





# **Strafford Town Report**

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**1909**



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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, Town  
Clerk and School Board

OF THE

# Town of Strafford,

FOR THE

Year Ending February 15,  
1909.

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# Selectmen's Report.

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*Moderator,*

JOHN W. CATER.

*Town Clerk,*

FRANK W. HILTON.

*Selectmen,*

J. H. PERKINS, W. W. DURGIN, H. S. SCRUTON.

*Treasurer,*

CHARLES F. FELKER.

*Auditors,*

CHAS. W. WALDRON, CHAS. F. HILL.

*Supervisors,*

PAUL M. FOSS, DANA R. BERRY, HENRY C. SOULE.

*School Board,*

CARROLL E. HALL, ROSCOE E. FOSS, HIRAM S. HILL.

*Board of Health,*

CHAS. S. HANSON, WALTER H. BABB, HERBERT E. TASKER.

## Valuation of the Town April 1st, 1908.

No. of polls, 250,	\$ 25,000 00
Lands and buildings,	347,970 00
No. of horses, 292,	17,845 00
No. of oxen, 75,	3,935 00
No. of cows, 684,	19,870 00
No. of neat stock, 127,	2,238 00
No. of sheep, 253,	1,148 00
Fowls,	100 00
Carriages,	2,080 00
Stock in banks,	2,300 00
Stock in trade,	27,060 00
Machinery,	6,125 00
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	\$455,671 00

## Appropriations for the year 1908

State tax,	\$1,085 00
County tax,	1,602 96
Schools by law,	1,627 50
Schools by vote of town,	800 00
Highways and bridges,	3,500 00
Permanent improvements,	250 00
Town expenses,	1,500 00
Library,	67 20
Per cent. added	47 77
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	\$10,480 43

Rate per cent., \$2.30.

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## State and County Tax.

County tax,	\$1,602 96
State tax,	1,085 00
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	\$2,687 96

## Paid for Schools and School Supplies.

Milton Bradley & Co.,	\$ 7 10
E. E. Babb & Co.,	14 44
Ginn & Co.,	9 50
H. S. Hill, treasurer,	500 00
“	800 00
American Book Co., books,	97 92
“ “	6 72
Ginn & Co.,	4 50
H. S. Hill, treasurer, balance school money,	1,423 06
“ school supplies and freight,	5 32
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	\$2,868 56

## Notes and Interest Paid.

C. F. Hill, interest on Austin fund for year 1896,	\$160 00
S. W. Caswell, note and interest,	625 10
Esther J. Bunker, note and interest,	602 40
C. F. Hill, interest on Austin fund, 1908,	160 00
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	\$1,547 50

## Aid to Poor.

H. S. Scruton, expense taking Ralph Berry to Concord,	\$11 50
A. S. Annis, M. D., examination of Ralph Berry,	5 00
W. J. Roberts, M. D., examination of Ralph Berry,	5 00
R. V. Fiske, M. D., attendance John Locke,	25 50
H. R. Whitney, M. D., “	11 00
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	\$58 00

## Caring for Stock.

Jesse B. Gray, caring for stock of Mrs. M. E. Bergeron,	\$13 50
Received from Mrs. M. E. Bergeron,	13 50



## Fighting Fire.

H. P. Whitcher and others,	\$7 50
Geo. A. Abbott,	2 00
Almus Hill,	1 50
Fred Linscott,	1 50
Frank Hanson,	1 50
Milo Carter,	1 50
Bert Sowards,	3 00
M. H. Durgin,	3 00
A. J. Hall,	2 70
J. W. Tuttle,	2 10
Henry Locke,	1 05
W. W. Durgin,	1 20
Gilbert Steaves,	1 05
Clarence Tasker,	1 05
G. M. Hall,	1 80
Lawrence Taylor,	90
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	\$33 35

## Damage To Sheep by Dogs.

C. H. Caswell,	\$10 00
Geo. P. Foss,	35 00
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	\$45 00

## Paid Sundry Persons for Services.

J. H. Perkins, balance collecting, taxes, 1906,	\$10 00
Dana R. Berry, supervisor, 1907,	10 00
C. E. Hall, member school board, 1907,	25 00
Cecil Shephard, janitor, 1906,	6 00
Daniel Clay, dog constable,	15 00
H. C. Soule, balance collecting taxes, 1907,	25 00

