joseph L., Commissioner	304.61
July 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952	
Kirk, Madeline W., clerical service	1,230.00

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\$2,161.66

### Treasurer

Colby, Lawrence M., expense	46.43
Courier Printing Co., printing	15.25
Dodge & Moulton, legal work	10.00
Martell Co., A. E., supplies	20.04
Noyes Agency, G. T., Treas. bond	214.60

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\$306.32

### Register of Deeds

Shores, F. J., telephone	\$51.12
Shores, F. J., supplies	1.95
Bartlett Ins. Agency, Register's bond (2 years)	23.13
Courier Printing Co., printing	48.94
Crowley & Lunt, directory	20.00
Hall & McChesney, supplies	525.31
Jock, W. E., repairs	11.11
Larson, Carl, supplies	45.81
Mann & Co., E. B., supplies	3.50
Martell Co., A. E., supplies	48.40
Record Print, printing	58.29
Remington Rand, Inc., supplies	872.54
Remington Rand, Inc., 2 typewriters	421.00
Scruggs Hardware, supplies	.59
Sherwin & Son, supplies	15.95
Simplex Specialty Co., supplies	31.56
Tower Companies, F. L., register	12.90
Tuttle Law Print, supplies	12.54
Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	60.00

White River Paper Co., supplies	7.23
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\$2,271.87

**Register of Deeds - Indexing**

Payments made to Fred J. Shores as follows:

Gammell, Helen	\$52.92
Hosford, Harriet	63.08

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\$116.00

**Register of Probate**

Proctor, Anna D., clerk hire	\$500.00
Proctor, Anna D., express, postage, misc.	62.85
Bartlett Ins. Agency, deputy's bond	23.13
Crowley & Lunt, directory	20.00
Hall & McChesney, supplies	132.14
Larson, Carl, supplies	319.72
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	130.63
Remington Rand, Inc., supplies	22.90
Tower Companies, F. L., register	12.90
Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	280.77
White River Paper Co., supplies	16.90
Woodsville Post Office, envelopes	118.64
Dodge, Henry A., Judge telephone, express, postage	63.15
Littleton National Bank rent Judge's office	150.00

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\$1,853.73

**Care and Supplies of Court Houses**

Adams, Melvin, cartage	\$74.00
Atlas Products Co., supplies	50.87
Billado, Carl, roofer	25.00
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	252.35
Brill, William, labor	8.00
Cass, Ralph W., labor	64.56
Deming Oil Co., oil	675.54

Fracher's, supplies	4.72
Gallant, Freeman, labor	25.00
Greenwood, Clarence, janitor	300.00
Holbrook Grocery Co., salt	5.60
Holcomb, J. I., wax	23.00
Insurance	691.87
Jock, W. E., labor	7.00
Langway, Cecil, janitor	1,980.00
Littleton Ice Co., ice	28.25
Logan, Melvin, labor	56.70
Mann & Co., supplies	5.48
Newell Co., D. H., coal	285.35
Plymouth Furniture Co., shades	59.29
Rand's, supplies	20.55
Scruggs Hardware, labor & supplies	307.56
Titus, Clifford, floor oil	2.50
Water Dept., Plymouth Village, rent	51.29
White Mountain Power Co., service	112.05
White River Paper Co., supplies	64.04
Woodsville Fuel Co., unloading coal	61.25
Woodsville Furniture Co., supplies	4.65
Woodsville Water & Light Dept. water & electric service	384.80

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\$5,631.27

#### Superior Court - Counsel Fees

Bowker, Robert E., attorney fees	\$110.00
Castello, Luigi, attorney fees	85.00
Edes, Francis P., attorney fees	35.00
Harrington, Frederic J., attorney fees	25.00
Johnston, Francis W., attorney fees	25.00
Maynard, William, attorney fees	100.00
Samaha, Unwar J., attorney fees	198.90
Stark, John M., attorney fees	50.00
Trapp, Harry E., attorney fees	25.00

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\$653.90

**Stenographer - County Solicitor, etc.**

Doherty, Frances M., stenog. fees	\$239.50
Forsberg, Martha A., stenog. fees	36.47
McCue, Ellen M., stenog. fees	40.16
Sheehan, Paul A., stenog. fees	1,096.38
Trask, Laurent, stenog. fees	354.80
State Treasurer, Allowance stenographers	1,808.16
Heald, James L., post mortems	40.00
Jones, Robert A., expense	36.64
Tesreau, Charles F., Solicitor expenses, supplies	842.59
Tesreau, Charles F. clerical hire	750.00

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 \$5,244.70
**Clerk of Superior Court**

American Law Book Co., supplies	\$15.00
Bartlett Ins. Agency, R. T., bonds	50.00
Boston Law Book Co., supplies	58.00
Davis, Burnham, supplies	10.50
Dean, Fred E., repairs	2.50
Hall & McChesney, supplies	326.48
Healy, Arthur S., printing	12.46
Int'l Business Mach. Corp., repairs	18.00
Keystone Envelope Co., supplies	93.57
Larson, Carl, supplies	103.95
Leavitt, George, repairs - clock	3.00
Lawyers Cooperative Pub. Co., supplies	137.00
Littleton Nat'l Bank, court orders	75.38
Martell Co., A. E., supplies	39.59
Remington Rand, Inc., supplies	538.63
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	1,016.70
Royal Typewriter Co., typewriter	112.50
Samaha, Unwar J., salary and expense	10,509.49
Secretary of State, supplies	14.00
Shepard's Citations, supplies	18.00

Shovan George,	
Supreme Court Opinions	25.00
Stockheimer, Kellett, P.M., postage	161.36
Tower Companies, Fred L., register	12.90
Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	44.36
Twin State Pub. Co.,	
docket and printing	906.81

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\$14,305.13

### Sheriff and Deputies

Ash, Herbert W.,	
fees, expenses, attendance	\$3,565.52
Ash, Herbert W., clerk hire	500.00
Green, William E.,	
fees, expenses, attendance	777.42
Ashley, Jerold M.,	
fees, expenses, attendance	99.60
Bruce, Rufus,	
fees, expenses, attendance	55.00
Chase, Rufus,	
fees, expenses, attendance	15.60
Farnham, John L.,	
fees, expenses, attendance	1,655.33
Gardner, Theodore,	
fees, expenses, attendance	1,012.38
Hubbard, Stanley,	
fees, expenses, attendance	277.40
Johnson, Fred L.,	
fees, expenses, attendance	430.75
Larty, Wilfred J.,	
fees, expenses, attendance	199.90
Leavitt, George U. L.,	
fees, expenses, attendance	406.20
Ayer Insurance Agency	
deputy sheriff's bonds	217.99
Bartlett Insurance Agency,	
deputy sheriff's bonds	74.00

Gile Co., A. B., deputy sheriff's bonds	65.39
Kelley, Clinton B., Agent deputy sheriff's bond	37.00
Ayer Insurance Agency, insurance on equipment	33.75
Moody's Picture Shop, film work	15.00

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\$9,438.23

## DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

### Statement of Old Age Assistance, Boarded Children and Aid to Disabled

1953	Old Age Asst.		Boarded Children		Disabled	
	Cases	Amount	Cases	Amount	Cases	Amt.
January	64	\$ 959.00	61	\$2,536.65	2	\$43.75
February	64	959.00	59	2,423.73	2	43.75
March	64	970.94	59	2,149.98	2	43.75
April	65	1,003.88	61	2,335.25	2	43.75
May	66	1,000.63	60	2,442.61	2	43.75
June	66	1,041.00	60	2,623.29	2	50.75
July	70	1,051.49	58	2,174.07	2	50.75
August	67	1,011.56	56	2,381.29	2	52.33
September	67	1,112.66	59	2,202.15	2	78.75
October	69	1,007.28	64	2,797.75	2	78.75
November	68	1,051.02	68	2,911.63	2	78.75
December	68	1,158.57	63	2,979.40	2	78.75
		\$12,327.03		\$29,957.80		\$687.58

### County Farm Expenditures

(See Superintendent's Report - page 52)

