





ANNUAL REPORTS

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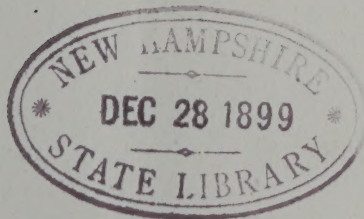
TOWN OFFICERS

OF

GILSUM, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1883.



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1883.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of Gilsum submit the following statement of receipts and disbursements for the year ending March 1, 1883 :

INVOICE OF TOWN APRIL 1, 1882.

216 polls,	\$ 21,600 00
9,899 acres of land,	161,422 00
153 horses,	10,037 00
73 oxen,	4,794 00
157 cows,	4,184 00
146 neat,	3,689 00
496 sheep,	1,334 00
4 hogs,	43 00
27 carriages,	1,887 00
Money in trust,	3,000 00
Stock in banks,	7,000 00
Money at interest,	31,939 00
Stock in trade,	36,490 00
Factories, machinery and mills,	19,025 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following were the appropriations at the annual meeting in March, 1882, with assessments required by law :

State tax,	\$696 00
County tax,	508 68
Town raised to defray town charges,	1 00
Town raised for support of schools,	900 00
Town raised for support of highways and bridges,	200 00
Town raised for F. C. Minor's road,	300 00
Town raised for town hall,	450 00
Percentage and fractions lost in making taxes,	37 73
Tax assessed on 31 dogs,	34 00
Non-resident highway taxes,	48 42
School-house tax assessed in District No. 7, with percentage added,	20 28
	<u>\$3,196 11</u>

Amount committed to S. L. Kingsbury, Collector.

Rate of taxation on \$100, \$1.01.

Town raised \$1,000.00 in labor to repair highways.

SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1882.

Town raised for support of schools,	\$900 00
Literary money not expended in 1881,	9 99
Literary money in treasury, \$57.62, less 1-5, \$11.52,	46 10
Leaving \$11.52 of the literary money in the treasury, which may be expended by the Selectmen and Supt. School Committee for maps, charts, &c., for schools.	
Interest on school fund,	20 00
	<u>\$976 09</u>

Equally by districts, \$450.00; by scholar, \$225.00.

Districts.	Reduced Valuation.	Schol-ars.	Amount by Scholar.	Amount by Valuation.	Equally by Districts.	Total to each Dist.
No. 1,	\$183.66	19	\$29.28	\$36.09	\$64.29	\$129.66
No. 2,	694.77	50	77.05	136.52	64.28	277.85
No. 3,	129.93	6	9.25	25.53	64.29	99.07
No. 4,	130.84	14	21.58	25.71	64.29	111.58
No. 5,	62.72	21	32.36	12.33	64.28	108.97
No. 6,	60.54	6	9.25	11.90	64.29	85.44
No. 7.	269.76	30	46.23	53.01	64.28	163.52
	<u>\$ 1,532.22</u>	146	<u>\$225.00</u>	<u>\$301.09</u>	<u>\$450.00</u>	<u>\$976.09</u>

ORDERS ISSUED FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid John J. Isham, District No. 1,		\$151 77
L. W. F. Mark, " 2,		277 85
M. Della Gunn, " 3,		90 60
Priscilla Willard, " 4,		108 98
Woodbury Corey, " 5,		109 47
Bradley Stone, " 6,		85 44
L. R. Guillow, " 7,		163 52
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		\$987 63

Reported March 1st, 1882 :—

Due District No. 1, money not expended,		\$22 11
Paid John J. Isham, committee,		22 11
Due District No. 3,		8 47
" " 4,		2 60
District No. 5, overdrawn,		50

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1881.