E. A. Scribner, balance for services as selectman 1907,	\$ 8 50
E. W. Hill, killing dog,	1 00
J. B. Gray, supervisor, 1907,	10 00
Dana R. Berry, truant officer,	12 00
D. L. Stokes, M. D., returns births and deaths,	11 00
C. F. Felker, services treasurer,	50 00
R. M. Edgerly, funeral expense of Mrs. Sally Babb,	49 20
R. E. Foss, member school board,	25 00
C. W. Hanson, M. D., reporting deaths,	50
Dana R. Berry, supervisor, 1908,	10 00
Chas. H. Perry, ballot clerk,	2 00
Paul M. Foss, supervisor, postage and telephone,	10 50
Addie F. Scribner, auditing school accounts, 1907 and 1908,	2 00
H. S. Hill, member of school board and treasurer,	32 00
F. W. Hilton, town clerk, postage, etc.,	42 20
H. C. Soule, part payment, tax collector,	75 00
C. F. Hill, ballot clerk and auditing,	3 50
J. H. Perkins, services as selectman,	66 30
W. W. Durgin,                    “	70 18
H. S. Scruton,                   “	60 00
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	\$631 88

### Paid Miscellaneous Bills.

J. A. Rowe, sawdust,	\$ 1 00
W. W. Durgin, keeping tramp,	1 00
Mrs. Ollie Hawkins, keeping five tramps,	4 00
E. C. Eastman, merchandise,	1 88
H. R. Foss, one-half cord wood,	2 00
Marshall Press, printing bill heads, etc.,	3 00
J. H. Foss, repairing and tuning piano, 1907,	3 00
Courier Publishing Co., printing reports,	40 30

C. S. Hanson, repairing road machine,	\$ 6 00
Mrs. A. V. Canney, watering tub,	3 00
E. C. Eastman, merchandise,	1 09
J. H. Foss, repairing and tuning piano, 1908,	3 00
Courier Publishing Co., printing notice,	50
E. A. Scribner, housing road machine,	3 00
"            taxbooks,	3 64
C. S. Hanson, repairing road machine,	1 50
J. M. Dow, keeping tramps,	4 00
"            watering tub,	3 00
B. & M. R. R., freight on road roller,	23 75
F. A. Scruton, guide boards,	2 25
G. F. Shaw, road roller,	261 25
Bert Hawkins, watering tub,	3 00
E. C. Eastman, merchandise,	47
D. S. Otis, watering tub,	3 00
F. P. Whitehouse, watering tub,	3 00
Courier Publishing Co., printing notice,	1 00
Ollie Hawkins, keeping tramps,	4 50
Lilla B. Foss, library trustee,	67 20
J. M. Dow, keeping eight tramps,	8 00
Ollie Hawkins, keeping two tramps,	2 00
E. A. Scribner, keeping two tramps,	2 00
S. W. Caswell, watering tub,	3 00
E. A. Scribner, damage to plow on state road, 1907,	5 00
E. A. Scribner, oil and merchandise for town hall,	10 31
J. C. Hall, watering tub,	3 00
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	\$487 64

## Board of Health.

C. S. Hanson, fumigating, at C. W. Waldron's,	\$6 00
"                    "                    Chas. Young's,	6 00
"                    "                    Wm. Brown's,	7 50
W. H. Babb, services,	8 50
C. S. Hanson, "                    "	1 50
"                    fumigating at John Whitehouse's and fumigating material,	7 00
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	\$36 50

## Paid for Brown-Tail Moths.

Geo. E. Weeden, on J. W. Brown place,	\$ 75
H. C. Soule, on J. H. Perry place,	1 80
"                    on John Drew place,	1 30
"                    on Byron Pease place,	95
Jesse B. Gray, on Scott Caswell place,	80
Stephen Evans, on Caverno place,	1 20
L. E. Lord, on town oak,	88
Geo. W. Rowe, on Huckins place,	40
Baron N. Smith, on Martha Johnson place,	1 30
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	\$9 38

## Highways and Bridges.

H. E. Tasker,	\$ 3 50
J. M. Felker,	96
E. K. Clark,	18 10
Paul Perkins, bridge plank,	7 26
A. B. Preston,	6 65
S. V. Gray,	1 68
J. S. Leighton,	11 23
Dana R. Berry,	1 25
John P. Webber,	5 50
D. D. Hall,	7 00
E. W. Hill,	12 50
H. C. Soule,	1 87
B. E. Ellis,	22 63
D. D. Hall,	37 49
J. M. Felker,	33 45
Stephen Evans,	7 73
Jesse B. Gray,	1 50
H. R. Foss,	8 63
W. H. Babb,	93 68
Cyrus G. Drew,	22 75
Marston S. Brock,	40 73
B. E. Ellis,	1 98
Geo. B. Leighton,	18 94
A. B. Preston,	11 14
W. A. Small,	10 50
C. G. Drew,	8 17
Geo. P. Foss,	42 52
J. W. Cater,	23 25
E. S. Otis,	65 63
M. H. Durgin,	10 38
J. H. Canney,	45 92
C. E. Evans,	8 13
J. S. Leighton,	16 25