**DETAIL OF PAYMENTS — PUBLIC WELFARE**

	Disabled	Poor not on county farm	Old age assistance	Board and care of children	Aid to Soldiers	Total
Alexandria	.....	\$10.00	.....	.....	.....	\$10.00
Ashland	.....	165.47	\$365.05	\$330.53	.....	861.05
Bath	.....	.....	190.80	619.60	\$366.35	1,176.75
Bethlehem	.....	25.25	54.13	.....	.....	79.38
Bridgewater	.....	9.13	173.75	.....	.....	182.88
Bristol	.....	849.49	346.44	2,500.14	1,129.88	4,825.95
Campton	.....	.....	378.60	38.83	.....	417.43
Canaan	.....	422.04	200.13	610.63	12.95	1,245.75
Enfield	.....	1,727.31	1,122.71	951.67	188.93	3,990.62
Franconia	.....	6.50	.....	420.00	.....	426.50
Grafton	.....	.....	179.85	.....	75.85	255.70
Hanover	.....	534.43	382.62	463.51	47.60	1,428.16
Haverhill	.....	1,177.28	1,661.51	1,628.18	167.86	4,634.83
Holderness	.....	.....	.....	420.52	.....	420.52
Landaff	.....	78.50	.....	.....	.....	78.50
Lebanon	\$384.30	3,419.04	2,032.56	9,879.74	3,263.61	18,999.25
Lincoln	.....	50.64	.....	.....	24.86	75.50
Lisbon	.....	299.77	152.97	6,943.17	.....	7,395.91
Littleton	.....	152.75	2,089.43	2,435.71	414.62	5,092.51
Lyman	.....	316.43	.....	.....	.....	316.43
Lyme	.....	.....	476.58	.....	.....	476.58
Monroe	.....	.....	.....	.....	102.75	102.75

Orange	.....	323.50	.....	323.50
Orford	.....	409.50	1,071.28	1,480.78
Piermont	.....	43.50	.....	120.94
Plymouth	.....	868.28	.....	1,508.52
Rumney	.....	435.25	.....	457.61
Thornton	.....	.....	612.64	612.64
Warren	.....	252.37	1,031.65	1,284.02
Wentworth	.....	.....	.....	10.50
Woodstock	.....	187.50	.....	187.50
	<u>\$687.58</u>	<u>\$12,327.03</u>	<u>\$29,957.80</u>	<u>\$58,478.96</u>
			<u>\$6,116.42</u>	

## DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

### Welfare Administration Expense

Ammonoosuc Press, The, supplies	\$54.22
Caledonia Typewriter Co., supplies	3.00
Daigle, Raymond, labor	60.00
Densmore & Eastman, rent —Lebanon office	300.00
Eastman Co., Edson C., chair	49.95
Granite State Elect. Co., lights	13.15
Hammond, E. J., office supplies	9.92
Hunt's Dept. Store, supplies	7.64
Mann & Co., E. B., supplies	11.90
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	854.24
Office Supply Ctr., typewriter repairs	36.50
Remington Rand, Inc., supplies	14.85
State Planning Board, manual	.50
Twin State Pub. Co., printing	27.75
Vermont Business Equipment, typewriter stand	26.95
White River Paper Co., supplies	13.80
Woodsville Post Office, postage	112.74
Salaries of Investigators (2)	4,152.00
Expenses of Investigators (2)	1,694.12
Clerical Expense —Welfare Office	1,741.40

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\$9,184.63

## DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

### Interest

National State Capital Bank, Concord, N. H.	
Interest on temporary loans	
No. 158 and 159	\$1,661.46

### Indebtedness

National State Capital Bank, Concord, N. H.	
Payment of temporary loans	
No. 158 and 159	\$175,000.00

### Outlay, New Construction, Court Houses

Burt, A. A., labor - Plymouth	
Court House	\$193.45
Cushing & Son, W. C., painting	
- Plymouth Court House	338.70
Hathorne Co., A. C., roof work	
- Woodsville Court House	78.65
Langway, Cecil, labor	5.25
Scruggs Hardware, labor	74.18
Stewart, Max, water cooler	
Woodsville Court House	259.95
	\$950.18

### All Other Payments

County Extension Service	\$15,465.00
Retirement System	1,975.15
Miscellaneous:	
Ayer Insurance Agency, workmen's compensation	856.32
Ammonoosuc Press, County Reports	284.78
Ammonoosuc Press, supplies	7.94
Littleton Nat'l Bank, checks	75.39
Woodsville Post Office postage on reports	15.00
Enterprise Press, public hearing notice	1.50

Courier Printing Co., public hearing notice	19.60
Free Press Co., public hearing notice	6.00
Hanover Gazette, public hearing notice	2.80
Reporter Press, public hearing notice	8.00
Delegation expense:	
Ashley, Jerold M.	11.00
Avery, Chester A.	27.85
Brown, Lyle	7.00
Frazer, George L.	44.05
Fuller, Robert J.	10.60
McClellan, Edgar C.	24.80
Morse, Oscar V.	32.94
Plumer, Rex L.	33.78
Pollard, Hollis L.	20.14
Sawyer, Thomas F.	9.00
Snell, Arthur E.	44.85
Varney, Ralph H.	45.95
Willey, Philip	13.40

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\$1,602.69

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Receipts

Cash Balance from year 1952	\$49,981.49
Taxes collected from towns	211,440.74
Temporary loans	175,000.00
Grafton County Farm	65,432.43
Court Houses	385.00
Reimbursement for Board of Children	4,022.42
Reimbursement for Direct Relief	1,001.32
Reimbursement for Soldiers' Aid	113.26
Reimbursement for Old Age Assistance	20.83
Sale of typewriters	80.00
	\$507,477.49

### Disbursements

Commissioners' Orders	\$242,965.21
Court Orders	34,534.45
Payment on Temporary Loans	175,000.00
Cash in Treasurer's hands Dec. 31, 1953	54,977.83
	\$507,477.49

**COMPARATIVE DEBT STATEMENT**

	Dec. 31, 1952	Dec. 31, 1953
Temporary loans outstanding	None	None
Cash on hand	\$50,281.49	\$55,277.83
Bills receivable	2,941.64	3,932.22
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Bills payable	\$53,223.13	\$59,210.05
	None	None
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<b>Surplus</b>	\$53,223.13	\$59,210.05

**DETAILED ACCOUNT OF WELFARE  
INVESTIGATORS' EXPENSE**

	Mileage	Hotel and Subsistence	Other Expense	Total
*Warren, Beatrice M.				
15,634 mi. at 7c	\$1,094.38	\$47.00	\$55.72	\$1,197.10
Home visits 854				
Contacts made 804				
Collections made \$2,862.50				
†Hammond, Evelyn J.				
6,082 mi. at 7c	425.74	52.70	18.58	497.02
Home visits 248				
Contacts made 2,891				
Collections made \$494.50				
	\$1,520.12	\$99.70	\$74.30	\$1,694.12

\* Covers Littleton and Plymouth Districts

† Covers Lebanon District

**DETAILED ACCOUNT OF COUNTY OFFICERS'  
EXPENSES**

	Mileage	Hotel and Subsistence	Other Expense	Total
Bell, Kenneth G. Commissioner 4,610 mi. at 7c	\$322.70	\$9.50	\$2.00	\$334.20
Clement, George F. Commissioner 1,790 mi. at 7c	125.30	1.50	4.45	131.25
Jones, Robert A. Commissioner 2,280 mi. at 7c	159.60	.....	2.00	161.60
Graham, Joseph L. Commissioner 4,222 mi. at 7c	295.54	7.80	1.27	304.61
Colby, Lawrence M. Treasurer 552 mi. at 7c	38.64	.....	7.79	46.43
Tesreau, Charles F. Solicitor 3,590 mi. at 8c	287.20	48.60	506.79	842.59
Ash, Herbert W. Sheriff Court Attendance \$1,530.00	494.00	108.35	34.70	2,167.05
Criminal Service \$360.00	564.80	61.20	412.47	1,398.47

## COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

### Grafton County

#### County Treasurer's Account

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$49,981.49	
Receipts - Year Ended		
December 31, 1953	457,496.00	
	\$507,477.49	
Payments - Year Ended		
December 31, 1953	452,499.66	
	\$54,977.83	
Balance - December 31, 1953		\$54,977.83
as per Cash Book		
Balance in		
Pemigewasset National Bank	\$5,000.00	
Woodsville National Bank	21,565.92	
National Bank of Lebanon	5,000.00	
Littleton National Bank	30,557.39	
	\$62,123.31	
As per statements of	\$62,123.31	
December 31, 1953		
Less outstanding orders	7,145.48	
	\$54,977.83	
Reconciled bank balance as of Dec. 31, 1953		\$54,977.83

#### County Farm Superintendent's Account

Total Amount of Receipts from Institution - Year Ended Dec. 31, 1953		\$65,432.43
Total Remittance to County Treasurer - Year Ended Dec. 31, 1953		65,432.43
Superintendent's Balance on hand January 1, 1953		300.00
Superintendent's Balance on hand December 31, 1953		300.00

**Indebtedness - December 31, 1953**

Outstanding temporary Loans in anticipation of taxes	None
Outstanding long term notes	None
Outstanding bonds	None
Bills owed by County	None

**County Taxes Uncollected - December 31, 1953**

County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities	None
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Signed:

G. H. RICHARDSON

H. B. KNIGHT

County Auditors

Date - January 7, 1954

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Woodsville, N. H.  
December 31, 1953

We hereby certify that there were no outstanding bills against the County December 31, 1953, which were presented for payment and no orders issued by us which have not been paid by the Treasurer.

