

***ANNUAL REPORTS***

**OF THE TOWN OF**

**Stratham**

**New Hampshire**

**For The Year Ending December 31**

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**1949**

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**As Compiled By The Town Officers**



# **ANNUAL REPORTS**

of the

**SELECTMEN,**

**TOWN TREASURER, HIGHWAY AGENTS,**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**AND TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

of the town of

# **Stratham**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

For the Year Ending December 31,

# **1949**

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## TOWN WARRANT

### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(L. S.)

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Stratham on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred and Sixteen Dollars and Twenty-Three Cents (\$216.23) against the State's Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$864.82) for state aid construction.
4. To see if the town will vote 1 percent discount on such part of the taxes as are paid on or before August 15th.
5. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for Stratham Hill Park ball field.
7. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Trustees of the Trust Funds to turn over to the School Board all

monies in their hands amounting to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and interest thereon, the same having been raised by the Town for the purpose of creating a Capital Reserve fund for the construction of a central school building.

8. To see if the town will vote to discontinue that part of Willowbrook Avenue beginning at High street and running northerly to its intersection with the new road running from High Sreet to Willowbrook Avenue.

9. To see if the town will vote to paint the inside of the Town Hall, raise and appropriate money for the same.

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

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

NELSON E. BARKER,  
ELMER WIGGIN,  
WALTER A. SCAMMAN,  
Selectmen of Stratham.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

NELSON E. BARKER,  
ELMER WIGGIN,  
WALTER A. SCAMMAN,  
Selectmen of Stratham.

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year  
January 1, 1950 to December 31, 1950 Compared with  
Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriation and Expenditures  
of the Previous Year January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949

### SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1949	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1949	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1950
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$1,177.31	\$1,201.22	\$1,201.22
Railroad Tax	18.28	19.34	19.34
Savings Bank Tax	126.65	114.75	114.75
For Fighting Forest Fires		119.06	
Reimbursement a]c Old Age Assist.		488.90	
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>			
Fines and Forfeits, Mun. Court		1.36	
Dog Licenses		304.20	304.20
Rent of Town Hall and Other Bldgs.	100.00	114.00	100.00
Int. Received on Taxes and Deposits	85.00	139.67	150.00
Income from Trust Funds	72.50	43.83	72.50
Income of Departments:	150.00	97.88	50.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,500.00	2,221.81	2,221.81
Sale of Town Property		15.00	
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</b>			
Poll Taxes—Reg. @ \$2	600.00	674.00	600.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	3.00	3.00	3.00
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Total Revenues From All Sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$3,832.74	\$5,558.02	\$4,386.82
Amt. to be Raised by Property Taxes			30,155.13
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<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>			<b>\$34,991.95</b>

## MAINT PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations Previous Year 1949	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1949	Estimated Expend. Ensuuing Year 1950
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>			
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	1,100.00	1,175.65	1,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	525.00	455.99	525.00
Election and Reg. Expenses			175.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	600.00	705.22	700.00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>			
Police Department	100.00	204.63	100.00
Fire Department	500.00	590.84	500.00
<b>Health:</b>			
Health Department, includ. hospitals	10.00	5.59	10.00
Vital Statistics	20.00	23.00	23.00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance: Summer	4,000.00	4,051.02	4,500.00
Town Maintenance Winter	2,500.00	1,711.41	2,000.00
<b>Libraries:</b>	200.00	232.00	250.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	3,000.00	2,433.89	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00	864.37	1,000.00
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Parks and Playgrounds, incl band concerts	150.00	420.28	150.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Cemeteries	100.00	100.00	100.00
<b>Unclassified:</b>			
Damages and Legal Expenses, incl. Dog Damage	100.00	78.99	100.00
Advertising and Region Associations	79.00	79.00	83.00
<b>Interest:</b>			
On Temporary Loans	70.00	66.77	70.00
<b>Payments to Other Government Divisions:</b>			
County Taxes	3,518.76	3,299.41	3,000.00
School Taxes	17,324.39	17,924.99	18,505.95
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$35,397.15</b>	<b>\$34,423.05</b>	<b>\$34,991.95</b>



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**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
of the  
**TOWN OF STRATHAM**  
**IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY**

For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949

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

Date, February 6, 1950.

**NELSON E. BARKER,**  
**ELMER WIGGIN,**  
**WALTER A. SCAMMAN,**  
Selectmen of Stratham.

**LESLIE C. SCAMMON,**  
Treasurer.

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## TOWN OF STRATHAM

BALANCE

## ASSETS

**Cash:**

In hands of treasurer	\$6,460.40
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**Capital Reserve Funds:**

School	1,000.00
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**Accounts Due to the Town:**

Joint Highway Construct'n	
Unexpended Bal. in State Treas.	.03

**Unredeemed Taxes:**

Levy of 1948	25.58
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**Uncollected Taxes:**

Levy of 1949	5,476.74
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Total Assets	<u>\$12,962.75</u>
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Net Surplus, Dec. 31, 1948	\$2,197.68
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Net Surplus, Dec. 31, 1949,	5,819.20
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Increase of Surplus	3,621.52
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## LIABILITIES

<b>Accounts Owed by the Town:</b>	
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation	\$6,143.52
<b>State and Town Joint Highway</b>	
<b>Construction Accounts:</b>	
Unexpended bal. in State Treas.	.03
<b>Capital Reserve Funds:</b>	
(Offsets similar Asset account)	1,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$7,143.55
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Excess of assets over liabilities	
(Surplus)	5,819.20
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Grand Total	\$12,962.75

UNIFORM  
RECEIPTS AND

RECEIPTS

**Current Revenue:**

**From Local Taxes:**

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$29,055.57
Poll Taxes—Current Year—Reg. at \$2	536.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	3.00
Total Current Year's taxes collected and remitted	29,594.57
Property taxes—Previous years	2,698.71
Poll taxes—Prev. Years—Reg. @ \$2	138.00
Interest received on taxes	139.67
Tax sales redeemed	243.71

**From State:**

Interest and dividend tax	1,201.22
Railroad tax	19.34
Savings bank tax	114.75
Fighting forest fires	119.06
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assist	488.90

**From Local Sources, Except Taxes:**

Dog licenses	304.20
Fines and forfeits, municipal court	1.36
Rent of town property—	114.00
Income from trust funds	43.83
Income from departments	97.88
Reg. of motor vehicles, 1948 Permits	10.45
Registration of motor vehicles, 1949 Permits	2,211.36

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\$4,726.35

## CLASSIFICATION

PAYMENTS For the Year Ended December 31, 1949

### PAYMENTS

#### Current Maintenance Expenses:

##### General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$1,175.65
Town officers' expenses	455.99
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	705.22

##### Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	204.63
Fire department, incl forest fires	590.84
Old Home Day	200.00
Driveway fund	75.88
Damage by dogs	3.00

##### Health:

Health department, incl. hospitals	5.59
Vital statistics	23.00

##### Highways and Bridges:

##### Town Maintenance:

Summer	\$4,051.02
Winter	1,711.41

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5,762.43

##### Libraries:

Libraries	232.00
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##### Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	864.37
Town Poor	2,433.89