Paid L. W. F. Mark, Town Clerk,		\$16 00
A. D. Hammond, Town Treasurer,		15 00
Daniel W. Bill, Selectman,		65 25
Byron J. Mullins, " "		20 00
William L. Isham, " "		33 00
John J. Isham, " "		9 75
B. J. Mullins, Constable,		5 00
W. H. Aldrich, Supt. School Committee,		16 38
W. B. Adams, " " "		7 50
F. E. Johnson, " " "		28 00
Geo. H. McCoy, Supervisor,		7 40
Geo. W. Newman, Auditor,		1 00
John S. Collins, " "		1 00
S. L. Kingsbury, Collector,		25 00
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		\$250 28

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Horace W. Howard, boarding Mrs. James Davis, from Jan. 24, 1882, to October 17, 1882, 38 weeks, at \$1.00 per week,		\$38 00
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Joseph M. Chapin, aid furnished Oliver C. Beckwith, from Nov. 8, 1882, to Feb. 28, 1883, 16 weeks, at \$1.00 per week,	\$16 00
Joseph M. Chapin, aid to Mrs. Orinda Metcalf, from Oct. 17, 1882, to Feb. 28, 1883, 19 1-7 weeks,	17 14
M. Perkins, for medical attendance, Mrs. James Davis, to Oct. 17, 1882,	2 00
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	\$73 14
Received of County,	54 00
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	\$19 14

TOWN PAUPER.

Paid A. D. Hammond, goods furnished Patrick Murry,	\$9 00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid L. Shaffner, foreman Engine Co., pay roll to Oct. 1, 1882,	\$50 37
N. O. Hayward, fixtures for company,	19 08
A. D. Hammond, " "	3 50
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	\$72 95

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Geo. C. Hubbard, breaking roads,	\$5 40
E. O. Corey, work on highway,	83
D. W. Bill, work on highway,	2 70
Daniel Wright, work and lumber on highway,	22 90
E. D. Banks, work on highway,	5 40
Luther H. Guillow, work on highway,	2 40
N. O. Hayward, " "	20 74
Mason Guillow, " "	31 49
Alpheus Chapin, " "	20 70
Geo. W. Newman " "	5 67
Samuel W. Dart, building new highway,	185 91
Chas. W. Bingham, " "	53 90
D. K. Healey, for W. A. Wilder, building new highway,	33 00

Milton Stearns, working out non-resident highway tax,	\$	73
Horace W. Howard, " " "		5 72
L. W. Wilder, " " "		8 50
John E. Bridge, " " "		2 89
Solomon Mack, lumber on highway,		5 00
Horace W. Howard, " " "		1 80
W. B. Adams, " " "		2 60
S. W. Dart, " " "		39 87
W. A. Wilder, railing highway,		10 00
E. A. Howard, " " "		13 53
H. H. Carter, work and lumber,		12 72
A. D. Hammond, spikes and nails,		2 14
Larkin Welch, work,		1 50
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	\$498	04

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid John B. Clark, printing 250 copies town report, including express,	\$19	15
Geo. W. Newman, Committee on iron bridge,		5 00
Geo. B. Rawson, " " "		15 00
John S. Collins, " " "		15 00
F. A. Howard, expense to Boston and Randolph, buying fire engine,		14 94
W. H. Aldrich, making returns of five births and two deaths,		1 75
N. O. Hayward, wood and repair of Town House,		8 67
S. C. Gates, opening tomb five times,		1 25
S. W. Dart, support of watering trough, for 1881,		3 00
Chas W. Bingham, Supt. of Centennial Cemetery,		7 00
Sylvanus Hayward, views for town history,		8 00
James M. Howard, damages to sheep killed by dogs,		27 15
Geo. Bates, " " " "		2 85
John S. Collins, town safe, and freight,	180	95
J. A. Smith, land damages,		17 00
F. C. Minor, " " "		7 00
Gilsum Woolen M'f'g Co, land damages,		30 00
Francis A. Beckwith, " " "		3 00

Milton Stearns, land damages,	\$7 50
Martin Bates, money raised to repair school-house,	20 00
R. Ray, repairing road scraper,	25 80
V. A. Wright, (Co. Sealer,) sealing town weights and measures,	1 00
L. A. Gravlin, painting in town hall,	50
Chas. W. Bingham, carrying town weights and meas- ures to Keene,	3 00
Allen Hayward, labor and one door in town hall,	7 25
J. Q. Jones, running town lines,	4 50
L. W. F. Mark, reporting three deaths, not otherwise reported,	1 50
K. D. Webster, returns of eight births and four deaths,	3 00
W. H. Spalter, for collector's, highway surveyor's and blank books,	3 55
County tax,	508 68
State " "	696 00
Joslin & Reed, damages sustained on highways,	100 00
Geo. W. Newman, money loaned to town,	101 71
Geo. H. McCoy, going with hearse,	11 25
L. W. F. Mark, making out affidavit,	50
E. R. Carpenter, repairs to scraper, irons and bars,	9 15
F. C. Minor, moulding for town safe,	70
N. O. Hayward, wood, oil and chimneys for town house,	13 09
F. A. Howard, money paid for labor, irons and nails, (cemetery),	2 51
W. H. Porter, making return of one death,	25
Geo. W. Newman, bounties paid on 41 crows,	4 10
F. E. Johnson, book for Nevers' child,	55
D. W. Bill, expense on Joslin case,	5 85
A. D. Hammond, non-resident highway tax receipts,	17 67
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	\$1,916 32

RECAPITULATION.