KENNETH G. BELL

ROBERT A. JONES

GEORGE F. CLEMENT

Grafton County Commissioners

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State of New Hampshire, Grafton, ss  
December 31, 1953

Personally appeared the above named Kenneth G. Bell, George F. Clement and Robert A. Jones and made oath to the truth of the above statement by them signed.

UNWAR J. SAMAHA

Justice of the Peace

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### Grafton County Farm Haverhill, N. H.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report of the Grafton County Farm Almshouse, House of Correction and Jail for the year ended December 31, 1953.

#### Almshouse

Number of Inmates January 1, 1953	70
Number admitted during year	107
Number discharged during year	87
Number of deaths during year	17
Number of Inmates January 1, 1954	73

#### House of Correction

Number of Inmates January 1, 1953	10
Number admitted during year	51
Number discharged during year	51
Number of Inmates on January 1, 1954	10

#### Jail

Number of Inmates on January 1, 1953	7
Number admitted during year	31
Number discharged during year	35
Number of Inmates January 1, 1954	3

Number of weeks' board furnished inmates, House of Correction and Jail not paid by towns, individuals or others, 2,937 weeks and 3 days.

Number of weeks' board furnished other than above mentioned, 1,261 and 3 days.

## COUNTY FARM EXPENDITURES

### Institution

Labor	\$17,955.60
Provisions	10,967.56
Clothing	2,381.50
Supplies and equipment	5,867.63
Fuel, including freight	9,163.56
Additions and repairs	2,749.78
Water and lights	2,665.29
Freight, express, telephone	643.09
Insurance	2,022.28
Roach extermination	216.00
Services of Clergy	95.00
Expense Superintendent's car	270.99
Superintendent's bond	40.00
Fixed charges and other expenses	684.33
	\$55,722.61

### Farm

Truck and tractor expense	2,262.68
Farmall Tractor with planter, cultivator and mower	2,185.00
2 manure spreaders	605.00
Harrow	256.50
Taxes	2,716.56
Insurance	1,998.82
Light and power	929.68
Labor	9,326.77
Feed	22,894.31
Supplies	1,140.16
Repairs	1,395.25
Equipment	417.28
Fertilizer	1,340.48
Veterinary	558.35
Milk testing	192.90
Registering cattle	140.45

Seeds	689.49	
Bedding	866.25	
Livestock and poultry	698.00	
Miscellaneous	618.01	
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		\$51,231.94

### Hospital

Doctors	\$2,700.50	
Labor - Nurses and Aides	10,931.73	
Laboratory work	209.50	
Supplies and equipment	2,362.85	
Cancer commission	351.00	
Miscellaneous	55.10	
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		\$16,610.68

### Jail

Labor	\$3,449.00	
Repairs	58.65	
Supplies	200.00	
Insurance	258.40	
Other expense	106.44	
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		\$4,072.49

Total Expense		<hr/>
		\$127,637.72

### Receipts

Boarders		\$10,494.29
Hospital		17,110.54
Farm:		
Produce	\$116.20	
Cattle and swine	7,861.75	
Milk and cream	27,547.94	
Other income	1,985.20	
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		37,511.09

Miscellaneous	316.51
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Total Receipts	\$65,432.43
Cash advanced by Commissioners	300.00
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	\$65,732.43

**Expenditures**

Paid County Treasurer	\$65,432.43
Cash on hand December 31, 1953	300.00
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	\$65,732.43

## INVENTORY

### Personal Property of Grafton County Farm December 31, 1952

Livestock	\$54,470.20
Products and supplies	10,359.29
Farm implements	19,923.86
Household furniture	5,384.00
Supplies and equip't - institution	29,377.52
Jail and House of Correction	1,719.89
Chapel	393.00
Hospital	11,474.80
	\$133,102.56

### Personal Property of Grafton County Farm December 31, 1953

Livestock	\$48,230.00
Products and supplies	11,123.41
Farm implements	21,832.61
Household furniture	5,599.00
Supplies and equip't - institution	26,534.40
Jail and House of Correction	1,519.89
Chapel	393.00
Hospital	11,894.24
	\$127,126.55

### Per Capita Cost of Inmates at County Farm, including Almshouse, House of Correction and Jail

	Weeks	Days
Almshouse	2,351	1
House of Correction	461	2
Jail	125	
	2,937	3
County Charges at Farm		

	Weeks	Days
Town boarders	526	1
Private boarders and others	246	2
Old Age Assistance, ADC, etc.	489	
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Total	4,198	6
County Farm expenditures	\$127,637.72	
Inventory of personal property at beginning of year	133,102.56	
Accounts due Farm at beginning of year	2,941.64	
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	\$263,681.92	
County Farm receipts	65,432.43	
Inventory at end of year	127,126.55	
Accounts due Farm	3,932.22	
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	196,491.20	
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Balance against Farm	\$67,190.72	
Per capita cost per week including boarders and public welfare cases, but excluding employees and guests: \$16.00		

In submitting our report of the farm operations for 1953, there have been a few changes.

The horses were dispensed with and a new Farmall "C" tractor with mower, cultivator and corn planter was purchased.

While our production was at a high level, our farm income showed quite a drop, due to the decrease in the price of milk and live stock. The herd did exceptionally well under the care of Mr. Orman Thayer, the herdsman. We have now about one hundred sixty-five head of females, all of which are registered Holsteins. We had an average D.H.I.A. production on 365 days of 10,066 lbs. of milk-385 fat with an average of 83.1

milkers. This gave us a 3.83 ave. test for the year. We showed 14 head as usual at the Fairs—the Northern Black and White show at North Haverhill, Lancaster, Canaan, Plymouth and Sandwich Fairs. They placed very well and brought home premiums amounting to \$596.00. One two-year-old was chosen to go to Eastern States to help make up the New Hampshire state herd.

Our crops were about average although we had a very dry season. The new seedings in the Bancroft pasture were a great help in the summer feeding of the milking herd. The field operations under Mr. Harry Hatch were about three acres of garden, 45 acres of corn, which with 15 acres of clover and nine acres of green oats, filled our four large silos. Our hay crop was 7,430 bales of first cutting, finished July 1. There were 2,845 bales of second and third cutting, making a total of 298 tons. The weather was good so the quality of the hay was excellent.

Now to the report of activities of the Institution. Robert Jones replaced Mr. Graham as Commissioner. We were sorry to lose Mr. Graham but welcomed Mr. Jones. In January, about 20 doctors of the New Hampshire Academy of General Practice met here and a lunch was served after their meeting. Mrs. Hodge is back with us as night nurse and Mrs. Moulton, R.N. is still our supply nurse. Sanford Lawrence is working as orderly and Mr. Andrews as supply. We are sure everyone is glad to see him around. Stanley Fadden left and was replaced by Clyde Boardman. Raymond Aldrich, recently discharged from service, is working in Robert Alexander's place, who is now in the employ of Erwin Willis. Betty is looking forward to a home of her own. John Trevena is a full-time employee in the laundry. We think it more satisfactory and efficient than relying on House of Correction help as in previous years.

The Christmas party was a very successful event of the year with Santa Claus, Christmas trees and gifts.

We appreciate the interest the Commissioners showed by being present with their wives. We thank all who sent in gifts, candy, cookies and grapes at this time. The young people of the North Haverhill church and the Lions Club sang carols which were much enjoyed.