##### Recreation:

Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	420.28
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##### Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries, incl. hearse hire	100.00
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**Receipts Other than Current Revenue:**

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	8,000.00
New Trust Funds received during year	100.50
Sale of town prop., cemetery lot	15.00
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Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue	\$8,115.50
Total Receipts from All Sources	\$45,656.51
Cash on hand January 1, 1949	4,728.38
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Grand Total	\$50,384.89

**Unclassified:**

Damage and legal expenses	75.99
Advertising and Reg. Associations	79.00
Taxes bought by town	193.72
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	29.69

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Total Current Maintenance Expenses 223.41

**Interest:**

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	66.67
Total interest payments	66.67

**Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:**

Highways and Bridges — State Aid construction	215.93
Land and Buildings	235.82
New Equipment, Highway	450.00

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Total Outlay Payments 901.75

**Indebtedness:**

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	8,000.00
Payments to trustees of trust funds (New Funds)	100.50

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Total Indebtedness Payments 8,100.50

**Payments to Other Government****Divisions:**

Taxes paid to County	3,299.41
Payments to School Districts	17,924.99
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	21,224.40

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Total Payments for all Purposes 43,924.49

Cash on hand December 31, 1949 6,460.40

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Grand Total \$50,384.89

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$13,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	400.00
Libraries, Land and Buildings	8,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Police Department, equipment	100.00
Highway Department, equipment	4,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	3,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	4,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>



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## AUDITOR'S REPORT

February 4th, 1950

We have this day completed the audit for the Town of Stratham, and have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Selectmen's Ledger and Vouchers, Road Agent's Accounts and Payrolls, Trustees of Trust Funds and Library Fund, and Bonds of all Town Officers; also Notes and Bonds payable, and find all accounts properly cast and balanced.

RICHARD H. DICKINSON,  
NORRIS W. BEAN,

Auditors.

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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Land and Buildings	\$699,120.00
Growing Wood and Timber	4,750.00
Electric Plants	28,823.00
Horses, 61	4,525.00
Ponies, 5	200.00
Cows, 377	44,355.00
Neat Stock, 100	8,605.00
Goats, 7	70.00
Hogs, 1	40.00
Fowls, 30,585	38,200.00
Wood and lumber	2,650.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	1,300.00
Stock in Trade	20,400.00
Mills and Machinery	2,550.00
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	\$855,588.00
Soldiers Exemptions	17,500.00
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	\$838,088.00
Amount of taxes to be committed to Tax Collector, including Polls and National Bank Stock	\$34,393.97
Rate of Taxation	\$4.10

## REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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Town officers' salaries	\$1,200.00
Town officers' expenses	525.00
Election and registration	175.00
Police department	100.00
Fire department	500.00
Town hall	700.00
Health department	10.00
Vital statistics	23.00
Summer roads	4,500.00
Winter roads	2,000.00
Library	250.00
Town poor	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00
Cemeteries	100.00
Legal Expenses	100.00
Seacoast Regional	83.00
Interest	70.00
County tax	3,000.00

RUSSELL A. GRANTON,  
W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN,  
WALTER A. SCAMMAN,  
ELMER WIGGIN,  
NELSON E. BARKER.

## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

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### SUMMARY OF PROPERTY TAX WARRANT Levy of 1949

#### DR.

Property taxes committed for collection	\$34,393.97	
Added property taxes	28.70	
Interest collected	.53	
	<hr/>	\$34,423.20

#### CR.

Total remittances to Treas.	\$29,059.10	
Discounts allowed	49.36	
Uncollected as per Collectors list	5,314.74	
	<hr/>	\$34,423.20

### SUMMARY OF POLL TAX WARRANT Levy of 1949

#### DR.

Poll taxes committed for collection	\$720.00	
Added poll taxes	16.00	
Penalties collected	.60	
Interest collected	.02	
	<hr/>	\$736.62

#### CR.

Total remittances to Treas.	\$536.62	
Abatements by Selectmen	38.00	
Uncollected as per list	162.00	
	<hr/>	\$736.62

## SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1948

DR.

Uncollected property taxes as of Jan. 1, 1949	\$2,698.71	
Interest collected during fiscal year	121.96	
	<hr/>	\$2,820.67

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer	\$2,820.67	
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## POLL TAX ACCOUNT

Levy of 1948

DR.

Uncollected poll taxes, Jan. 1, 1949	\$132.00	
Added 1948 Polls	6.00	
Penalties collected	13.20	
Interest collected	3.36	
	<hr/>	\$154.56

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer	\$154.56	
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## SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNT

As of December 31, 1949

DR.

	Tax sales on acct. of levy of		
	1948	1947	1946
Taxes sold to Town during current fiscal year	\$193.72		
Balance of unredeemed taxes as of January 1, 1949		\$41.84	\$21.74
Interest collected after sale	1.44	4.44	3.21
Redemption costs	2.60		1.80
	\$197.76	\$46.28	\$26.75

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer during fiscal year	\$171.68	\$45.78	\$26.25
Discharge fees	.50	.50	.50
Unredeemed taxes, Dec. 31, 1949	25.58		
	\$197.76	\$46.28	\$26.75

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH D. PARKMAN,

Collector of Taxes

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Number of dogs submitted for collection	131	
Females	24	
Males	107	
	<hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	131
Collected 24 Females @ \$5.00		\$120.00
Collected 105 Males @ \$2.00		210.00
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		\$330.00
2 Uncollected Licenses @ \$2.00		
Paid to Treasurer		\$304.20
Fees		25.80
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		\$330.00

Stratham, N. H., January 19, 1950

We have this day examined the accounts of Mary R. Tuck, Town Clerk relative to Dog Licenses and found the same properly cast and vouched and that she has paid to Leslie C. Scamman, Town Treasurer the sum of \$304.20.

RICHARD H. DICKINSON,  
NORRIS W. BEAN,  
Auditors.

In relation to Automobile Permits for the year ending December 31, 1949.

We have this day examined the accounts of Mary R. Tuck, Town Clerk in relation to Auto Permits and find them correct with proper Serial Vouchers and checked serial numbers and find that she has collected and paid to Leslie C. Scamman, Town Treasurer, the sum of \$2,221.81. (Twenty-two Hundred and Twenty-one Dollars and Eighty-one cents.)