ORDERS ISSUED.

Paid school districts,	\$987 63
Town officers, 1881,	250 28
County paupers,	73 14
Town paupers,	9 00
Fire department,	72 95
Highways and bridges,	498 04
Miscellaneous,	1,916 32
	\$3,807 36

LIABILITIES OF TOWN MARCH 1, 1883.

Estimated amount due town officers,	\$200 00
Due School Dist. No. 3,	8.47
“ “ “ 4,	2.60
Estimated cost to print town reports;	17 50
	\$228 57

ASSETS.

Due from County for support of County paupers,	\$35 14
Taxes in hands of Collector for 1881,	10 72
“ “ “ 1882,	80 10
Money in treasury, March 1, 1883,	901 44
Bounties on 41 crows,	4 10
	\$1,031,50
Estimated indebtedness of town,	228 57
	\$802 93

All of which is respectfully submitted.

OSCAR J. WILLSON,
 GEORGE W. NEWMAN,
 ELMER D. BANKS,

Selectmen of Gilsum.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

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March 1.		Money in treasury,	\$59 60
“ 14.		Received of committee on Centennial Cemetery,	34 00
“ “		Received of committee on Town Hall,	41 64
April 6.		Received of Selectmen money from County for the support of Mrs. J. Davis,	54 00
June 30.		Received of Selectmen money not expended on highway in 1881,	1 17
“ “		Received of Selectmen money from town of Walpole for support of P. Murray,	6 00
Sept. 15.		Received of Selectmen money borrowed of G. W. Newman,	100 00
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Jan. 8.		Rec'd of Selectmen savings bank tax,	1,092 28
“ “		“ “ literary fund,	66 24
		“ Collector, interest on taxes, 1882,	10 35
		“ “ Dog tax for 1882,	33 00
		“ Geo. W. Newman, taxes assessed in the year 1881,	94 33
		Received of Geo. W. Newman, collector for 1879,	1 10
		Received of S. L. Kingsbury, taxes assessed in the year 1882,	3,060 09
		Received of G. B. Rawson,	20 00
		“ Committee on Centennial Cemetery,	20 00
		“ S. L. Kingsbury, highway surveyor, 1882,	6 30
		“ S. W. Dart, Collector for 1878,	12 06
		“ “ “ 1877,	12 30
		“ Selectmen part of W. A. Wilder's high- way tax for 1881,	4 34
		Whole amount received,	\$4,728 80

Amount brought forward,	\$4,728 80
Paid out by orders of Selectmen in 1882 and 1878,	3,827 36
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Leaving balance in treasury, March 1, 1883,	\$901 44

A. D. HAMMOND, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, Auditors chosen by the town of Gilsum to examine and audit the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of said town, report that we have attended to that duty, and believe said reports to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

F. A. HOWARD,
N. O. HAYWARD,
Auditors of Gilsum.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Amount of money raised by town in 1882,	\$900 00
Literary money unexpended in 1881,	9 99
Fifty-seven dollars and sixty-two cents, less one-fifth,	46 10
Interest on school fund,	20 00
	\$976 09

This amount was divided as follows: One-half by district, one-fourth by valuation, giving to each district as follows:

TABLE I.

DISTRICT.	Whole Amount.	Amount per Scholar.
No. 1,	\$129 66	\$ 6 82
2,	277 85	5 56
3.	99 07	16 51
4,	111 58	7 97
5,	108 97	5 19
6.	85 44	14 24
7.	163 52	5 45

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The Summer term of ten weeks, and the Fall term of six weeks, were taught by Emma J. Bingham, with marked success.

The Winter term was commenced by Miss Bingham, but owing to ill health, she gave up the school at the commencement of the fourth week. The remainder of the term, five weeks, was taught by James W. Cuthbert.