There have been movies several times due to the kindness of Roland Clough and the North Haverhill Fire Department.

Rev. and Mrs. Robbins of the North Haverhill church held services every other Sunday. Rev. Hanssmann of Lisbon came once a month with a group of singers. A group of young people from Groton brought a worship and song service every other Sunday. Father Boulay has ably cared for the Catholic people and made available the opportunity for Communion once a month. We are very glad to welcome them at any time.

We sincerely appreciate the loyalty and cooperation of our staff, Dr. Campbell and the Commissioners. We wish to thank Mrs. Madeline Kirk for her help in so many ways during the year.

Respectfully submitted

ERVILLE ALDRICH  
Superintendent  
CHRISTELE ALDRICH  
Matron

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We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Superintendent of the County Farm for the year ended December 31, 1953 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

KENNETH G. BELL  
ROBERT A. JONES  
GEORGE F. CLEMENT  
Grafton County Commissioners

### INMATES OF GRAFTON COUNTY ALMSHOUSE

Name	Town	Time supported		
		Age	Weeks	Days
Ethel Hall*	Alexandria	55	52	1
William St. Arnold	Ashland	82	43	6
Lily Watson*	Ashland	72	52	1
Mabel Randall*	Ashland	62	52	1
Albert Fitch	Ashland	75	23	6
William Ferrill*	Bath	83	52	1
Dixie L. Boardman	Bethlehem	15	5	....
Marie Jervah*	Bethlehem	46	52	1
Peter Kloubowesz*	Bethlehem	57	14	5
Gustave Anderson*	Bridgewater	79	52	1
Sarah Ferrin*	Bristol	43	52	1
James Ansley*	Canaan	87	39	....
John Lassila*	Campton	67	52	1
James Kennedy*	Easton	64	52	1
Gusti Latvali*	Enfield	72	52	1
Nellie Vinal*	Enfield	65	48	....
Israel Peasley*	Enfield	65	1	6
Alice Jones	Franconia	16	4	6
Alice Jewell*	Groton	73	52	1
Benjamin Raymond*	Groton	63	19	2
Joseph Moran*	Grafton	60	52	1
Edward Hoyt*	Haverhill	47	52	1
Ned Ware*	Haverhill	74	52	1
Thomas Daley*	Haverhill	57	1	4
David Carlisle*	Haverhill	82	52	1
Michael Hurley	Haverhill	73	13	....
Frank Mossey*	Haverhill	73	22	5
Corliss Pascal*	Haverhill	80	52	1
John Gilman*	Haverhill	90	29	5
Bernice Miner	Haverhill	39	1	1
Jeremiah Lorden	Haverhill	75	2	5
Matilda Jones	Haverhill	17	....	4
Herbert Dow	Hebron	84	44	....
Virginia Emery*	Holderness	35	52	1
Annie Johnson*	Lebanon	56	52	1
Mildred Johnson*	Lebanon	62	52	1
Maude Quimby*	Lebanon	56	52	1
Vincent Hopper*	Lebanon	73	52	1
George Harper*	Lebanon	84	52	1

## INMATES OF GRAFTON COUNTY ALMSHOUSE

Name	Town	Time supported		
		Age	Weeks	Days
Telephor Clement*	Lebanon	85	52	1
Fred Clement*	Lebanon	61	52	1
Gerald Shambo	Lebanon	8	2	2
Geraldine Moody	Lebanon	25		1
Joanne Savoy	Lebanon	15	1	1
Joseph Fenton*	Lincoln	80	52	1
Michael Mullahy	Lincoln	87	13	4
John Powers	Lincoln	71	18	6
Adam Bagdonis	Lincoln	69		3
John Martineau	Lincoln	73	1	5
William Goodwin*	Lisbon	77	52	1
Leon Forin*	Lisbon	?	31	2
Margaret Ash*	Lisbon	75	43	2
Robert Parker	Lisbon	16	1	6
Carl Miner*	Littleton	74	52	1
Edward Lyons*	Littleton	76	52	1
Patrick Joyce*	Littleton	95	52	1
Deloyd Duffy	Littleton	63	7	3
Christine McDonald*	Lyman	15	26	.....
Edwin Chandler*	Lyme	63	52	1
Annie Monroe*	Monroe	63	52	1
Helen Judd*	Monroe	19	52	1
Pearl Kennerson	Orford	24	1	4
Robert Kennerson	Orford	1-d	1	4
Flora Miles*	Piermont	44	52	1
L. Earle LaMontangue*	Piermont	56	52	1
Andrew Sinkowich	Plymouth	83	35	6
Walter Greenleaf*	Plymouth	?	23	1
Francis Dustin	Plymouth	24	6	1
Robert Gould*	Plymouth	59	1	.....
Lemuel Sleep	Warren	84	7	6
George Clough*	Wentworth	79	31	.....
Mary Salls	Wentworth	67	6	2

\* Indicates inmates now at farm.

49 names not listed (private boarders and public welfare.)

**TOWN BOARDERS AT GRAFTON COUNTY FARM**

Name	Town	Time supported		
		Age	Weeks	Days
Lucian Davis	Bristol	71	....	4
Mary Seavey	Enfield	43	2	4
Bessie Nelson*	Hanover	67	47	5
Bernice Rinehart	Haverhill	57	45	2
Helen Rainey	Haverhill	36	....	5
Herbert Rainey	Haverhill	1-d	....	5
Ilsa Knehr	Haverhill	40	....	2
Wilhelm Knehr	Haverhill	7	....	1
John Knehr	Haverhill	2	....	1
Vernice Cota	Haverhill	23	1	....
Arline Green	Lebanon	21	3	3
Francis Green, Jr.	Lebanon	2	3	3
Allen Green	Lebanon	1	3	3
John Gagnon	Lebanon	72	16	6
Ernest Franklin	Lebanon	59	18	6
Sadie Caron	Lebanon	52	17	2
Delina Hanks	Lebanon	29	....	4
Betty Anne Hanks	Lebanon	8	....	4
Barbara Hanks	Lebanon	8	....	4
Richard Hanks	Lebanon	6	....	4
Larry Hanks	Lebanon	4	....	4
John Prowelenzy*	Lincoln	67	52	1
George Polichuke*	Lincoln	75	52	1
Alexander Fountain	Lincoln	....	12	3
Joseph Smith	Lincoln	81	8	3
Alphonse Martel*	Lincoln	54	1	5
Wilfred Labrecque	Lincoln	50	2	4
Joseph Houle*	Littleton	83	52	1
Excelia Foster*	Littleton	60	16	1
Jerry Tolman*	Orford	41	52	1
Albert Clark	Thornton	65	1	5
Laura Garrett	Warren	45	3	1
Mabel Roulx	Warren	31	1	....
Sandra Roulx	Warren	1-d	....	6
Calvin Sargent*	Woodstock	60	52	1
James Ward*	Woodstock	74	52	1

\* Indicates inmates now at farm.