J. M. Felker,	\$ 9 00
Irving A. Howard,	2 62
Dana R. Berry,	7 20
F. W. Roberts,	33 04
Chas. M. Foss,	11 23
Chester R. Brown,	73 26
J. L. Stiles,	12 00
W. A. Smith,	29 26
J. P. Webber,	27 25
J. S. Libby,	37 32
H. C. Soule,	62 14
J. M. Felker,	44 52
H. N. Nutter,	21 88
F. W. Roberts,	35 88
L. W. Berry,	53 41
E. S. Otis,	28 74
D. D. Hall,	29 87
Albert C. Berry,	77 43
Geo. B. Leighton,	43 00
C. F. Hill,	82 89
Geo. P. Foss,	51 27
W. H. Babb,	40 25
Marston S. Brock,	40 64
Dana R. Berry,	4 67
H. E. Tasker,	27 05
“	17 63
F. W. Hilton, drawing road machine,	2 00
B. E. Ellis,	15 88
Chas. Pinkham,	57 62
Louis Rewitzer,	29 50
J. H. Canney,	9 25
Jesse B. Gray,	26 51
A. A. Hanson,	14 87
Stephen S. Evans,	6 88
J. W. Cater,	9 64

E. C. Hill,	\$40 12
M. H. Durgin,	18 32
W. A. Small,	9 40
“	7 37
A. B. Preston,	28 88
J. H. Perkins,	46 75
Chas. M. Foss,	17 63
C. G. Drew,	15 78
C. H. Perry,	17 63
Chas. M. Foss,	47 87
Geo. E. Foss,	11 75
J. S. Leighton,	22 49
C. G. Drew,	4 62
M. H. Durgin,	5 70
D. D. Hall,	40 45
Marston S. Brock,	10 00
F. W. Roberts,	9 30
B. E. Ellis,	12 78
J. P. Webber,	10 00
C. G. Drew,	43 50
A. B. Preston,	27 75
Dana R. Berry,	5 61
E. W. Reed, bridge plank,	55 72
R. B. Foss,	3 50
H. N. Nutter,	18 10
F. J. Piper,	39 50
E. C. Hill,	9 00
Jesse B. Gray,	15 65
Trickey and Johnson, bridge plank,	22 26
J. M. Felker,	8 20
M. H. Durgin,	19 87
Louis Rewitzer,	8 12
E. W. Reed, bridge plank,	12 10
W. A. Smith,	16 43
C. F. Foss,	3 00

C. H. Pinkham,	\$ 8 13
J. H. Canney,	23 38
E. S. Otis,	13 75
Geo. B. Leighton,	6 00
C. G. Drew,	5 81
C. A. Foss, bridge plank,	17 04
D. D. Hall,	13 00
J. W. Cater,	5 00
C. F. Hill,	42 96
L. W. Berry,	12 79
C. G. Drew,	15 24
E. S. Otis,	14 37
F. H. Hall, bridge plank,	15 10
D. D. Hall,	8 00
J. S. Libby,	12 50
J. H. Perkins,	5 00
C. E. Evans,	50 98
H. C. Soule,	31 76
J. W. Cater,	13 01
Stephen S. Evans,	5 12
E. C. Hill,	19 63
E. W. Hill, tiling, cement, etc.,	3 30
H. S. Scruton, districts Nos. 1 and 2,	25 94
J. M. Felker,	14 40
M. S. Brock,	2 50
E. J. Foss,	45 00
E. W. Reed, bridge plank,	32 21
Walter Buzzell, bridge plank,	7 48
J. M. Felker,	16 38
C. F. Felker, repairing plow,	50
Chester R. Brown,	55 14
Jesse B. Gray,	5 12
H. D. Perkins,	9 12
H. S. Scruton,	1 50
A. C. Berry,	7 63



Albert A. Hanson,	\$ 2 98
W. A. Small,	6 68
H. E. Tasker,	9 88
M. S. Brock,	2 63
J. M. Felker,	7 14
F. W. Roberts,	3 72
W. A. Smith,	1 00
E. S. Otis,	6 00
E. W. Hill,	1 00
J. H. Canney,	5 99
Geo. B. Leighton,	5 13
D. D. Hall,	4 88
C. E. Evans,	4 00
Cyrus G. Drew,	10 37
C. F. Hill,	3 60
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	\$3,009 44

State of New Hampshire. Highway Department,  
Statement of Joint Fund Account  
With the Town of Strafford.