Though this was Mr. Cuthbert's first trial in teaching, he took up the work already commenced with an interest and skill that would do credit to one more experienced.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The Summer term of eleven weeks, the Fall term of eight weeks, and the Winter term of nine weeks, were taught by Nellie M. Atwood of Alstead.

This school was a decided success. Study was made a pleasure rather than a task ; so that the progress made spoke praise for the teacher that words would fail to do.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The Summer term of eight weeks, and Fall term of eleven weeks, were taught by M. Luella Gunn.

Miss Gunn gained at once the confidence of the scholars and kept it through both terms.

Though the number of scholars were few, yet the interest did not flag ; and the final examination showed progress that was very satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The Summer term of eight weeks, and the Fall term of eleven weeks, were taught by Helen J. Nichols.

The final examination was interesting and showed progress.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The Summer term of eight weeks, and the Fall term of ten weeks, were taught by Mabel H. Farrar of Sullivan.

The work here was thorough and in every respect satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The Summer term of eight weeks was taught by Minnie M. Barrett of Stoddard, and the Fall term of ten weeks by Hattie A. Wright.

Each teacher kept up better interest in the school than we expected they could with so few pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The Summer term of eight weeks, and the Fall term of eight weeks, were taught by Vienna D. Mack.

Miss Mack's system of teaching was very good.

The Winter term of nearly eight weeks was taught by Effie Lee Rawson.

We can speak very highly of Miss Rawson as a teacher. Good order, with an interest in the work, were manifest on every side.

In looking over the report of last year we found that the former Superintendent had expressed exactly our sentiment.

Some different arrangement of the districts ought to be made; either a consolidation of all the districts, and then have a graded system, or some joined with another, making one where there are now two. The expense to the town and districts would thus be lessened, better prices could be paid for teachers, and as a consequence, better schools.

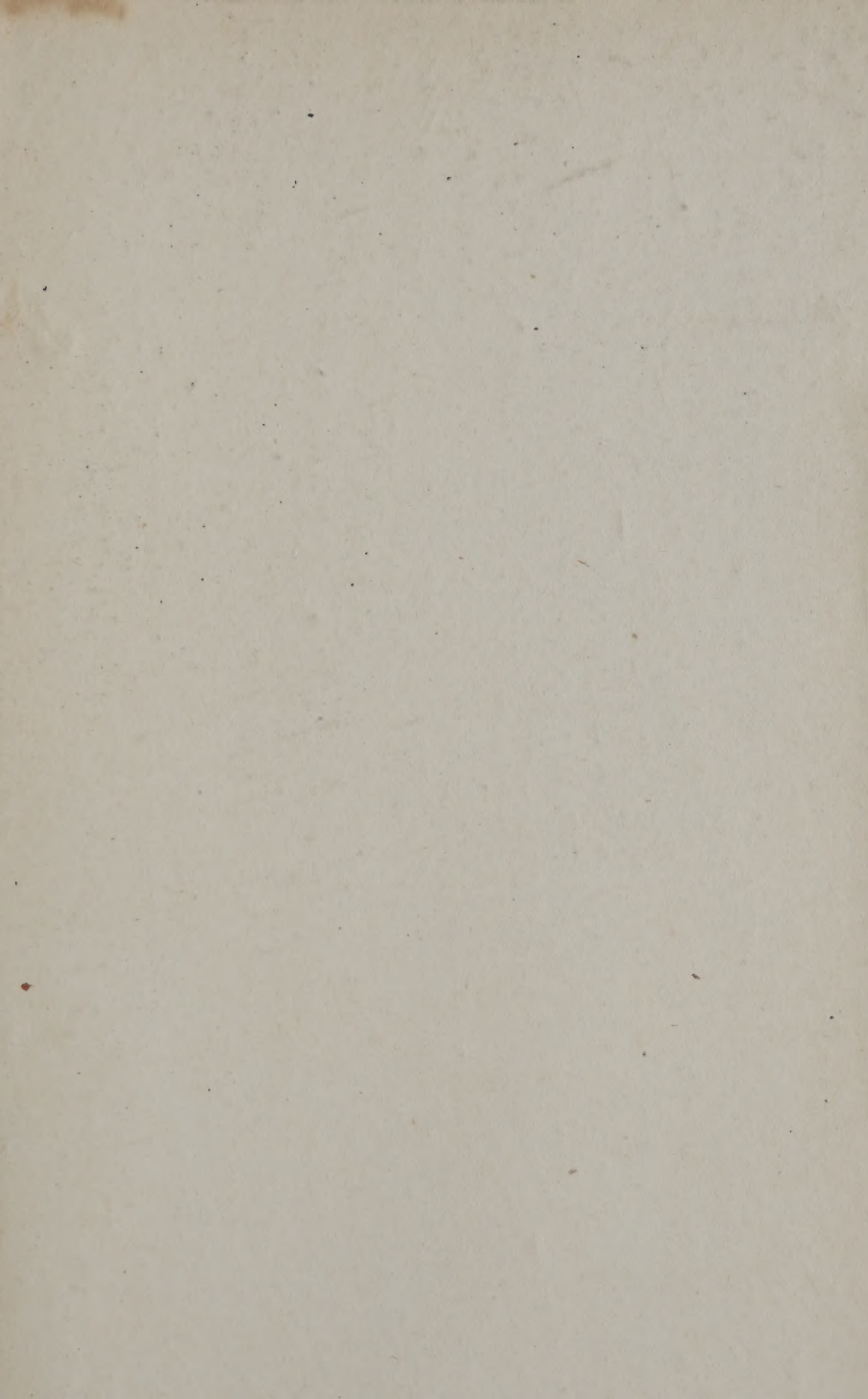
Look at District No. 6 in Hammond Hollow. During the Fall term there were only two pupils to attend school. How can a teacher instill life into such a school? It cannot be done. This district ought to be joined with either No. 1 or 4. Nos. 2 and 7 might be joined, together with a portion of No. 1, and then have that graded. The teachers in that case would not be lessened, but the work would be easier, and the benefit derived from the school greater than it now is.