**INMATES OF GRAFTON COUNTY  
HOUSE OF CORRECTION**

Name	Court	Crime	Time Served		
			Age	Wks	Days
Williams, Wendell, Haverhill, Drunk			75	7	5
Gould, Robert, Lebanon, Vagrancy			58	7	5
Daneau, William, Lisbon, Assault			39	....	4
Conway, Ronald J., Plymouth, Break'g-enter'g			18	24	3
Sheltry, Frank E., Plymouth, Drunk			45	3	6
Higgins, Albert, Ashland, Property damage			20	3	3
Burgeron, Eugene L. Ashland, Property d'ge			26	3	6
Day, Richard, Lisbon, Assault			20	8	....
Moody, Wesley, Enfield, Assault			26	8	....
Nadeau, Alfred J., Ashland, Stealing car			33	24	3
Talbert, Henry, Haverhill, Drunk			45	11	4
Michaud, Roland, Haverhill, Drunk			58	8	....
Healey, James P., Lebanon, Drunk			49	8	....
Chamberlin, Landon, Ashland, Dr'ken driving			36	11	4
Dennis, Harold, Littleton, Vagrancy			36	2	6
Heath, Arnold, Bristol, Drunk			24	20	6
Hobart, Charles, Plymouth, Driving without lic.			33	3	....
Downing, Benjamin P., Plymouth, Stealing			33	....	1
Clough, George, Haverhill, Vagrancy			80	11	4
Fadden, Alonzo, Haverhill, Drunk			61	3	6
Sapier, Levi, Haverhill, Drunk			47	2	1
Borry, Adin, Bristol, Drunk & assault			35	27	4
Avery, Raymond, Ashland, Non-support			45	1	....
Duffy, John D., Haverhill, Vagrancy			62	8	....
Mossey, Frank, Littleton, Vagrancy			73	8	....
Kerrigan, James, Haverhill, Drunk			65	8	....
Weatherwax, Walter, Haverhill, No car reg'n			23	3	1
Shepard, Richard, Plymouth, Break'g & enter'g			13	25	....
Kimball, Harold, Littleton, Vagrancy			51	5	2
Hammell, Leon, Plymouth, Reckless driving			71	1	....
Harwood, Albert, Littleton, Drunk			46	3	....
Monroe, Frank D, Lebanon, Stealing			34	18	4
Moss, Robert H., Canaan, Stealing			40	3	6
Carman, Laddie, Bethlehem, Assault			18	3	6
Mitchell, Roland, Haverhill, Drunk			37	8	....
Sullivan, Thomas, Bethlehem, Vagrancy			53	8	....
Hooper, Warren, Lisbon, Taking car without consent			21	3	6
Page, Morris, Haverhill, Assault			25	17	5
Duffy, John D., Littleton, Vagrancy			62	7	5

**INMATES OF GRAFTON COUNTY  
HOUSE OF CORRECTION**

Name	Court	Crime	Time Served		
			Age	Wks	Days
Bumps, Ernest J., Hanover, Defraud			40	3	6
Miller, Fred L., Haverhill, Stealing			35	12	4
Davis, Charles, Bristol, Non-support			34	9	1
Smith, Delmar, Campton, Driving without lic.			23	1	5
Kane, Thomas E., Haverhill, Drunk			46	....	6
Reynolds, Robert E., Littleton, Non-support			27	8	2
Greenwood, Oliver, Littleton, Driving-no lic.			43	....	4
Bobowier, Henry A., Haverhill, Drunk			47	3	5
Duffy, John D., Haverhill, Vagrancy			63	5	1
Wilson, Chester R., Lisbon, Drunk driving			46	5	1
Keto, Henry W., Littleton, Drunk			46	4	4
Bolduc, Francis, Littleton, Drunk			26	....	1
Burt, Richard Ray, Haverhill, Stolen car			18	5	1
Daley, Thomas, Haverhill, Drunk			54	2	6
Kousios, Joseph A., Haverhill, Stealing car			33	6	1
King, Leon H., Littleton, Vagrancy			60	11	1
Noyes, Milton, Littleton, Vagrancy			46	11	4
Shene, Donald R., Haverhill, Break'g & enter'g			24	25	....
Wells, Earl, Haverhill, Forgery			23	6	1

## INMATES OF GRAFTON COUNTY JAIL

Name	Court	Crime	Time Served		
			Age	Wks	Days
Annis, Raymond, Haverhill, Arson			29	6	4
Jewett, Harry, Lebanon, Stealing			63	3	1
Conway, Ronald J., Plymouth, Break'g - enter'g			18	3	....
Bean, Hugh A., Littleton, Non-support			46	....	3
Rodgenwicz, Joseph L., Held for State Police			25	....	2
LeBerge, Raymond T., Held for State Police			27	....	2
Pelletier, Lauretta C., Held for State Police			21	....	2
Hutchins, Joseph W., Plymouth, Break-enter'g			46	....	5
Moore, Joseph, Lebanon, Contempt of Court			80	4	5
Ray, William F., Lebanon, Contempt			25	3	1
Fenoff, Gordon A., Bethlehem, Concealed weapons			19	11	4
Meyette, David R., Plymouth, Non-support			34	1	2
Lozier, Richard, Lisbon, Drunk driving			26	....	3
Lozier, Perley, Lisbon, Unlicensed driving			36	....	3
Nadeau, Alfred, Ashland, Stealing car			33	3	1
LaRoche, Laurent S., Haverhill, Stealing			28	2	1
Corneau, Melvin, Canaan, Reckless driving			20	....	2
Haley, Clyde, Littleton, Using car without consent			39	2	1
Knapp, Sheriden E., Haverhill, Sexual psycho.			25	12	....
Page, Morris, Haverhill, Assault			25	8	5
Pierce, Richard D., Plymouth, Non-support			37	....	4
Graves, William, Haverhill, Break'g & enter'g			20	4	6
Vittum, Carroll N., Plymouth, Non-support			33	2	....
Harwood, Elbert, Littleton, Drunk			46	....	1
Ray, William F., Haverhill, Non-support			27	2	6
Hardy, Alphonse, Haverhill, Non-support			41	....	3
Miller, Fred L., Littleton, Stealing			35	1	5
Lloyd, Henry W., Hanover, Stealing auto			19	2	....
Richardson, Thomas E., Lebanon, Stealing auto			18	4	....
Picknell, Walter, Lebanon, Stealing auto			19	4	....
Landon, Lester, Canaan, Stealing			30	1	....
Whipple, Edward L., Canaan, Stealing			25	2	2
Charette, Vernon, Lincoln, Intent to assault- murder			20	4	....
Greenwood, Pearl, Jr., Wt. River Jct. Breaking & entering			20	2	1
Martin, David, Haverhill, Break'g & enter'g			21	2	1
McLeod, Alfred, Bethlehem, Drunk-assault			32	24	....
Stack, Edward J., Haverhill, Forgery			33	2	1

## CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of Grafton County:

I submit herewith report of the Receipts and Disbursements of this office for the year ended December 31, 1953, as examined and allowed by the Court.

### January Term 1953 Account

Charges against County:-

1. Fees chargeable to County		
Mittimus, capias, etc.		\$17.20
State entries		8.00
Divorce cards		5.85
Total fees		\$31.05
2. Permanent Records		
Vol. 5, 6, 7, & 8 Criminal records and certifications		888.20
3. Miscellaneous cash disbursements		9.11
4. Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire		\$2,495.25
Total charges		\$3,423.61

Credits to County:-

1. Entries (109 @ 90c)		\$98.10
2. Fines and Costs		41.50
3. Sale of Rules of Court		1.00
4. Misc. Credits to County		13.20
5. Fees chargeable to County		31.05
6. Allowance for Permanent Records		888.20
7. Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire		2,350.56
Total credits		\$3,423.61

Examined and allowed the foregoing account.

STEPHEN M. WHEELER

Date May 12, 1953

Presiding Justice

**May Term 1953**

Charges against County:-

1.	Fees chargeable to County		
	Mittimus, capias, etc.	\$32.70	
	State Entries	4.90	
	Divorce cards (54)	10.80	
	Total fees		\$48.40
2.	Permanent Records		
	Civil Vol. 29 & certifications	78.55	
	Equity Vol. 42 & 43 and certifications	803.65	
			\$882.20
3.	Miscellaneous cash disbursements	12.32	
4.	Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire	2,280.61	
	Total charges		\$3,223.53

Credits to County:-

1.	Entries (124 @ 90c)		
		\$111.60	
2.	Fines and Costs	150.00	
3.	Sale of Dockets	5.00	
4.	Miscellaneous credits to County, Tel. etc.	1.80	
5.	Fees chargeable to County	48.40	
6.	Allowance for Permanent Records	882.20	
7.	Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire	2,024.53	
	Total credits		\$3,223.53

Examined and allowed the foregoing account.

STEPHEN M. WHEELER

Date August 31, 1953

Presiding Justice

**September Term 1953**

Charges against County:-

1.	Fees chargeable to County	
	Mittimus, capias, etc.	\$20.50
	State Entries (5)	4.50
	Probation Certificates (1)	1.00
	Divorce Cards (31)	4.65
		\$30.65
2.	Permanent Records	
	Equity Vol. 44, 45, 46, 47 & certifications	\$1,521.30
3.	Miscellaneous cash disbursements	26.60
4.	Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire	2,293.07
		\$3,871.62

Credits to County:-

1.	Entries (158 @ 90c)	\$142.20
2.	Sale of Dockets	5.00
3.	Fees chargeable to County	30.65
4.	Allowance for Permanent Records	1,521.30
5.	Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire	2,172.47
		\$3,871.62

Examined and allowed the foregoing account.