RICHARD H. DICKINSON,  
NORRIS W. BEAN,  
Auditors.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

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Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1949		\$4,728.38
Ralph D. Parkman, Tax Collector:		
1948 Property tax	\$2,820.67	
1948 Poll tax	154.56	
1949 Property tax	29,059.10	
1949 Poll tax	536.62	
Redemption tax sales	243.71	
		\$32,814.66
Mary R. Tuck, Town Clerk:		
Auto permits	\$2,221.81	
		304.20
Dog licenses	304.20	2,526.01
Ernest T. Wiggin, Highway Agent:		
Breaking driveways	\$79.50	
Gravel	3.38	
		82.88
John L. Emery, Janitor:		
Rent of Town Hall		114.00
Trustees Trust Funds:		
M. H. Hill, Park Fund	1,258.00	
Charles E. Gear, Park Fund	3,125.00	
		43.83
Laura S. Tufts:		
Cemetery Trust Fund		100.50
Police Department:		
Damage to Park		15.00

State of New Hampshire:

Savings Bank tax	\$114.75	
Railroad tax	19.34	
Interest and Dividends tax	1,201.22	
Refund Old Age Assistance	488.90	
Forestry Department	119.06	
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		1,943.27
Exeter Bank Company, notes		8,000.00
Cemetery Lot		15.00
Library Fines		1.36
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		\$50,384.89
Paid on Selectmen's orders	\$43,924.49	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1949	6,460.40	
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		\$50,384.89

## DETAILED EXPENDITURES

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### TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Mary R. Tuck, Town Clerk	\$266.00
Ralph D. Parkman, Tax Collector	407.15
Robert S. Berry, Trustee	7.50
Richard H. Dickinson, Auditor	10.00
Norris W. Bean, Auditor	10.00
Leslie C. Scammon, Treasurer	75.00
Walter A. Scamman, Selectman	100.00
Elmer R. Wiggin, Selectman	100.00
Nelson E. Barker, Selectman	200.00

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\$1,175.65

### TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

D. L. Garrison Co., auto and truck guide	5.00
Richard H. Dickinson, postage	2.04
Frank H. Pearson, bonds	70.00
Brown and Saltmarsh Inc., supplies	66.50
Ralph E. Meras Co., flags for cemeteries	10.00
Nelson E. Barker, flags for cemeteries	6.00
Batchelder Bookstore, town clerk's book	2.35
N. H. Assessor's Ass'n., dues	2.00
Sargent Bros., tax bills & auditors slips	13.40
Charles R. Hardy, clerk dues	2.00
John Green, records & transfers	10.20
Hampton Pub. Co., town reports	176.00
Robert S. Berry, trustee	9.97
Mary R. Tuck, postage & expenses	3.62
Ralph D. Parkman, postage & expenses	26.55
Leslie C. Scammon	9.36
Walter A. Scamman, expenses	10.00
Elmer R. Wiggin, expenses	10.00
Nelson E. Barker, postage & expenses	21.00

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455.99

## TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Stratham Hardware & Lumber Co., supplies	5.80
Exeter & Hampton Elec. Co.	59.95
John L. Emery, janitor	180.00
Frank W. Tuck, supplies	7.12
Myles Standish Watson, spraying trees	12.00
W. D. Scamman, ins. on sheds	36.00
C. L. Harkell, flameproofing	90.00
Frank H. Pearson, ins. on hall	156.25
Harold M. Poore, tuning piano	5.00
A. E. McRell Co., Inc., coal	87.20
Barker Bros., mowing	8.00
L. R. Chapman, labor	3.60
Robert Young, wood	8.00
Perley Wells, wood	40.00
Charles Parker, labor	6.30

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204.63

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

L. R. Chapman	178.18
Young's Hardware Co.	1.45
Harry Foote	11.00
Fred Chick	10.50
W. S. Darley Co., flares	3.50

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204.63

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

State of N. H., fire tools	79.17
Town of Hampton	35.00
Ernest T. Wiggin, warden	105.77
Exeter Fire Department	370.90

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590.84

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

L. R. Chapman 5.59

## VITAL STATISTICS

Mary R. Tuck 23.00

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23.00

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

### Winter Roads

Ernest T. Wiggin, agent 1,693.95

Collector of Int. Revenue 17.46

### Summer Roads

Ernest T. Wiggin, agent 4,012.69

Collector of Internal Revenue 38.33

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5,762.43

## LIBRARY

Gladys Chapman, librarian 100.00

Exeter and Hampton Elec. Co. 12.00

Myles S. Watson, spraying trees 12.00

W. D. Scamman, ins. 24.00

Rye Sheet Metal Shop, gutters 30.00

Robert T. Wiggin, wood 54.00

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232.00

## TOWN POOR

Rockingham Co., Home and Hospital 1,907.50

Bill's Grocery 335.00

Rose Hunting 182.00

Stapleford Garage, kerosene 4.50

Nelson E. Barker, kerosene 2.70

Seward Drug Store 2.19

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2,433.89

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State of New Hampshire	864.37
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864.37

## PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Frank H. Pearson, ins. on flag pole	6.00
Ernest T. Wiggin, baseball diamond	285.00
Ernest T. Wiggin, truck and labor	34.80
Barker Bros., truck, labor & mowing	40.08
Geo. P. and R. C. Kimball, pump	24.10
Stratham Hardware & Lumber Co., lumber and nails	1.80
Elmer R. Wiggin, labor	10.00
George C. Jewell, labor	4.00
Frances Wiggin, labor	7.00
Ralph Daughenbaugh, labor	7.50

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420.28

## CEMETERIES

John L. Emery	100.00
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100.00

## DRIVEWAY FUND

R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., parts for grader	75.88
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75.88

## MISCELLANEOUS

Edward Rogalski, fire exit	235.82
Seacoast Reg. Develop. Ass'n.	79.00
R. C. Hazelton, Co., Inc., snow plow	450.00

Bertha Parks, treas., Old Home Day	200.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds	100.50	
Exeter News Letter Co., dog notice	3.00	
Abatements	29.69	
Legal expenses	75.99	
Interest	66.67	
State Aid Construction	215.93	
Taxes bought	193.72	
Note in anticipation of taxes	8,000.00	
County tax	3,299.41	
School District	17,924.99	
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		\$30,874.72
Total Expenditures		\$43,924.49

## HIGHWAY REPORT

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Ernest T. Wiggin, Agent, truck and labor	1,213.30
Barker Bros., truck and labor	810.60
Francis Wiggin, labor	64.30
Stanley French, labor	83.25
Frederick Doherty, labor	2.67
Lafayette Construction Co., shovel	22.40
A. J. Turcotte, hardware	13.87
Richard Wiggin, labor	18.74
Eastern Auto Parts Corp, lights	13.05
Nelson Dolloff, labor	4.15
Norris Chapman, labor	21.40
A. H. Stevens, truck	151.40
George Cammett, labor	151.19
Frank Tuck, gas, oil, etc.	44.95
Perley Wells, labor	123.35
Edward Cooper, labor	53.17
Merrimack Farmers' Ex. scythe & salt	38.47
Young's Hardware, scythe & bolts	12.80
Treas., State of N. H., culvert	33.60
V. H. Cogswell Co., repairs	26.60
Thomas Conlin, labor	5.36
White's Welding Shop, welding	14.00
Dyar Sales & Mach. Co., cutting edges	30.60
Robert Fisk, labor	18.00
Fred Chick, labor	35.25
Robert Wiggin, labor	26.00
Earl Wiggin, truck	275.85
Frank Perkins Tire Co., tire	32.86
Richard Batchelder, truck	34.00
Hutton Brothers, loader	36.00
Landers & Griffin, Co., bulldozer	12.50
Frank Pearson, insurance	10.12
Badger Rand Ice Co., tar	102.51