Town contribution,	\$693 00
State            "            "	398 40
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Total joint fund,	\$1,091 40
Money expended on road at Strafford Center, begun in 1907,	\$222 00
Money expended on road above Blue Hills, by J. H. Perkins,	352 23
Money expended on road, Strafford Corner, by H. S. Scruton,	444 19
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Town disbursements, approved,	\$1,018 42
State disbursements,	62 20
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Total disbursements,	\$1,080 62

Total joint fund,	\$1,091 40
Total disbursements,	1,080 62
Total unexpended balance,	<u>\$10 78</u>

### Abatements and Rebates:

Arthur N. Foss, taxed to Newell B. Foss, 1907,	\$13 66
J. H. Bateman, on mill, 1907,	3 28
H. C. Soule, abatements, 1907 list,	45 92
Lewis Rewitzer, horse lost,	1 15
Geo. Rewitzer, horse lost,	92
Plummer Johnson, horse lost,	92
F. T. Stanton, abatement on poll tax paid in Rochester,	2 30
David Winkley heirs, rebate on horse,	80
J. W. Ham, over tax on growth.	1 72
H. C. Soule, abatements on list, 1908,	49 72
	<u>\$120 39</u>

### Town of Strafford To J. H. Perkins, Dr., To Services as Selectman for the Year Ending Feb. 15th, 1909.

1908		
March 14	One day at office,	\$1 50
20	"	1 50
April 1	Taking inventory,	2 00
2	"	2 00
3	"	2 00
4	One day at office,	1 50
6	Taking inventory,	2 00
7	"	2 00
8	"	2 00
9	"	2 00
10	"	2 00

April	16	One day at office,	\$1 50
	17	"	1 50
	18	"	1 50
	20	"	1 50
	21	"	1 50
	22	"	1 50
	23	"	1 50
	24	"	1 50
May	2	"	1 50
	7	One day at Rochester on Bergeron case,	2 00
June	6	One day at office,	1 50
	11	One day at Dover to meet State Board of Equalization,	3 00
July	3	One day at office,	1 50
Aug.	1	"	1 50
	3	At Center Barnstead, unloading road roller,	1 00
Sept.	5	One day at office,	1 50
	26	One-half day at Pease bridge,	1 00
Oct.	3	One day at office,	1 50
	16	One-half day posting warrant,	1 00
Nov.	7	One day at office,	1 50
Dec.	5	"	1 50
	19	At Concord to pay state tax,	3 75
1909			
Jan.	2	One day at office,	1 50
	22	One-half day drawing jury,	1 00
Feb.	6	One day at office,	1 50
	15	"	1 50
		Postage and envelopes for brown-tail moth notices,	2 70
		Telephone, postage and express,	1 85
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			\$66 30

Town of Strafford To W. W. Durgin, Dr., To  
Services as Selectman for the Year Ending  
Feb. 15, 1909.

1908			
Feb.	17	One day at office,	\$1 50
	18	“	1 50
	19	“	1 50
	20	“	1 50
	21	“	1 50
March	7	“	1 50
	14	“	1 50
	20	“	1 50
		Postage on inventory blanks,	50
April	1	One day taking inventory,	2 00
	2	“	2 00
	3	“	2 00
	4	One day at office,	1 50
	6	One day, taking inventory,	2 00
	7	“	2 00
	8	“	2 00
	9	“	2 00
	10	“	2 00
	13	One-half day at Rochester,	1 00
	16	One day at office,	1 50
	17	“	1 50
	18	“	1 50
	20	“	1 50
	21	“	1 50
	22	“	1 50
	23	“	1 50
	24	One-half day at office,	1 00
	27	“ on Bergeron case,	1 00
	28	“	1 00

May	2	One day at office,	\$1 50
June	6	"	1 50
July	3	"	1 50
Aug.	1	"	1 50
	8	One day with engineer,	2 00
Sept	5	" at office,	1 50
	14	One-half day at Barnstead, on Sargent case,	1 00
	25	One-half day looking after roads,	1 00
Oct.	3	One day at office,	1 50
	16	One-half day posting warrant,	1 00
Oct.	24	One day to Lynn, on Sargent case, and expenses,	4 00
Nov.	7	One day at office,	1 50
Dec.	5	"	1 50
1909			
Jan.	2	One day at office,	1 50
		Postage on moth notices,	68
	22	One-half day, drawing jury,	1 00
Feb.	6	One day at office,	1 50
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			\$70 18

Town of Strafford To H. S. Scruton, Dr., To  
Services as Selectman for the Year Ending  
Feb. 15th, 1909,