GEORGE R. GRANT, JR.

Dated December 31, 1953

Presiding Justice.

Respectfully submitted,

UNWAR J. SAMAHA

Clerk of Superior Court

**REPORT OF THE GRAFTON COUNTY SOLICITOR  
FOR THE YEAR 1953**

**JANUARY TERM**

- State v. **Jewett**, Harry - Indicted for breaking, entering and larceny; pleaded guilty and sentenced to 12 months in Grafton County House of Correction, suspended
- State v. **Conway**, Ronald J. - Indicted for breaking, entering and larceny; waived indictment and sentenced to six months in Grafton County House of Correction.
- State v. **Hutchins**, Joseph W. - Waived indictment for breaking, entering and larceny; pleaded guilty and sentenced to 4-6 years in State Prison.
- State v. **Martell**, George C. - Appealed from Lincoln Municipal Court for selling beer to a minor; jury trial; jury disagreed.
- State v. **Therrien**, Maurice - Escaped from Grafton County House of Correction while serving sentence. Apprehended and given thirty days again to start at end of present sentence.
- State v. **Charette**, Vernon - Breaking and entering; found guilty and sentenced to 7-10 years in State Prison; appealed.
- State v. **Annis**, Raymond - Larceny by check; found guilty and given 3-5 years in State Prison beginning 3-26-56 at termination of parole.
- State v. **Hollis**, Verdon L. - Breaking, entering and larceny; indicted; detainer filed at Charlestown, Massachusetts State Prison.
- State v. **Reynolds**, Newton F. - Breaking, entering larceny; indicted; detainer filed at Charlestown, Massachusetts, State Prison.
- State v. **Stack**, Edward J. - Larceny by check; pleaded guilty; sentenced to 2-4 years in State Prison, after indictment.

State v. **Lamie**, Anthony - Broke parole; picked up in Lebanon and returned to State Prison.

#### MAY TERM

State v. **Knapp**, Sheridan E. - Referred to State Hospital for examination; declared not psychopathic; continued for sentence from Littleton Municipal Court on voluntary commitment to State Hospital.

State v. **Tallman**, George R. - Referred to State Hospital for examination; declared not psychopathic; released.

State v. **Wright**, Raymond Winston - Arrested 4-23-53 for speeding; pleaded not guilty; found guilty in Littleton Municipal Court and fined \$5.00; appealed to Superior Court; trial by jury; found guilty and fined \$10.00.

State v. **LaRoche**, Laurent - Detainer placed with Coos County authorities; embezzlement; continued for sentence, upon restitution being made.

State v. **Hurcombe**, William H., Jr. - Forgery; continued for sentence; restitution ordered.

State v. **Corneau**, Melvin A. - Reckless operation as to cause death; waived examination; pleaded guilty; fined \$150 and given one year suspended sentence.

State v. **Hurlburt**, Burnham - Assault and battery; waived examination and pleaded guilty to aggravated assault; sentenced to one year suspended.

#### SEPTEMBER TERM

State v. **Page**, Morris C. - Referred to State Hospital for examination; declared not psychopathic; indicted for lewd and lascivious conduct; pleaded guilty and sentenced to 12 months in Grafton County House of Correction.

- State v. **Graves**, William J., Jr. - Indicted for breaking, entry and larceny; pleaded guilty and sentenced to 2-3 years in State Prison.
- State v. **Presby**, Seth, Jr. - Waived indictment for breaking, entering and larceny; continued for sentence; restitution of \$36.50.
- State v. **DeGuise**, Robert Alphonse - Operating while under the influence; appealed to Superior Court; case continued.
- State v. **Sweeney**, Nelson M. - Operating while under the influence; pleaded not guilty in Bristol Municipal Court; found guilty; appealed to Superior Court; pleaded guilty and fined \$100 and given 6 months in Grafton County House of Correction suspended.
- State v. **Pollock**, Hamilton E. - Operating in grossly careless and negligent manner; appealed from Bethlehem Municipal Court; pleaded guilty and fined \$25.
- State v. **Wooster**, Wallace B. - Operating after license suspended; pleaded not guilty; found guilty in Canaan Municipal Court; appealed to Superior Court; pleaded guilty and sentenced to 3 months in Grafton County House of Correction suspended.
- State v. **Wooster**, Wallace B. - Assault and battery; pleaded not guilty; found guilty; appealed and pleaded guilty and sentenced to 3 months in Grafton County House of Correction suspended.
- State v. **Davis**, George B. - Speeding; pleaded not guilty; found guilty in Canaan Municipal Court; appealed to Superior Court and continued to January Term 1954.
- State v. **Paquette**, Richard K. - Pleaded not guilty to operating in grossly careless and negligent manner; found guilty; fined \$50; appealed to January Term 1954 Superior Court.

- State v. **Haley**, Clyde Wayne - Embezzlement; bound over to Superior Court; continued for sentence; probation for 2 years; restitution of \$52.05 through Probation Department within 30 days.
- State v. **Miller**, Fred Lee - Breaking, entering and larceny; waived examination in Bethlehem Municipal Court; pleaded guilty and sentenced to 3 months in Grafton County House of Correction.
- State v. **Harwood**, Albert - Escaped from House of Correction; pleaded not guilty and waived examination; sentenced to 90 days to start at end of present sentence, after changing plea to guilty in Superior Court.
- State v. **Ledger**, Wilfred - Taking undersize fish; appealed from Lincoln Municipal Court; pleaded guilty and fined \$25.00.
- State v. **Sias**, Arthur B. - Careless and negligent operation resulting in death; personal recognition.
- State v. **Henry**, Lloyd W. - Larceny of Motor Vehicle; appealed from Hanover Municipal Court; found guilty and sentenced to 2-3 years in State Prison.

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The county solicitor also prosecuted eighteen (18) cases in the Municipal Courts of the County at the request of local or County officers, including nine (9) juvenile cases. Ninety-one (91) complaints were received on which, after an initial investigation, no prosecutive action was taken. Sixty-one (61) matters were handled through correspondence with authorities of other jurisdictions and forty-eight (48) Petitions for the Support of Dependents have been filed and five (5) have been received from other jurisdictions.

In the interest of better law enforcement and more efficient coordination of effort by the several law enforcing agencies operating in the County, the solicitors office has sponsored and hopes to develop an organization of County enforcement officers which will meet regularly for professional instruction and promotion of mutual interests. The first meeting was held on November 4, 1953 at Woodsville and the second meeting will be held in March at Plymouth. It is planned to hold four meetings a year and the officers themselves will arrange the programs according to what seems of particular interest and need. The response has been encouraging with forty-two (42) officers attending the first meeting.

The medical referees have reported fifty-seven (57) deaths, suicides, fatal accidents and other unattended deaths together with ten (10) autopsies and investigations authorized. Investigation was reopened and conducted at the request of the Attorney General in a case arising in 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. TESREAU  
Grafton County Solicitor

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

To the County Commissioners and voters of Grafton County:

I respectfully submit the following report as Sheriff of the County of Grafton from January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

### JANUARY TERM AT LEBANON

**Herbert W. Ash, Sheriff**

#### **Court Attendance**

58 days at \$10.00	\$580.00
Travel	236.00
Meals	29.75
Paid Minister	10.00

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\$855.75

#### **Criminal Investigation**

7½ days at \$10.00	\$75.00
Travel	189.40
Meals	20.50
Assistance	40.00
Mittimus fees	14.00
Meals (Prisoners)	5.20
Attending Municipal Court, fees	6.00
Printing and supplies	30.00
Telephone	30.00

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\$410.10

**John L. Farnham, Deputy Sheriff**

#### **Court Attendance**

17½ days at \$10.00	\$175.00
Travel	147.70
Meals	15.40
Assistance	5.00
Meals (Prisoners)	2.40

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\$345.50

**Criminal Investigation**

4 days at \$10.00	\$40.00
Travel	49.40
Meals	2.25
Assistance	5.00
Telephone	22.25

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 \$118.90
**Wilfred J. Larty, Deputy Sheriff****Court Attendance**

2 days at \$10.00	\$20.00
Travel	9.00

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 \$29.00
**Criminal Investigation**

1 day at \$10.00	\$10.00
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**George U. L. Leavitt, Deputy Sheriff****Court Attendance**