Fred Simmons, bulldozer	12.00
Ralph Daughenbaugh, labor	76.48
Ernest Wiggin, Jr., labor	18.35
Stephen Vickery, loader	28.00
Verne Rawson, labor	47.25
Irving Scamman, labor	227.00
Louis Filion, shovel	262.50
Bill's Groceries, gas, oil, etc.	31.22
Donald Rogers, labor	8.18
Warren Chapman, labor	83.54
George Caswell, sand	33.60
H. H. McGuire Co., tar	1,078.13
Stratham Hardware & Lumber Co., supplies	11.05
Francis Hatch, labor	7.10
Richard Rogers, labor	42.16
Happy's Garage, repairs	9.85
Charles Scamman, labor	3.00
Walter Scamman, truck	99.00
Carl Stockbridge, gas, oil, etc.	36.82
R. C. Hazelton Co., parts	55.00
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	\$5,706.54
Received from Selectmen	5,706.64
Expenses for 1949	5,706.54
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Balance on hand January 1, 1950	\$ .10

## TOWN HALL

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REPORT OF J. LAMSON EMERY, Janitor

January 1, 1949 - December 31, 1949

Entertainments	\$30.00	
Grange Fair	4.00	
Lower Hall	5.00	
Dances	32.00	
Winnicutt Grange, rent of hall	38.00	
Rockingham Pomona Grange	2.00	
PTA	3.00	
		\$114.00
Balance paid Leslie Scammon		\$114.00

### Free Meetings

Town Meeting	Upper Hall
Christmas Party (three schools)	Upper Hall
P. T. A.	Lower Hall
Church Supper	Lower Hall
Boy Scouts	Lower Hall
Dance Old Home Day	Upper Hall

**TRUST FUNDS**

**TOWN OF STRATHAM**

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1949

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**CERTIFICATE**

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

Date — December 31, 1949.

**ROBERT S. BERRY,  
RUSSELL A. GRANTON,  
T. L. DE CAMP,**

Trustees.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, DECEMBER 31, 1949

Date of Creation	TRUST FUND -- PURPOSE OF CREATION	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Bal. of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on Hand
	Amanda Lane, Library Fund	Portsmouth Savings Bank	700.00	2	00.00	14.07	14.07	00.00
Jan. 28, 1924	Andrew Wiggin, care of lot in lower cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	100.00	2	00.08	2.01	2.00	.09
Jan. 28, 1924	James W. Foss, care of lot in lower cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	75.00	2	.40	1.51	.00	.91
Apr. 18, 1919	Sarah Downs, care of lot in upper cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	50.00	2	1.04	1.02	1.50	.56
Oct. 30, 1920	Frank P. Leavitt, care of lot in lower cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	100.00	2	3.72	2.07	5.00	.79
Jan. 14, 1922	Elizabeth Woods, care of lot in lower cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	150.00	2	29.08	3.59	8.00	24.67
Jan. 28, 1924	John Scammon, care of lot in upper cemetery in which John and John J. Scammon are buried	Portsmouth Savings Bank	100.00	2	1.97	2.03	3.00	1.00
Jan. 28, 1924	Mary J. Roberts, care of lot in upper cemetery	Piscataqua Savings Bank	100.0	2	.90	2.01	2.00	.91
Jan. 28, 1924	Mary J. Roberts, Library Fund	Piscataqua Savings Bank	200.00	2	00.00	4.02	4.02	00.00
Nov. 11, 1925	Edmund B. Lane, Library Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,000.00	2½	00.00	25.00	25.00	00.00
Aug. 28, 1928	George L. Barker, care of lot in lower cemetery in which Levi and George Barker are buried	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2½	37.26	5.96	8.00	35.22
July 1, 1929	Elizabeth Baker, care of the Paine Wingate lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	1.42	2.54	3.00	.96
Apr. 30, 1930	George W. Dixon, Library fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,000.00	2½	00.00	25.00	25.00	00.00
Feb. 11, 1930	Estate of M. Abbie Sanborn, care of lot in lower cemetery in which Greenleaf C. and Abigale Brown are buried	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	1.04	2.54	2.00	1.58

Feb. 24, 1931	Elizabeth H. Baker, care of the J. C. Wingate lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	1.15	2.54	3.00	.69
Apr. 8, 1931	Laura A. Dixon, care of Dixon lot in lower cemetery	Mechanics Savings Bank	200.00	2½	40.67	6.08	8.00	38.75
May 8, 1931	Mary Wiggin Towle Trust Fund interest to be paid to Mary F. Weeks, Westville, N. H., during her lifetime, at her death to go to the Wiggin Library in Stratham.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2½	00.00	23.76	23.76	00.00
May 8, 1931	Mary Wiggin Towle, care of cemetery on the Hiram Wiggin Farm in Stratham	Mechanics Savings Bank	200.00	2½	21.90	5.61	4.00	23.51
Aug. 16, 1932	Horace M. Hill Trust Fund for upkeep of Stratham Hill Park	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,000.00	2½	00.00	25.00	25.00	00.00
Aug. 16, 1932	Horace M. Hill Library Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	500.00	2½	00.00	12.58	12.58	00.00
Aug. 16, 1932	Horace M. Hill, for removing rocks from Town Roads	Amoskeag Savings Bank	5.00	2½	2.62	.18	00.00	2.80
Feb. 1, 1933	Elizabeth H. Baker, care of the Caroline Wingate Baker lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	} 2½	25.73	6.93	8.00	24.66
	Estate of Fannie F. Baker, care of the Caroline Wingate Baker lot	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00					
Jan. 14, 1934	Estate of Annie L. Harvey, care of the Annie L. Harvey lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	.64	2.51	2.64	.51
July 3, 1936	Isabelle C. Wingate, care of the George Wingate lot in upper cemetery	Exeter Banking Company	200.00	2	4.70	4.10	6.00	2.80
Jan. 23, 1937	Estate of J. H. LeRoy, care of lot in upper cemetery	Exeter Banking Company	100.00	2	25.33	2.51	00.00	27.84
Jan. 28, 1937	Heirs of Joseph T. Smart, care of lot in upper cemetery	Exeter Banking Company	100.00	2	.61	2.01	2.00	.62
Jan. 30, 1938	Edward Clapp, care of lot in lower cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	1.86	2.55	3.00	1.41
June 23, 1938	George H. Ellison, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	3.14	2.59	5.00	.63
July 20, 1939	George Bowley, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	24.11	3.11	00.00	27.22
Nov. 16, 1939	Hannah M. Barker, care of cemetery lot on the Ezra Barker farm in Stratham	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	17.65	2.95	00.00	20.60