1908			
Feb.	17	One day at office,	\$1 50
	19	"	1 50
	20	"	1 50
	21	One-half day at office,	1 00
March	7	One day at office,	1 50
	13	One-half day seeing about Gregg's cattle,	1 00
April	1	One day, taking inventory,	2 00
	2	"	2 00
	3	"	2 00

April	4	One day at office,	\$1 50
	6	One day, taking inventory,	2 00
	7	"	2 00
	8	One-half day, taking inventory,	1 00
	9	One day taking inventory,	2 00
	10	"	2 00
	16	One day at office,	1 50
	17	"	1 50
	18	One day at Rochester,	2 00
	20	One day at office,	1 50
	21	"	1 50
	22	"	1 50
June	6	"	1 50
	24	One day at Rochester,	1 00
July	3	One day at office,	1 50
Aug.	1	"	1 50
	8	One-half day with engineer,	75
	15	One-half day looking after roads,	75
	22	One day at Rochester,	1 50
Sept.	5	One day at office,	1 50
	14	One day at Barnstead, on Sargent case,	2 00
	19	One-half day at J. H. Perkins',	1 00
Oct.	3	One day at office,	1 50
	24	One-half day looking after burial of Mrs. Babb,	75
Nov.	3	One day at state election,	1 50
	7	One day at office,	1 50
Dec.	5	"	1 50
1909			
Jan.	2	"	1 50
	22	One-half day drawing jury,	1 00
Feb.	6	One day at office,	1 50
	15	"	1 50
		Telephone and postage,	75
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			\$60 00

## Recapitulation of Money Paid Out.

Schools and school supplies,	\$2,868 56
State and county tax,	2,687 96
Aid to poor,	58 00
Damage to sheep by dogs,	45 00
Notes and interest,	1,547 50
Sundry persons for services,	631 88
Miscellaneous bills,	487 64
Board of health,	36 50
Brown tail moths,	9 38
Highways and bridges,	3,009 44
State highways,	1,018 42
Abatements and rebates,	120 39
Caring for stock,	13 50
Fighting fire,	33 35
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	\$12,567 52
Amount in treasurer's hands,	5,640 08
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	\$18,207 60

## Money Received and Receipted for by Treasurer.

Amount in treasury, Feb. 15, 1908,	\$5,162 28
Received of H. C. Soule, taxes, 1907 list,	1,247 32
abatements, 1907 list,	45 92
interest, 1907 list,	34 32
taxes, 1908 list,	8,936 67
abatements, 1908 list,	49 72
F. W. Hilton, dog licenses,	185 80
Solon A. Carter, savings bank tax,	1,736 18
literary fund,	89 46
high school tuitions,	322 81
A. W. Dean, state highway,	336 20
rent of town hall,	17 00

Received of Mrs. Bergeron,	\$13 50
Chas. F. Felker, overdraw by mistake for truant officer of 1906,	10 00
interest on cash in savings bank,	20 42
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	\$18,207 60

### Outstanding Debts, Feb. 15, 1909

Austin fund,	\$4,000 00
Lavinia H. Young fund,	1,000 00
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	\$5,000 00

### Amount Due the Town, Feb. 15, 1909.

Amount not collected, H. C. Soule list 1908,	\$1,509 65
“ in treasurer's hands,	5,640 08
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	\$7,149.73

### Standing of the Town, Feb. 15, 1909.

Amount due the town, Feb. 15, 1909,	\$7,149 73
Outstanding debts,	5,000 00
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Balance in favor of town, Feb. 15, 1909,	\$2,149 73
Balance in favor of town, Feb. 15, 1908,	423 40
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Total gain for year,	\$1,726 33

*Respectfully submitted,*

J. H. PERKINS,  
W. W. DURGIN,  
H. S. SCRUTON,

*Selectmen of Strafford.*



We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. W. WALDRON,

C. F. HILL,

*Auditors.*

We wish to inform the townspeople that we have exempted property from taxation under the Soldiers' and Widows' law to the amount of \$13,000 00. This has made quite a little difference in the tax rate.

We have dropped from the town's books the amounts of the property sold for taxes bought by town and not redeemed. C. Shaw list, '88-'89, \$60 55; J. W. Tuttle list, 1895, \$115 18; J. L. Hall list, 1896, \$17 74; E. A. Scribner list, 1897, \$168 37; J. W. Tuttle list, 1898, \$17 26. We have thoroughly investigated and found these lists not collectable.

We have also dropped the amount of \$28 61, which has been carried on the books a great many years as due School District No. 11 before annexed to No. 10. This was outlawed many years ago.

