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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF

CHATTAM.

1897 - 1898.



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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF CHATHAM, N. H.
FOR THE
Municipal Year Ending February 13,
1898.

H. G. Freeman & Co., Printers', Fryeburg.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.**TOWN VALUATION.**

April 1, 1897 No. of polls, 79.	
Resident valuation	\$58,858 00
Noni-resident valuation,	18,661 00
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Total,	\$77,519 00

MONEY RAISED AND ASSESSED.

Support of schools,	\$525 00
State tax,	160 00
County tax,	185 71
Library tax,	9 29
Expenses of town,	800 00
Overlay in assessments,	67 52
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Total,	\$1,747 52

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Robert K. Eastman, school money,	\$500 00
“ “ “ Literary fund and Bank tax,	56 40
Dog license for 1895-6,	35 80
For school books,	34 67
William Spencer writing books,	1 20
C. P. Giles, school supplies,	3 92
Robert K. Eastman, books for schools,	18 00
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Total,	\$649 99

ORDERS DRAWN FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

H. G. Freeman, printing town reports for 1897,	\$9 75
John F. Charles, services as treasurer 1896,	12 00
Robert K. Eastman, supplies furnished schools,	4 44
Richard F. Chandler, services as Selectman for '96,	25 00
James M. Weeks, " " " " "	20 00
Hazen Chandler, " " " " "	15 00
Richard F. Chandler, perambulating town line,	5 00
Hazen Chandler, " " "	2 50
James M. Weeks, " " "	
and team to Bartlett,	6 00
Nathaniel Whitaker, surveying town line,	7 50
James M. Weeks, services on school board,	9 00
J. Holmes Weeks, abatement of poll tax for 1896,	2 26
Seth Hanscom, watering trough,	3 00
William Spencer, decoration of soldiers graves,	5 00
Edson C. Eastman, books for use of town,	10 83
Charles H. Binford, services as supervisor of check list,	5 00
Robert K. Eastman, services on school board 1896,	10 00
D. O. Pickering, collecting taxes for 1896,	38 00
J. F. Merrill, abatement of Poll tax 1896,	2 20
Chester C. Anderson, " " "	2 00
Frank Locke, abatement of tax,	2 00
Dr. Irving Mabry, reporting births, and deaths,	50
" C. P. Hubbard, " " " "	75
" George A. Allen, " " " "	50
" William C. Towle, " " " "	25
Seth Hanscome, watering trough 1897,	3 00
William Spencer, services as Clerk, care of town house and postage,	10 50

James M. Weeks services as selectman for 1897,	25 00
Hazen Chandler, " " " " "	20 00
Seth Hanscom, " " " " "	10 00
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	\$267 12

ORDERS DRAWN FOR BOUNTY ON BEARS.

O. H. Watson, bounty on one bear,	\$5 00
Madison O. Charles, bounty on three bears	15 00
Fred F. Charles, bounty on one bear,	5 00
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Total,	25 00

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT AND BURIAL OF POOR.

Warren D. McKeen, for boarding Moses D. Goodwin, Feb. 16, to March 9, 1897,	\$6 50
Warren D. McKeen, for boarding Moses D. Goodwin from March 9, to April 6,	7 80
Warren D. McKeen, for boarding Moses D. Goodwin, from April 6, to May 9,	8 00
Warren D. McKeen, for boarding Moses D. Goodwin, payment in full from May 9, to May 29, 1897,	17 00
Hazen Chandler, pants and shoes furnished Moses D. Goodwin,	1 70
Normon Charles, casket and robe for Moses D. Goodwin,	30 00
Norman Charles, casket and box for Laura Wiggins,	\$25 00
Rev. Mr. Bragg, tending funeral of Laura	

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	Wiggin's,	2 00
Hazen Chandler, getting casket and burial of		
	M. D. Goodwin,	3 50
Hazen Chandler, burial of Laura Wiggin,		2 50
“ “ medicine for M. D. Goodwin,		50
Seth Hanscom, cash paid services at burial of		
	M. D. Goodwin,	4 90
Dr. George A. Allen, medical attendance of Mrs.		
	Joseph Towle,	18 00
Dr. Irving Mabry, medical attendance of M. D.		
	Goodwin,	18 50
Total,		\$145 90