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, DECEMBER 31, 1949

TRUST FUND — PURPOSE OF CREATION			How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Bal. of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on Hand
Date of Creation									
June 6, 1944	Charles E. Clark, care of lot in lower cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2½	6.29	5.18	5.00	6.47	
Sept. 26, 1944	Albert P. Smith, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	3.04	2.59	00.00	5.63	
Sept. 26, 1944	Nathaniel Wiggin, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2½	1.59	3.80	5.39	00.00	
Mar. 29, 1945	Lyman J. Batchelder, care of lot in upper cemetery in which Albert A., Sarah F. Batchelder and others are buried	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½	1.07	2.54	3.00	.61	
Nov. 1, 1949	Lyman J. Batchelder Lot	Plaisow Cooperative Bank	100.00	4½					
Oct. 15, 1945	John Wiggin, care of lot in lower cemetery		200.00	2½	5.89	5.16	5.00	6.05	
July	1945 War Memorial Fund								
Feb. 25, 1946	One Series F War Bond	Fed. Reserve Bank, Boston	1,000.00	2½					
	John A. Scammon Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2½	4.47	3.88	5.00	3.35	
			1,000.00	2½					
Apr. 12, 1946	Charles E. Gear Trust Fund	U. S. Savings Bond Series G	5,000.00	2½	73.76	151.51	130.00	95.27	
		Fed. Reserve Bank, Boston							
Mar. 27, 1947	Minnie S. Sanderson—Cemetery fund	Exeter Banking Company	250.00	2	.41	5.02	3.00	2.43	
Apr. 15, 1947	Capital Reserve Fund for Central School	Exeter Banking Company	1,000.00	2	35.45	20.80	00.00	56.25	

July 27, 1948	William Dining Cemetery Fund	Exeter Banking Company	100.00	2	.83	2.01	00.00	2.84
Nov. 1, 1949	William Dining Cemetery Fund	Plastow Cooperative Bank	100.00	4½				
Aug. 17, 1949	Mary I. Gowen, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2				
Aug. 17, 1949	Frank H. Barker, care of lot in lower cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.50	2½				
Nov. 28, 1949	Lizzie A. Rowe, care of Sinclair lot	Plastow Cooperative Bank	100.00					

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Stratham, N. H. February 4th, 1950.

Trust Funds Account as of January 30, 1949.  
(Includes Library and Cemetery Funds)

Receipts	Expenditures
\$400.87	\$361.96
\$379.72 Balance January 30, 1948	

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\$780.59 Total

Balance on hand January 30, 1949	\$418.63
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Included among trust fund accounts are the following  
U. S. Bonds

1 Series F War Bond, July 6, 1945 (War Memorial)	\$1,000.00
1 Series G U. S. Savings (Gear Trust) April 12, 1946	5,000.00
1 Series U. S. Savings (Gear Trust)	1,000.00

All receipts and expenditures were properly accounted for and record and bank books balanced.

RICHARD H. DICKINSON,  
NORRIS W. BEAN,

Auditors.



## REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

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Balance on hand January 1, 1949 \$47.65

Interest on:

G. W. Dixon Fund	\$25.00
E. B. Lane Fund	25.00
M. H. Hill Fund	25.00
Amanda Lane Fund	14.07
Mary J. Roberts Fund	4.02
Chas. E. Gear Fund	62.50
Emma B. Wiggin Fund	66.25
Interest on Bank a/c	1.19

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\$223.03

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\$270.68

Paid:

Stratham Hardware & Lumber Co.	\$17.64
Goodman's Book Store	111.51
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1949	141.53

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\$270.68

## NEW BOOKS - 1949

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Asch, Sholem .....	Mary
Baldwin, Faith .....	The Golden Shoe String
Bannon, Laura .....	Billy and the Bear
Barrett, Monte .....	Smoke Up the Valley
Bassett, Sarah Ware .....	The White Sail
Beatty, Hetty Burlingame .....	Little White Horse
Bingham, Hiram .....	Lost City of the Incas
Brand,, Max .....	7 Trails
Bridge, Ann .....	And Then You Came
Brooks, John .....	The Big Wheel
Buck, Pearl S. ....	Kinfolk
Caldwell, Taylor .....	Let Love Come Last
Carroll, Gladys Hasty .....	West of the Hill
Chase, Mary Ellen .....	The Plum Tree
Chennault, Claire Lee .....	Way of A Fighter
Christie, Agatha .....	Crooked House
Clark, Walter Van Tilburg .....	The Track of a Cat
Costain, Thomas B. ....	High Towers
Davies, Thomas B. ....	Gaspi
Decker, Duane .....	Hit and Run
Deihl, Edna .....	Thé Little Dog That Would Not Wag His Tail
Deihl, Edna .....	The Little Pig That Would Not Get Up
De La Roche, Mazo .....	Mary Wakefield
Dobie, J. Frank .....	The Voice of the Coyote
Drayton, Margaret .....	The Running Thread
Dryden, Cecil .....	Up the Columbia for Furs
Eames, Genevieve Torry .....	Handy of the Triple S
Eberhart, Mignon G. ....	House of Storm
Eden, Emily .....	The Semi Detached House
Fennimore, Stephen .....	Bush Holiday
Flynn, John F. ....	The Roosevelt Myth
Forbes, Esther .....	The Running of the Tide

Ford, Leslie .....	Date With Death
Frost, Frances .....	The Little Whistler
Gannett, Lewis .....	Cream Hill
Gardner, Erle Stanley .....	The D. A. Breaks on Egg
Gardner, Erle Stanley .....	The Case of the Dubious Bridegroom
Garbutte, Katherine and Bernard .....	Hoddie
Gilbreth, Jr., Frank B. and Carey, Ernestine Gilbreth .....	Cheaper by the Dozen
Goudge, Elizabeth .....	Gentian Hill
Gould, John .....	And One to Grow On
Helmericks, Constance and Harmon .....	Our Alaskan Winter
Hill, Grace Livingstone .....	Morning is for Joy
Holbrook, Steward H. ....	Little Annie Oakley and Other Rugged People
Holland, Claudia .....	Center Aisle
Ingles, James Wesley .....	A Woman of Samaria
Janeway, Elizabeth .....	Question of Gregory
Johnson, James A. ....	Alcatraz Island Prison
Leeming, Joseph .....	Jobs That Take You Places
Loring, Emilie .....	Love Comes Laughing By
Lowe, Edith .....	The Donkey Named Will
MacMillan, Miriam .....	Green Seas and White Ice
Maier, William .....	Pleasure Island
Marquand, John P. ....	Point of No Return
Merrick, Elliot .....	Green Mountain Farm
Merton, Thomas .....	The Seven Storey Mountain
Morely, Christopher .....	The Man Who Made Friends With Himself
Ogilvie, Elizabeth .....	Rowan Head
Partridge, Bellamy .....	The Big Freeze
Partridge, Bellamy .....	The Old Oaken Bucket
Poole, Ernest .....	The Nancy Flyer
Reynolds, Quentin .....	Leave It to the People
Rich, Louise Dickinson .....	Start of the Trail
Shea, Margaret H. ....	Tavern in the Town



## SCHOOL REPORT

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### SCHOOL WARRANT

#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 15th day of March, 1950, at 7 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

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

school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

10. To see if the district will vote to form a co-operative elementary school district for grades up to and including the sixth grade with the Exeter school district, and any other neighboring districts, effective July 1, 1950, as provided in Chapter 199, Laws of 1947, in accordance with a plan of organization as presented at this meeting.