Adding the amount of these back taxes to our gain for the year, and subtracting therefrom the amount due School District No. 11, would have left us a total gain for the year of \$2,076 82.

*Respectfully,*

J. H. PERKINS,

W. W. DURGIN,

H. S. SCRUTON,

*Selectmen of Strafford.*

# Treasurer's Report.

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## Receipts.

Money Received and Receipted for by Charles F. Felker,  
Treasurer, for the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1909.

Amount in treasurer's hands, Feb. 15, 1908,	\$5,162 28
Received of H. C. Soule, taxes, 1907 list,	1,247 32
abatements, 1907 list,	45 92
interest, 1907 list,	34 32
taxes, 1908 list,	8,936 18
abatements, 1908 list,	49 72
F. W. Hilton, dog licenses,	185 80
Solon A. Carter, savings bank tax,	1,736 18
literary fund,	89 46
high school tuitions,	322 81
A. W. Dean, state highway,	336 20
rent of town hall,	17 00
Mrs. Bergeron,	13 50
Chas. F. Felker, overdrawn by mis- take for truant officer of 1906,	10 00
interest on cash in savings bank,	20 42
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	\$18,207 60

## Expenditures.

Money paid by orders from selectmen by Charles F. Felker, treasurer, for the year ending Feb. 15, 1909.

Schools and school supplies,	\$2,868 56
State and county tax,	2,687 96
Aid to poor,	58 00
Damage to sheep by dogs,	45 00
Notes and interest,	1,547 50
Sundry persons for services,	631 88
Miscellaneous bills,	487 64
Board of health,	36 50
Brown tail moths,	9 38
Highways and bridges,	3,009 44
State highways,	1,018 42
Abatements and rebates,	120 39
Caring for stock,	13 50
Fighting fire,	33 35
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	\$12,567 52
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Total receipts to date,	\$18,207 60
Total disbursements to date,	12,567 52
Balance in treasurer's hands,	5,640 08
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	\$18,207 60

*Respectfully submitted,*

CHARLES F. FELKER,  
*Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. W. WALDRON,  
C. F. HILL,  
*Auditors.*

# School Treasurer's Report.

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Money Received and Receipted for by Hiram S.  
Hill, Treasurer of the School District of  
the Town of Strafford for the Year  
Ending Feb. 15, 1909.

Balance in hands of treasurer, Feb. 15, 1908,	\$ 211 18
Received of town treasurer, amount by law,	1,627 50
by vote of town,	800 00
literary fund,	98 21
dog tax,	137 35
interest on Young	
fund,	60 00
tuition of out of town scholars,	5 25
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	\$2,939 49

Money Paid Out by Hiram S. Hill, Treasurer of  
the School District of the Town of Strafford,  
for the Year Ending February 15, 1909.

Teachers, Spring Term.

No. 1	Addie J. Smith,	12 weeks at \$6.50,	\$78 00
3	Florence A. Foss,	"	78 00
5	Ruby Barrett,	"	78 00
7	May P. Hall,	"	78 00
9	Edith G. Foss,	11 "	71 50
10	Lilla F. Huckins,	12 "	78 00
12	E. Lillian Foss,	"	78 00
13	Blanche J. Hall,	"	78 00
17	Florence G. Scruton,	" 7 00	84 00
18	Gertrude Montgomery,	" 6 50	78 00
19	Laura E. Huckins,	"	78 00
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			\$857 50

Teachers, Fall Term.

No. 1	Florence A. Foss,	14 weeks at \$6 50,	\$91 00
3	Eunice M. Varney,	"	91 00
5	Addie J. Smith,	"	91 00
7	May P. Hall,	"	91 00
9	Laura E. Huckins,	15 "	97 50
10	Lilla F. Huckins,	14 "	91 00
12	Myra E. Huckins,	"	91 00
17	Gertrude Montgomery,	" 7 50,	105 00
18	Lona S. Libbey,	" 6 50,	91 00
19	Thetis V. Scruton,	"	91 00
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			\$930 50

## High School Tuitions.

Austin-Cate academy, spring, 1908,	\$248 00
Austin-Cate academy, winter,	252 00
Austin-Cate academy, fall,	216 00
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	\$716 00

## Conveyance of Pupils.

Maude E. Cotton, spring term,	\$10 00
Mrs. H. N. Nutter, “	24 00
Louis Rewitzer, “	38 50
Addie J. Smith, fall term,	38 00
Mrs. H. N. Nutter, “	28 00
Herbert E. Tasker, “	27 50
Fred O. Caswell, spring and fall,	32 50
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	\$198 50