30 days at \$10.00	\$300.00
Travel	5.60
Meals	14.00

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 \$319.60
**Fred L. Johnson, Deputy Sheriff****Criminal Investigation**

1½ days at \$10.00	\$15.00
Travel	6.30

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 \$21.30
**Theodore R. Gardner, Deputy Sheriff****Court Attendance**

14 days at \$10.00	\$140.00
Travel	78.00
Meals	3.90

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 \$221.90

**Criminal Investigation**

7½ days at \$10.00	\$75.00
Travel	104.95
Meals	5.85
Mittimus fees	2.00
Telephone	10.11

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 \$197.91
**MAY TERM AT PLYMOUTH****Herbert W. Ash, Sheriff****Court Attendance**

49 days at \$10.00	\$490.00
Travel	18.00
Meals	51.00
Paid Minister	10.00

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 \$569.00
**Criminal Investigation**

11½ days at \$10.00	\$115.00
Travel	181.00
Meals	16.15
Attending Municipal Court, fees	9.00
Room (2)	7.00
Assistance	30.00
Mittimus fees	2.00
Photographing (Daisy v. Holbrook)	5.00
Supplies	1.72
Postage	5.00
Telephone	85.30

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 \$457.17
**John L. Farnham, Deputy Sheriff****Court Attendance**

10 days at \$10.00	\$100.00
Travel	82.00
Meals	13.50

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 \$195.50

**Criminal Investigation**

4½ days at \$10.00	\$45.00
Travel	65.40
Meals	3.25
Feeding prisoners	5.00
Telephone	18.75

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 \$137.40
**George U. L. Leavitt, Deputy Sheriff****Court Attendance**

5 days at \$10.00	\$50.00
Travel	1.00
Meals	5.00

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 \$56.00
**Stanley W. Hubbard, Deputy Sheriff****Criminal Investigation**

½ day at \$10.00	\$5.00
Travel	47.80
Assistance	15.00

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 \$67.80
**Fred L. Johnson, Deputy Sheriff****Court Attendance**

26 days at \$10.00	\$260.00
Travel	101.20
Meals	29.65

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 \$390.85
**Theodore R. Gardner, Deputy Sheriff****Court Attendance**

16 days at \$10.00	\$160.00
Travel	112.00
Meals	10.50

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 \$282.50

**Criminal Investigation**

2½ days at \$10.00	\$25.00
Travel	11.60
Mittimus fees	2.00
Telephone	13.80

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 \$52.40
**SEPTEMBER TERM AT WOODSVILLE****Herbert W. Ash, Sheriff****Court Attendance**

46 days at \$10.00	\$460.00
Travel	240.00
Meals	27.60
Fees, Reciprocal Enf. Support Act	14.70

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 \$742.30
**Criminal Investigation**

17 days at \$10.00	\$170.00
Travel	193.65
Meals	23.30
Supplies and printing posters	31.39
Postage	11.70
Telephone	101.16

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 \$531.20
**John L. Farnham, Deputy Sheriff****Court Attendance**

22 days at \$10.00	\$220.00
Travel	33.70
Meals	33.05
Paid Minister	10.00

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 \$296.75
**Criminal Investigation**

10½ days at \$10.00	\$105.00
Travel	123.90

Meals	9.25
Telephone	21.78

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\$259.93

**Wilfred J. Larty, Deputy Sheriff**

**Court Attendance**

12 days at \$10.00	\$120.00
Travel	4.80
Meals	12.60

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\$137.40

**Criminal Investigation**

2 days at \$10.00	\$20.00
Meals	3.50

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\$23.50

**Stanley W. Hubbard, Deputy Sheriff**

**Criminal Investigation**

½ day at \$10.00	\$5.00
Travel	91.00
Meals	6.20
Mittimus fees	4.00
Assistance	25.00

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\$131.20

**Jerold M. Ashley, Deputy Sheriff**

**Criminal Investigation**

6½ days at \$10.00	\$65.00
Travel	28.70
Meals	4.90
Telephone	1.00

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\$99.60

**Theodore R. Gardner, Deputy Sheriff**

**Criminal Investigation**

5½ days at \$10.00	\$55.00
Travel	17.00

Fees, Reciprocal Enf. Support Act	5.20	
Telephone	17.29	
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		\$94.49
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		\$7,054.95
Sheriffs' bonds	394.38	
Clerk hire	500.00	
Insurance on equipment	33.75	
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		\$928.13
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Total Expenditures		\$7,983.08
1952 Expenses under William Green carried over to Jan. 1, 1953		1,455.15
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Grand Total		\$9,438.23

I, Herbert Ash, Sheriff of Grafton County respectfully submit this report to the County Commissioners and to the Voters of Grafton County.

HERBERT W. ASH  
Sheriff

## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of Grafton County:

During the past year I have been responsible for the conducting of worship services at the County Farm every other Sunday at three o'clock in the afternoon. During and since my illness of last summer Mrs. Robbins has had charge of most of the services. Attendance has ranged from twenty to thirty-five. Interest is good and participation in the singing is enthusiastic. Of especial interest has been the scripture alphabet feature introduced by Mrs. Robbins.

I have administered the communion service on two occasions and during the Christmas season brought in a sizable group of young people to sing carols in the corridors and the vestibule of the jail. Both inmates and members of the staff have been appreciative of services rendered and cooperative and helpful in every way. The purchase of new song-books has added much to the success of the worship services.

Respectfully submitted,

BURTON G. ROBBINS  
Chaplain

## REPORT OF THE COUNTY PHYSICIAN

To the Grafton County Commissioners:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1953.

There have been no significant changes in equipment or personnel during the year. Statistics appended to this report merit your attention. Of the 17 deaths occurring, the youngest was 71 years of age, reflecting the general trend of increased longevity in the past few years. The percentage of citizens above the age of 65 years in the State of New Hampshire is steadily increasing and probably will do so for many years.

The total patient-days, plus out-patients seen, make over 9,000 physician-patient visits during the year.

We have been fortunate to obtain adequate nurses to care for our patients, but at times this has been very difficult. Great credit is due Mrs. Aldrich and Mrs. Giles for their successful efforts in this respect. Unless the present State Study Commission looking into nursing education produces some speedy results, we will be shorter of professional employees in the future.

Bearing this in mind, consolidation with the Woodsville Cottage Hospital should have careful consideration. Under such a plan, the over-all employment of registered nurses could be reduced with increased use of ward maids and nurses' aides. This would also allow for increased ancillary services, such as laboratory, X-ray and dietary facilities.

This year, we have had fewer surgical and acute medical cases. As a result, there has been a tendency to increase the patient load with more senile cases of town and state responsibility. In recent months this has been carried too high for certain safety factors, raising bed occupancy above optimum levels and decreasing operational elasticity.

I wish to thank Supt. and Mrs. Aldrich, nurses, associate physicians and the Commissioners for their splendid cooperation.

E. C. CAMPBELL, M.D.  
Medical Director

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### Statistics for 1953 for Grafton County Hospital

Patients January 1, 1953	20
Admissions	86
Discharges	68
Daily average	20.1
Total patient days	7,367
Number of births	4
Number of operations	5
Number of deaths	*17
Number discharged, cured or improved	58
Number discharged, unimproved	10
Number out-patients	2,026
Number autopsies	None
Total patients January 1, 1954	23
*2 deaths in Almshouse	

## DEATHS IN 1953

Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death
		Yr	M	W D	
Feb 27	Samuel Hurlburt	89		4	Arteriosclerosis, gangrene of feet, terminal pneumonia
Mar 19	Alma Smith	83	9	9	Arteriosclerosis
Mar 19	William Wilson	83	10	2	Arteriosclerosis
Mar 26	Ella Wilson	77	2	6	Arteriosclerosis, Auricular fibrillation, hip fracture
Mar 29	Alec Fontaine	71	2	4	Arteriosclerosis, Auricular fibrillation, pulmonary embolus
Apr 6	Michael Mullahy	86		5	Arteriosclerosis, Coronary embolus (inmate)
Apr 7	William Durgin	88	8	3 5	Arteriosclerosis
Apr 8	Lucian Davis	71	7	2	Arteriosclerosis, terminal pneumonia
June 8	William Chapman	79		1	Coronary sclerosis, carcinoma of the bladder
July 2	Mary Donaldson	82	7	1	Arteriosclerosis, psoriasis
July 11	Albert Fitch	75	3	3 6	Coronary - Chronic myocarditis
July 20	Myra Tenny	84	7	1	Arteriosclerosis, Auricular fibrillation
July 21	Mary Tabor	98	10	4	Arteriosclerosis, hemiplegia from cerebral hem'rage
Sept 9	Andrew Sinkewich	82			Coronary embolus (inmate)
Nov 1	Albert Farnsworth	87	9	2	Arteriosclerosis, carcinoma of prostate
Nov 5	Herbert Dow	83	11	2 5	Arteriosclerosis, severe hypertrophic arthritis
Dec. 7	Leon Underhill	84	10	5	Arteriosclerosis, carcinoma sigmoid colon, benign prostatic hypertrophy