Your former Superintendent expressed it correctly when he said "That the general interest is not what it should be." Schools cannot prosper without the interest of every citizen. Maps and globes ought to be furnished in every school. We find a decided lack of that kind of furniture. In only one school-house did we find a map, and that so dilapidated that it was put away on the shelf. We hope that in the future more interest will be shown in this matter, and steps taken to bring about a better state of things.

F. E. JOHNSON, M. D.,
Superintending School Committee.

TABLE II.

No. of District.	TERM.	TEACHERS.	Length of Term in Weeks.	Wages, including Board.	Visits by Superintend- ing Committee.	Visits by Prudential Committee.	Visits by others.	Per cent. of Attend- ance.	No. of Scholars.	Whole No. of different Scholars during year.
1	Summer,	Emma I. Bingham,	9.8	\$22.00	2	2	51	.95	21	27
	Fall,	Emma I. Bingham,	6.	23.20	2	0	11	.94	23	
	Winter,	Emma I. Bingham, James W. Cuthbert,	3.4 4.8	28.00 28.00	2	1	7	.97	23	
2	Summer,	Nellie M. Atwood,	10.8	32.00	2	2	44	.95	38	42
	Fall,	Nellie M. Atwood,	8.	36.00	1	0	31	.93	32	
3	Summer,	Nellie M. Atwood,	8.8	36.00	2	1	31	.97	32	8
	Winter,	M. Luella Gunn, M. Luella Gunn,	8. 10.8	18.00 20.00	2 2	3 2	33 22	100 .939	6 8	
4	Summer,	Helen J. Nichols,	7.8	20.00	2	1	22	.96	11	13
	Fall,	Helen J. Nichols,	10.8	22.00	2	1	22	.94	10	
5	Summer,	Mabel H. Farrar,	7.8	22.00	2	0	15	.90	24	24
	Fall,	Mabel H. Farrar,	10.	24.00	2	0	18	.90	20	
6	Summer,	Minnie M. Barrett,	7.8	20.00	2	1	14	.91	5	6
	Fall,	Hattie A. Wright,	10.	18.00	2	0	10	.94	2	
7	Summer,	Vienna D. Mack,	8.	28.00	2	0	25	.95	21	27
	Fall,	Vienna D. Mack,	8.	24.50	2	0	22	.90	22	
	Winter,	Effie Lee Rawson,	7.6	24.00	2	0	33	.95	22	



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