## Wood.

F. H. Hall, one-half cord,	\$ 2 00
C. Shaw, sawing,	75
Henry R. Foss, two cords, fitted,	8 00
Cyrus G. Drew, one and three-fourths cords, fitted,	8 75
Charles F. Felker, one cord,	4 50
H. E. Tasker, one cord,	2 50
Ben. B. Harvell, sawing,	2 10
F. H. Hall, two and three-fourths cords,	12 00
Roscoe E. Foss, one-half cord, fitted,	2 50
Roscoe E. Foss, two cords, fitted,	10 00
W. A. Brown, one cord, fitted,	4 50
Roscoe E. Foss, one-half cord, fitted,	2 50
John H. Perkins,	5 00
Albert M. Leighton,	2 50
E. R. Smith,	8 00
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	\$75 60

## Repairs.

Roscoe E. Foss, 30 fence posts,	\$3 00
"          labor and money paid,	8 43
C. M. Hill,	30
H. S. Hill,          "	3 25
Roscoe E. Foss, money paid,	3 25
H. S. Hill, dust pan and wash basin,	45
"          lock,	50
C. M. Hill, ink, water pail and nails,	2 93
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	\$22 11

## Miscellaneous.

Enumeration cards, teachers' certificates,	\$1 34
Edward E. Babb, lithoplate,	3 12
"          "	6 24
C. M. Hill, ink, pencils, etc.,	2 90
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	\$13 60

## Summary.

Paid teachers, spring term,	\$857 50
"          fall          "	930 50
high school tuitions,	716 00
conveyance of pupils,	198 50
wood bills,	75 60
repairs,	22 11
miscellaneous bills,	13 60
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	\$2,813 81
Whole amount received,	\$2,939 49
"          paid out,	\$2,813 81
Cash on hand,	125 68
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	\$2,939 49

*Respectfully submitted,*

HIRAM S. HILL,  
*Treasurer,*

## To the Citizens of Strafford.

We herewith submit our annual report.

We have endeavored to comply with the intent of the law by giving the pupils in every part of the town as near the same advantages for instruction as the unequal distribution of our population would permit.

The first work in the care of schools was to call a meeting of those desirous of teaching, for a written examination.

Our main care in preparing a list of questions to be submitted to the would-be teachers, was to have list of sufficient breadth to cover all the branches taught in our schools.

A written examination, though not always a pleasant task, is, we believe, the best test of a teacher's ability.

In employing teachers we have endeavored so far as possible to secure those who have had previous experience, but in this we have labored under a disadvantage, as teachers, like others, prefer to go where they can obtain the most money, and other towns, with better pay and longer schools, offer greater inducements.

Notwithstanding this obstacle, we were able to secure teachers who have generally proved equal to the wants of the schools.

For information in regard to the attendance, wages paid, etc., you are referred to the table of statistics.

*Respectfully submitted,*

CARROLL E. HALL,  
 ROSCOE E. FOSS,  
 HIRAM S. HILL,

*School Board of Strafford.*

STRAFFORD, N. H., Feb. 15, 1909.



Number of School	Number of Term	Teachers	Number of Weeks	Wages per Month	Whole Number Scholars	Average Attendance
1	1	Addie J. Smith	12	\$26 00	5	4
1	2	Florence A. Foss	14	26 00	8	6
3	1	"	12	26 00	10	8
3	2	Eunice M. Varney	14	26 00	9	7
5	1	Ruby Barrett	12	26 00	6	4
5	2	Addie J. Smith	14	26 00	5	3
7	1	May P. Hall	12	26 00	9	8
7	2	"	14	26 00	5	4
9	1	Edith G. Foss	11	26 00	9	8
9	2	Laura E. Huckins	15	26 00	8	7
10	1	Lilla F. Huckins	12	26 00	16	14
10	2	"	14	26 00	15	13
12	1	E. Lillian Foss	12	26 00	9	8
12	2	Myra E. Huckins	14	26 00	14	12
13	1	Blanche J. Hall	12	26 00	5	4
17	1	Florence G. Scruton	12	30 00	25	22
17	2	Gertrude A. Montgomery	14	30 00	22	18
18	1	"	12	26 00	6	4
18	2	Lona S. Libbey	14	26 00	9	7
19	1	Laura E. Huckins	12	26 00	8	7
19	2	Thetis V. Scruton	14	26 00	6	5

## Roll of Perfect Attendance.

### DISTRICT No. 1.

Spring term, Grace A. Parshley.

### DISTRICT No. 3.

Spring term, Nelson Nutter, Grace A. Whitehouse.  
Fall term, Nelson Nutter.

### DISTRICT No. 5.

Fall term, John Knight.