**SUMMARY OF FARM ACCOUNTS FOR  
GRAFTON COUNTY FOR 1953**

<b>Capital Investment</b>	1952	1953
Value of land & buildings	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
Livestock inventory	54,470.20	48,230.00
Machinery & equip't inventory	19,923.86	21,261.86
Feed & supplies inventory	10,359.29	11,123.41
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Total	\$129,753.35	\$125,615.27
Decrease for year		\$4,138.08

**Summary of Receipts**

	Cash	Institution	Total
Milk & milk prod'ts	\$27,547.94	\$3,836.98	\$31,384.92
Produce	116.20	761.66	877.86
Eggs	-----	1,332.68	1,332.68
Dressed poultry	-----	260.00	260.00
Dressed beef	-----	1,638.80	1,638.80
Dressed pork	-----	3,352.20	3,352.20
Livestock	7,861.75	-----	7,861.75
Other income	1,985.20	---	1,985.20
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Total Receipts	\$37,511.09	\$11,182.32	\$48,693.41
Decrease in livestock inventory			6,240.20
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			\$42,453.21
Increase in mach. & equip't inventory			1,338.00
Increase in feed and supplies inventory			764.12
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<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$44,555.33</b>

### Summary of Expenses

Supervision	\$300.00
Labor - regular	9,326.77
Labor - House of Correction	810.00
Truck and tractor expenses	2,262.68
New tractor and equipment	2,185.00
2 manure spreaders	605.00
Harrow	256.50
Taxes	2,716.56
Insurance	1,998.82
Light and power	929.68
Feed	22,894.31
Supplies	1,140.16
Repairs	1,395.25
Equipment	417.28
Fertilizer	1,340.48
Veterinary	558.35
Milk testing	192.90
Registering cattle	140.45
Bedding	866.25
Livestock and poultry	698.00
Seeds	689.49
Miscellaneous	618.01
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Total expenses	\$52,341.94
Total receipts minus inventory decrease	44,555.33
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Operating loss	\$7,786.61

ERVILLE H. ALDRICH  
Superintendent

RICHARD R. RUTHERFORD  
County Agricultural Agent

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GRAFTON COUNTY  
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

**Year Ended December 31, 1953**

County Extension Work in Agriculture, Home Economics and 4-H Club Work for Year Ended December 31, 1953.

Herein is submitted a statement of expenditures of the Legislative appropriation of \$15,465.00 for Grafton County Extension Work in cooperation with the University of New Hampshire and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Balance on Hand January 1, 1953	\$4,509.39
Legislative Appropriation for 1953	15,465.00
Adjustment of Employees Social Security	65.10
Sale of Obsolete Movie Equipment	15.00
	\$20,054.49

**Expenses**

Salary, Agricultural Agent	\$1,250.00
Travel, Agricultural Agent	1,144.71
Salary, Home Demonstration Agent	386.36
Travel, Home Demonstration Agent	743.42
Salary, Club Agent	350.00
Travel, Club Agent	1,123.58
Travel, Assistant Club Agent	899.76
Salary, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent	90.00
Travel, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent	37.45
Salary, Forester	713.80
Travel, Forester	799.18
Salary, 3 clerks	4,252.73
Freight and Express	2.21
Telephone and Postage	479.40
Rent	662.50

Printing	17.69	
Repairs to Equipment	73.53	
Supplies	605.10	
Equipment	599.86	
Insurance on Equipment, Supplies and Furniture	44.31	
Secretary's and Treasurer's Bond	7.31	
Club Awards	136.60	
Social Security	194.04	
Miscellaneous	36.35	
		\$14,649.89
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Balance on Hand December 31, 1953		\$5,404.60

Respectfully submitted,

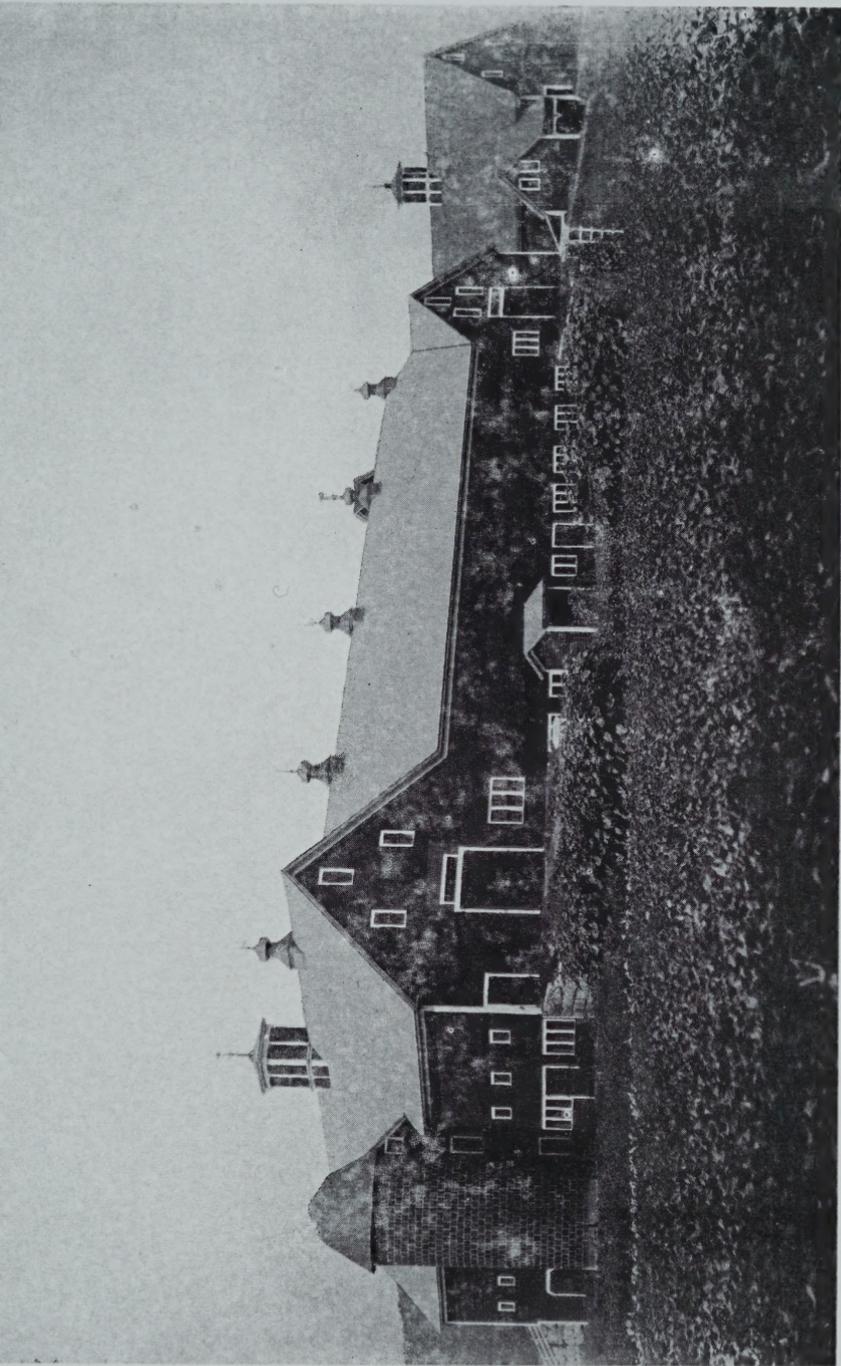
MARGARET WHITCOMB

Treasurer

RICHARD R. RUTHERFORD

County Agricultural Agent





*Grafton County Farm Barns*