ORDERS DRAWN FOR REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Selden Hanscom, breaking roads,	\$	2 90
Warren D. McKeen, work on highway,		5 37
“ “ “ breaking roads 1896,		2 00
Charles H. Binford, work on highway,		149 39
Benj. W. Flint, work on highway,		131 51
Madison O. Charles, work on highway,		123 55
Orrin Heath, powder and drills,		50
Charles R. Wyman, work on highway,		50
Charles S. Chandler, breaking roads,		3 00
Chester C. Eastman, breaking roads,		2 62
Warren D. McKeen, breaking roads,		2 00
Milborn Thomas, breaking roads,		1 00
Richard F. Chandler, breaking roads,		3 50
John L. Chandler, breaking roads,		2 50
Madison O. Charles, breaking roads,		1 90

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Frank Harriman, work on highway,	50
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Total,	\$432 74

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders,	\$215 71
State tax,	160 00
Bills not presented,	175 00
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Total,	\$550 71

RESOURCES.

Due from Collector,	\$508 60
Due from State,	89 40
Cash in Treasury,	141 11
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	\$739 11
Balance in favor of Town,	\$188 40

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Weeks,
Hazen Chandler,
Seth Henscom,

Selectmen of Chatham.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

District No. 1.

Last summer the scholars in this district attended school in district No. 2. Paid \$12.00 for having them carried.

The winter term was taught by Miss Edith Walker of Fryeburg. This was Miss Walkers first term. She was much interested in her work, but on account of illness was obliged to leave at the end of ten and one half weeks. Number of scholars 5, two of them came from Conway, average 4. Wages of teacher \$3.00 per week. Board \$1.50. Paid \$4.00 for wood.

District No. 2.

Miss Minnie Anderson of Chatham, taught the summer school in this district. Miss Anderson's work was entirely satisfactory. Length of term 8 weeks. Number of scholars 14, average 12. Wages of teacher including board \$5.50 per week.

The winter term was taught by Miss Bessie Walker of Chatham. Length of term 12 weeks. Number of scholars 9, average 7. Wages of teacher including board \$5.50 per week. Paid \$6.00 for wood.

Miss Walker has taught several schools in town, and her work is so well known to need comment.

Florrie M. Locke.

District. No. 3.

Summer term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Louise E. Spener, of Chatham, N. H. Also the winter term of twelve weeks.

Whole number of scholars summer school 17, average 14. Whole number attending in winter 16, average 13. Wages of teacher including board \$6.00. Paid for wood \$6.00. For repairs and supplies, \$2.25.

William Spencer.

District. No. 4.

Summer term taught by Nathan B. Dresser, length of term eight weeks. No. of scholars 22, average days attendance 21. Wages of teacher \$1.00 per day, price paid for board \$1.50, price paid for wood \$4.15. Mr. Dresser labored faithfully and taught a good school.

Winter term taught by Fred W. Brown, number of weeks 12, number of scholars 25, average attendance 21. Wages of teacher \$1.00 per day, paid for board \$1.50 per week, the pupils made good progress in their studies. The order and discipline were good and the school appeared to be satisfactory to all.

District. No. 5.

The summer term was taught by Bessie P. Walker, number of scholars 12, average daily attendance 11. Wages of teacher \$4.00 per week, price paid for board \$1.50, paid for wood \$5.25, length of term 9 weeks.

Miss Walker has every qualification necessary to teach successfully and the pupils could not fail to improve under her instruction.

Winter term was taught by Miss Olive E. Barrows, length of term 14 weeks. Wages of teacher \$4.00 per week, paid for board \$1.50 per week, whole number of scholars 10, average attendance 10. This was Miss Barrows first attempt at teaching. The attendance was good and the school money profitably expended, she bids fair to make a fine teacher.

Recieved \$14.50 from the town of Stow, for scholars attending school in the town of Chatham.

Robert K. Eastman.

CLERK'S REPORT.

RECORD OF BIRTHS.