11. On petition of Rodney Sanderson and 13 others, to see if the district will vote to construct a new four room elementary school in Stratham.

12. On petition of Rodney Sanderson and 13 others, to see if the district will authorize the School Board to bond the town up to \$60,000.00 for construction of a new four room elementary school in Stratham.

13. To see if the district will vote to construct and equip an elementary school building.

14. To see if the district will appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for the construction and to equip an elementary school house, said sum to be raised by the sale of the district's notes or bonds, and to delegate to the School Board all matters of form, rates of interest, dates of payment and the sale of said notes or bonds, and to appoint any committees or pass any other votes necessary in relation thereto.

15. To see if the district will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,100.00 to be applied to the Capital Reserve fund, said sum to be raised by an application of that amount

from surplus funds now in the hands of the district Treasurer.

16. To see if the District will vote to apply all or any part of the funds in the Capital Reserve Fund to the construction and equipment of an elementary school house.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this 20th day of February, 1950.

W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN,  
RAYMOND E. TUCKER,  
School Board of Stratham, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN,  
RAYMOND E. TUCKER,  
School Board of Stratham, N. H.

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR SCHOOL YEAR  
1950 - 1951**

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	Proposed 1950-51	Actual 1949-50
Teachers Salaries	\$6,900.00	\$6,900.00
Text Books	200.00	225.00
Scholars' Supplies	250.00	250.00
Other Exp. of Instruction	25.00	25.00
Janitor Service	350.00	350.00
Water, Lights & Janitor Sup.	200.00	200.00
Minor Repairs & Exp.	400.00	1,500.00
Health Supervision	250.00	275.00
Transportation	3,900.00	3,900.00
Elementary Tuition	3,250.00	3,335.00
High School Tuition	6,300.00	5,365.00
Sal. of District Officers	105.00	101.50
Expenses of Adm.	275.00	250.00
Truant Officer & School Census	10.00	10.00
Supt. Excess Salary	238.82	225.00
Per Capita Tax	296.00	262.00
Teachers Retirement	223.50	210.00
Fuel	450.00	450.00
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Total	\$23,623.32	\$23,833.50
Est. Surplus June 30, 1950	1,100.00	
Est. State Aid.		4,017.34
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Appropriation necessary to balance budget		\$18,505.95



NEW HAMPSHIRE  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT

Of The  
STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1948, and  
ending June 30, 1949.

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CERTIFICATE

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

W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN,  
RAYMOND E. TUCKER,  
ARNOLD WHITTAKER,

School Board.

## RECEIPTS

### Federal Aid:

National School Lunch \$48.62

### State Aid:

Other 5,505.11

### Local Taxation:

Current appropriation 14,592.39

### Other Sources:

Dog licenses 332.60

Other 13.80

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Total Receipts from all sources \$20,492.52

Cash on hand (School Account and  
Special Accounts) at beginning of  
year, July 1, 1948 212.11

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Grand Total \$20,704.63

## PAYMENTS

### Administration:

Salaries of district officers	\$100.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	224.08
Tax for state wide supervision	254.00
Sal. of other adm. personnel	10.00
Supplies and expenses	259.18

### Instruction:

Principal's and teachers' salaries	6,481.10
Books & other instructional aids	148.50
Scholars' supplies	222.83
Supplies and other expenses	33.57

### Operation of School Plant:

Salaries of janitors	380.00
Fuel or heat	307.00
Water, light, supplies and exp.	246.14

### Maintenance of School Plant:

Health supervision	279.67
Transportation	3,856.40
Tuition	6,256.78
Spec. activities & spec. funds	48.62

### Capital Outlay:

New equipment	6.80
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Total Payments for all purposes	\$19,650.44
Total cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1949) School Account and Special Accounts)	1,054.19
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,704.63</b>

BALANCE SHEET, JUNE 30, 1949

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ASSETS

Cash on hand	\$1,054.19
Capital Reserves: (Held by trustees)	1,000.00
Total Assets	<u>\$2,054.19</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$2,054.19</u>

LIABILITIES

Capital Reserves (Offsets similar asset account)	\$1,000.00
Total Liabilities	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)	1,054.19
Grand Total	<u>\$2,054.19</u>

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AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

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This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Stratham of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

NORRIS W. BEAN,

Auditor.

July 25, 1949.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Board of Stratham, New Hampshire:

I take pleasure in submitting my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The school year 1949-1950 opened with two changes in personnel. Mrs. Eleanor Henry of Kensington replaced Mrs. Leona Foster, who moved away from this area, as music instructor, and Miss Nancy Carnegie started her work as school nurse for Supervisory Union No. 16. She replaced Mrs. Eloise Sheehy who had rendered excellent service for several years, but who felt she should retire from her work as school nurse.

Miss Edna Crane has returned as teacher of grades 5 and 6 along with Mrs. Elizabeth Merrill, teacher of grades 3 and 4 and Mrs. Hilda Barker, teacher of grades 1 and 2. This staff gives Stratham competent teachers who are endeavoring to work for the best interests of the boys and girls in the various phases of their school life.

Some badly needed repairs were made during the summer to all of the school fences and to the steps at the Ridge School. These provide for greater safety for the children and add to the general appearance of the school grounds.

The school district voted at its school meeting in March, 1949, to appoint a committee to study the possibility of forming a cooperative elementary school district for the area. The school districts of Exeter, Newfields, and East Kingston voted to do the same. Kensington was invited to participate in the study unofficially because that town is faced with the same problems in elementary education as the other towns. The committee of the several towns were united into one large committee to carry on the

study. The results of the study have been publicized through the distribution of printed copies and the holding of public meetings.

The problem facing all of us is to decide how our children can have the best education possible within the means of each of the towns. There are two avenues of approach to the issue:

1.) Each town can face its own problems independently.

2.) The towns can combine their resources by forming a cooperative elementary school district and by building a centralized school for the children of all the towns. If a cooperative district is to be formed, the decision should be made soon before the individual towns invest money in their own independent districts.

As I see it, the people of Stratham have two alternatives. They can vote to build their own central school for Stratham or they can vote to join a cooperative school district for the area. The decision the citizens must make is of major importance and will determine the educational future of the boys and girls for years to come. It is my sincere hope that you, the citizens, will give serious thought to the pros and cons of each of the two possibilities and that you will make every effort to provide the best possible education for the boys and girls of the town.

I wish to congratulate the Parent-Teacher Association for purchasing a new 16 mm. moving picture projector for use in the schools. This provides equipment for the beginning of an audio-visual program of instruction which is a very desirable addition to the school life of the children.

I call your attention to the reports and table which follow. I trust that these will be of interest to you.

Again I wish to thank the citizens of Stratham, the

members of the School Board, and the teachers for their fine cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. HOYT,

Superintendent,

Supervisory Union No. 16

Stratham, New Hampshire

January 21, 1950.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

Upon assuming my duties as teacher of music in the schools of Stratham in September, 1949, work was immediately begun on the fundamentals of music, training in two-part music, and the learning of new songs.

The annual Christmas program was given on December 21st at which time specially prepared Christmas music was sung, including some two-part music.

I enjoy my work with the children and I am looking forward to the work on an operetta which will be given sometime before the end of the school year.

My aim is to have the children have a thorough knowledge of the fundamentals of music, the ability to read music and sing part music and to have them love and appreciate good music, all of which can mean so much in all our lives.

I wish to express my thanks to Mr. Hoyt, the members of the Stratham School Board and the teachers for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR HENRY.

Kensington, N. H., January 14, 1950.



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

Following is the report of the school nurse from September 7, 1949 to January 1, 1950.

Bi-weekly visits have been made to the schools at which times the first aid kit was checked and fresh supplies added, children have been weighed and measured — a weight and growth chart is kept in the schools which is of great interest to the children and of value to the nurse; vision and hearing have been tested, teeth and tonsils have been checked, skin and hair examined frequently. If time permitted little health talks were given in the classroom. All defects found were reported to the parents. If the defect was not corrected in a reasonable length of time, home visits were made to determine the cause of delay.

This year the Maico Individual Audiometer, a recent gift of the Exeter Kiwanis Club to the schools of this Union, was used. This made it possible to test the hearing of the children in the first and second grades as well as the other children.

There is yet much that can be done in planning and carrying out a health program for school children. Ideas and theories have changed in this field, as in other fields, and it is hoped that as time and opportunity avail themselves these will be put into effect.

Following is a report of the physical examination:

Number of pupils examined			75
Defective Teeth	26	Receiving treatment	3
Defective tonsils	18	Defective vision	11
Defective hearing	6	Corrected	4

All children have been vaccinated.

At this time I would like to express my appreciation for the cooperation of our superintendent, teachers, school board, and P. T. A. Everyone has been most gracious in helping me get started with my work here.

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY CARNEGIE, R. N.,

School Nurse.

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### SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1950-1951

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School open—Sept. 6 (Wed.)		
School closes—Dec. 21 (Thurs)	74 days,	16 weeks
School opens—Jan. 2 (Tues.)		
School closes—Feb. 16 (Fri.)	34 days,	7 weeks
School opens—Feb. 26 (Mon.)		
School closes—April 13 (Fri.)	35 days,	7 weeks
School opens—April 23 (Mon.)		
School closes—June 15 (Fri.)	39 days,	8 weeks
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	182 days,	38 weeks

#### Holidays:

October 12 — Columbus Day.

October 19-20 — State Convention.

November 23-24 — Thanksgiving Recess (Thursday and Friday).

May 30 — Memorial Day (Wednesday).

School will be dismissed at noon on November 22 and December 21.

By ruling of the State Board of Education, school must be in session 180 days.

**TABLE I**  
**STRATHAM SCHOOLS**  
**TOTAL ENROLLMENT JANUARY 1, 1950**

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Plains	0	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Hill	17	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
Ridge	0	0	0	0	13	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Robinson Seminary	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	6	6	3	6	32
Exeter High School	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	5	7	1	1	3	26
Hampton High	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Portsmouth Jr. High	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
St. Michael	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Exeter Day School	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Dover High School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>145</b>
1949 Comparison	15	11	15	12	12	16	13	12	11	5	10	7	139

**TABLE II**  
**STRATHAM SCHOOLS**  
**STATISTICS FOR TEN YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 1949**

School Year	Weeks	Boys	Girls	Total Pupils	Ave. Attend.	Ave. Absence	Ave. Membership	Percent of Attend.	Cases Tardiness	Visits of Supt.	Visits of Others	Ave. Salary
1939-40	38	33	29	62	52.24	2.57	54.81	96.00	24	56	110	1000.00
1940-41	37	36	41	77	60.62	4.20	64.82	94.00	7	72	65	975.00
1941-42	37	38	44	82	65.46	3.84	69.30	94.95	6	74	40	1000.00
1942-43	38	46	37	83	69.21	6.24	75.45	92.00	23	51	93	1050.00
1943-44	38	47	42	89	69.34	5.41	74.75	93.00	11	57	74	1125.00
1944-45	37	42	33	75	61.26	4.89	66.15	92.60	15	78	111	1200.00
1945-46	37	44	38	82	70.02	4.19	74.21	94.35	33	82	108	1233.33
1946-47	36	40	41	81	65.66	3.01	68.67	95.61	10	63	149	1366.66
1947-48	37	41	41	82	69.52	3.30	72.82	95.46	23	69	33	1800.00
1948-49	37	41	43	84	67.06	6.44	73.50	91.02	28	86	54	1870.00

## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

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### Forest Fires — Our Most Shameful Waste

Everyone apparently fears fire but too many are careless with it. This is particularly true of fire in and near woodlands. Official figures show that more than 98 percent of all forest fires result from human carelessness and can be prevented. Consequently, we may say "Forest Fires are our most shameful waste."

Annual forest fire losses are tremendous and their effects far-reaching. Such fires destroy raw products of the forests, the protection forests provide for game and the supply of ground water. They upset local economies by drawing men from gainful employment and requiring the expenditure of public funds to extinguish them.

Our forest fire organization is doing a good job in keeping the size of fires small but the number of fires is increasing. In 1949 there were 100 more fires in New Hampshire than in 1948, but they burned 500 acres less. For the warden and his deputies to do the job they are capable of, they must have the cooperation of the public — YOU!

The primary objective of all fire fighters is PREVENTION — fire stoppage. This is the goal toward which your local fire warden and his deputies are constantly working. It can be achieved ONLY if YOU and YOU and YOU cooperate with them. It is worth YOUR effort and can be accomplished by:

1. Being careful with fire in or near woodland, being particularly careful with matches and cigarettes.
2. Securing the required written permit from the warden when the ground is not covered with snow.
3. Insisting that others be careful and comply with burning requirements.
4. Calling the warden promptly when fire is detected and aiding him to extinguish it.

Let's reduce the number of forest fires and eliminate our most shameful waste.

### 1949 FIRE RECORD

Number of Fires	3
Acreage Burned	21½
Number of fire permits issued	27

Ernest T. Wiggin, Forest Fire Warden.  
Merton A. Webber, District Chief.

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*Vital Statistics*

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MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1949

Date 1949	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age in Years	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
Feb. 20	George L. Wilson Orithyia Snell	49 54	Maine Massachusetts	Fred Wilson Nelle Paul Sidney Littlefield Lena M. Stevens	Rev. C. A. Parker, Stratham, N. H.
Apr. 10	Elmer G. Stevens, Jr. Dorothy L. Chase	27 20	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Elmer G. Stevens Josephine Johnson Charles H. Chase Maude Thompson	Rev. Everard W. Snow, Stratham, N. H.
June 17	Herbert F. Rawson Grace M. Davey	21 18	New Hampshire New Hampshire	William O. Rawson Faith Wentworth Clarence E. Davey Mary D. Martell	Rev. Everard W. Snow, Stratham, N. H.
July 21	Howard F. Allen Natalie E. Cardinal	36 31	Massachusetts Massachusetts	Samuel D. Allen Mary Foster John H. Rosseau Gertrude E. James	Rev. Paul T. Martin, Exeter, N. H.
July 23	Theodore W. Remick Noellie Moss	27 28	Massachusetts Louisiana	Fred W. Remick Dorothy Godfrey Louis Moss Lea Gary	Everett P. Holland, J. P. Exeter, N. H.
Sept. 10	Carl R. Sandberg, Jr. Doris P. McKenney	20 20	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Carl R. Sandberg Ethel Swain Patrick S. McKennon Doris Stevens	Rev. Charles L. Leddy, Dover, N. H.