- Jan. 22, to Calvin and Nellie Stiles, a male child. Calvin Stiles was born in Chatham and is a farmer by occupation. The mothers maiden name was Nellie R. Hill, born in Conway.
Residence Chatham, N. H. 5th, child
- Mar. 21, to Alfred and Ellen Hammond a daughter. Alfred Hammond was born in Albany, N. H., and is by occupation a farmer. The mothers maiden name was Ellen Wiggin, born in Chatham.
Residence, Albany, N. H. 3rd, child.
- July 28, to William M. and Etta M. Sanborn, a son Anthony O. William M. Sanborn was born in Stow, Maine, and is by occupation a farmer. The mothers maiden name was Etta M. Wiggin, born in Chatham,
Residence, Chatham, N. H. 1st, child.
- Aug. 23, to Eben J. and Jennie M. Flint, a daughter. Eben M. Flint was born in Baldwin, Maine, and is by occupation a farmer. The mothers maiden name was Jennie M. Weeks, born in Chatham.
Residence, Chatham. 1st, child

RECORD OF MARRIAGES.

- July 1, by Wm. Spencer, J. P., Charles N. Keefe and Martha M. Guptill, both of Chatham.
Charles N. Keefe was born in Benton, Me., and by occupation a farmer, his father Francis A. Keefe, was born in Anson, Me., and his mother Addie E. Spaulding, in Benton.
Martha M. Guptill, was born in Chatham, and by occupation a spinster, her father Edson Guptill was born in Chatham and her mother Sarah D. Carlton, in Chatham.
Residence Chatham.
- Aug. 8, by Wm. J. Spencer, J. P., Seth Thomas and Ada L. Wiggin both of Chatham.
Seth Thomas was born in Chatham and by occupation a farmer, his father Wilbur Thomas, was born in Chatham, and his mother Augusta Eaton in Fryeburg, Me.
Ada L. Wiggin was born in Stow, Me., and by occupation a spinster. Her father Isaac C. F. Wiggin was born in Jackson,

N. H., and her mother Lelia F. Haley in Brownfield, Me.
Residence, Chatham.

Aug. 25, in Lovell, Me., by Charles S. Young, Clergy., F. Ranford Locke and Flossie M. Hill, both of Chatham.

F. Ranford Locke was born in Fryeburg, Me., and by occupation a machinist. His father Frank Locke, birthplace unknown. His mother Lydia D. Hall, birthplace unknown.

Flossie M. Hill was born in Chatham, and by occupation a teacher. Her father Dana Hill was born in Chatham, and her mother Emerly M. Lang in Conway.

Oct. 30, in Fryeburg, Me., by B. N. Stone, Clergy., John L. Chandler and Henrietta S. Brickett, both of Chatham.

John L. Chandler was born in Chatham, and by occupation a farmer. His father Horace Chandler was born in Chatham, and his mother Mary G. Wiley in Sweden, Me.

Henrietta S. Brickett was born in Bowdoinham, Me., and by occupation a spinster. Her father Frank Brickett was born in Concord, N. H., and her mother Olive Gordon in Lewiston, Me.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

Jan. 21, Calvin Stiles, aged 47 years, 3 months 5 days, was born in Chatham.

His father John Stiles, born in Strafford, N. H., and his mother, Dolly Heath in Chatham.

Feb. 16, Martha H. B. Walker, aged 19 yrs. 5 mo. 8 days, was born in Chatham. Her father Josiah W. Walker, born in Lovell, Me., and his mother, Sarah H. Walker, in Chatham.

Mar. 30, Ada L. M. Hammond, age 9, days, was born in Chatham, her father Alfred Hammond, born in Albany, N. H., and her mother Ella Wiggin in Chatham.

May 28, Amanda Twombly, aged 83 years, 3 months 25* days widow; was born in Chatham. Her father, Samuel Phillips, born in Woborn, Mass., and her mother Betsey Stimson in Limerick, Me.

May 25, Moses D. Goodwin, aged 82 years widower; was born in Shapleigh, Maine. His father Henry Goodwin, born in Shapleigh, and his mother Mary Comeron in Newfield, Maine.

June 29, Laura Wiggin, aged 26 years was born in Chatham. Her father Isaac C. F. Wiggin, born in Jackson, N. H. and her mother in Brownfield, Maine.

July 16, Henrietta Brickett, aged 43 years, 7 mo., 19 days, married, was born in Fryeburg, Me. Her father James S. Stevens and mother Harriet Charles, birthplaces unknown.

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

WILLIAM SPENCER, TOWN CLERK.