Oct. 15	Frank L. Eldredge Christine A. St. Laurent	21 23	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Lester Eldredge Mildred Adams Albert St. Laurent Dora Lamothe Charles F. Hussey Martha Goodwin Charles H. Chase Maude Thompson Albert McLennon Laura Mathison	Rev. Adeland J. Halde, Newmarket, N. H.
Oct. 20	Gerald Hussey Carolyn Chase	25 24	Maine New Hampshire		Rev. Floyd G. Kinsley, Hampton, N. H.
Nov. 12	Lorne D. McLennon Ruth L. Jewell	35 30	Massachusetts New Hampshire		Rev. Leverett B. Davis, Exeter, N. H.
Dec. 16	Ernest T. Wiggin, Jr. Betty J. Cottrell	21 21	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Ernest T. Wiggin Eleanor W. Fisk Maurice Cottrell Ruby Bennett	Rev. Paul T. Martin, Exeter, N. H.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1949

Date	Name and Surname of Deceased	Years	Months	Days	Place of Birth	Sta., Mar. or Wid.	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 9	Edwin A. Tanner	76		27	Iowa	M	William W. Tanner	Josephine Johnson
Feb. 11	Florence A. Sargent	69	3		Mass	M	Edward Brown	Cannot be learned
Mar 9	Annie Hanley	81			Maine	S	Michael Hanley	Sarah Prior
Mar. 13	Alice S. Jewell	68			N. H.	M	Joseph T. Smart	Georgianna Tilton
June 20	Annie S. Severance	80			N. H.	M	Joseph T. Smart	Elizabeth Pryor
Sept. 11	Charles H. Grist	79	9	11	England	D	Unknown	Unknown
Oct. 10	Frank N. Graves	78			Exeter, N. H.	W	William Graves	Laura A. Wiggins
Nov. 2	Jane E. Rand		7	24	Exeter, N. H.	S	Donald W. Rand	Christine Watson
Nov. 17	Ralph M. Daughenbaugh	45			Iowa	M	R. Daughenbaugh	Bessie Kirk
Nov. 21	James H. Pearson	74			N. H.	S	Edmund Pearson	Susan Griffin
Nov. 26	Alvina M. Therrien	85			Canada	W	Maximin Boucher	Elizabeth Sevigny
Dec. 30	Adolph G. Kruger	73			Germany	M	Herman Kruger	Amelia Raska

DIED ELSEWHERE, BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL

Jan. 18	Arthur Tytus	68			Lowell, Mass.	M	Henry Tytus	Catherine Tytus
May 4	Sarah L. Jewell	66			No. Conway, N.H.	M	George Leighton	Ellen F. Harriman
May 28	George H. Bowley	81			Stratham, N. H.	M	George W. Bowley	H'm'h Stockbridge
May 30	Sarah M. Dining	89			No. Hampton, N.H.	M	David Moulton	Phoebe Buxton
July 10	Elizabeth H. Baker	85			Portsmouth, N.H.	S	Samuel Baker	Carolyn Wingate
Aug. 12	Parry R. Wiggins	88			Stratham, N.H.	W	James B. Wiggins	Hanna E. Cate
Aug. 22	Olive J. Piper	88			Stratham, N.H.	W	Mark F. Young	Olive Piper



Sept. 12	No Name Chapman					George S. Chapman	Rose Macomber
Nov. 12	Edna L. Rand	82				Daniel Hodgdon	Unknown
Dec. 5	William L. Morse	89				William Morse	Susie Thornton
Dec. 24	Bryan W. Chapman		2	26	Exeter, N.H.	Harland Chapman	Alice Putney
Dec. 25	Frances T. Otis	61			Portsmouth, N.H.	William Halleran	Unknown

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1949

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 20	Portis, NH	Dana C. Noyes	David C. Noyes	Elizabeth Fletcher	Newcastle, N. H.	Madison, Me.
Jan. 22	Exeter	John H. Stetson	Henry E. Stetson	Celina M. Plouffe	Gilmanton, N.H.	Exeter, N.H.
Jan. 29	Exeter	Robert F. Fisk, Jr.	Robert F. Fisk	Frances G. Brown	Exeter, N.H.	Boston, Mass.
Feb. 11	Nashua	Ruth H. Peabody	Chas. W. Peabody	Katherine Smith	Nashua, N.H.	Nashua, N.H.
Mar. 6	Dover	Dwight W. Sharp	Reginald H. Sharp	Ch'riotte Hammond	Presque Isle, Me.	Portsmouth, N.H.
Mar. 8	Exeter	Jane E. Rand	Donald W. Rand	Christine Watson	Keene, N.H.	Limerick, Me.
Mar. 25	Exeter	Michele D. Paten'de	Elmer Patenande	Irene G. Dube	Ashuelot, N.H.	Brentwood, N.H.
Apr. 1	Exeter	Judy L. Witham	Fred L. Witham	Lelia E. Evans	Nova Scotia	Greenland, N.H.
Apr. 20	Exeter	Peter M. Mahoney	John M. Mahoney	Barbara R. Waitt	Brockton, Mass.	Quincy, Mass.
Apr. 29	Exeter	Kenneth N. Glover	Bernard N. Glover	Betty J. Webb	Exeter, N.H.	Laport, Indiana
Apr. 28	Exeter	Gary R. Bean	Marshall G. Bean	Stella E. Tait	Haverhill, Mass.	East Hampstead
May 3	Exeter	Sandra J. Houghton	Milton Houghton	Helen F. Ashton	Whitinsville, Ms.	Exeter, N.H.
May 4	Exeter	Jos. F. Jefferson, III	Jos. Jefferson, Jr.	Barbara W. Tuck	Boston, Mass.	Portsmouth, N.H.
July 27	Exeter	Barry D. Corbin	Robert E. Corbin	Eliz. J. Stockbridge	Greenfield, Mass.	Exeter, N. H.
Oct. 7	Ports, NH	Richard B. Knox	Bradford H. Knox	Gertrude Haubelt	Ashmont, Mass.	Vienna, Austria
Oct. 26	Exeter	Richard C. Hutton	Fred A. Hutton	Marion E. Ordway	Hampstead, N.H.	Amesbury, Mass.
Nov. 28	Exeter	Peter W. P. Eastman	Robert D. Eastman	Harriett J. Villars	Boston, Mass.	Red Bank, N.J.
Dec. 9	Exeter	Richard E. French	John D. French	Marion R. Caswell	Portsmouth, N.H.	Lee, N.H.
Dec. 12	Exeter	Ralph Amsden, III	Ralph Amsden, Jr.	Alice M. Elton	Laconia, N.H.	Boston, Mass.



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