### DISTRICT No. 7.

Spring term, Lorena A. Lord, Lottie L. Babb.  
Fall term, Lorena A. Lord, Nellie M. Winkley, Lottie L. Babb, Clifford A. Lord.

### DISTRICT No. 9.

Spring term, Buran Smith, Harry Parshley, Charles Twombly, Roscoe Brown.  
Fall term, Charlotte Stiles.

### DISTRICT No. 10.

Fall term, Forest H. Gray.

### DISTRICT No. 12.

Spring term, Elna I. Perkins, M. Evelyn Perkins, Gladys L. Call.  
Fall term, M. Evelyn Perkins, Elna I. Perkins, Harold D. Foss.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Spring term, Everett Tasker.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Spring term; Harold W. Caverly, Ira Verne Caverly, Wilson G. Caverly, Erving Clark, Harold Hanson, Rilma Gray, Mildred E. Soule, Beulah J. Hill.

Fall term, Pauline Perry, Erving Clark, Ira Verne Caverly, Scott Caverly.

DISTRICT No. 19.

Fall term, Dorothy L. Garland, Olive M. Garland, Nellie M. S. Hart.

## Report of Librarian.

Whole number of books,	1,331
Number added during the year,	86

Number books taken out during the year and cards issued:

Center,	books, 917	cards, 77
Bow Lake,	" 523	" 13
Whitcher's,	" 401	" 14
Blue Hills,	" 290	" 124

MRS. H. S. HILL,

*Librarian.*

CENTER STRAFFORD, Feb. 15, 1909.

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## Report of Library Trustees.

Amount in treasury, 1908,	\$ 19
received from town, 1908,	67 20
Paid F. P. Meader, for books,	52 18
librarian,	10 00
H. S. Hill, for book case,	5 00
Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1909,	21

LILLA B. FOSS,  
 ABBIE D. WHITCHER,  
 CORA A. CLARK,

*Library Trustees.*

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N. H., FROM FEB. 14, 1908, TO FEB. 14, 1909.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any).	Sex & Cond.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
			Males.	Females.	Living or Stillborn.									
1908	Strafford	Ethel B.	F	L	4	Henry G. Parshley	Mabel B. Moore	w	Strafford	Farmer	Strafford	Medford, Mass	37	31
Apr. 29	"	"	"	"	2	Frank B. Small	Nellie F. Howard	"	"	Laborer	"	Dover	33	19
June 25	"	"	"	"	1	Hervey A. Scruton	Edith A. Roberts	"	"	Farmer	"	Strafford	29	24
July 15	"	Cathawoodm'n	"	"	1	Man'n B. Woodman	Flossie Hatch	"	"	"	"	Hartford, Conn.	45	26
24	"	Beatrice	"	"	2	Walter H. Otis	Julia M. Gallant	"	"	"	"	F. E. I.	20	19
31	"	Roy C.	"	"	2	George E. Foss	Annie B. Caverly	"	"	"	"	Lowell, Mass.	37	35
Aug. 5	"	Ernest Harris'n	"	"	2	William Bateman	Lucille Varney	"	Lebanon, Me.	Shoemaker	Haverhill, Mas.	Strafford	28	21
15	"	"	"	"	3	Harry W. Howard	Sadie G. Eaton	"	Strafford	Farmer	"	"	30	27
26	"	"	"	"	4	Charles F. Hill	Eliz'th L. Leighton	"	"	"	"	"	36	31
Oct. 20	"	"	"	"	3	Harry Johnson	Flos'eM Champoin	"	"	"	Strafford	"	31	21
1909														
Jan. 23	"	"	"	"	1	Lewis Maxfield	Mildred Howard	"	"	Laborer	Rochester	"	28	18

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N. H., FROM FEB. 14, 1908, TO FEB. 14, 1909.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years.	Color of Each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom Married.		
													1908	July 6
			Julia M. Gallant	"	19	"	Domestic	Canada	Gilbert Gallant Mary Gallant	Jackson "	Cook Housewife	1	"	
	Aug. 3	"	Frank W. Huckins	Boston, Mass.	47	"	Police Officer	Madbury	Robert Huckins Mary A. Paul	Strafford Rollinsford	Farmer Housewife	2	Rev. C. E. Davis, Strafford	
			Catherine V. Moody	Haverhill, Ms	34	"	Traid Nurse	Haverhill	Eugene B. Neal Annie M. Manning	Haverhill, Ms Bradford	Farmer Housewife	2	"	
	19	Rochester	Herman Winkley	Strafford	34	"	Farmer	Strafford	Belinda Holmes Charles L. Chesley	Strafford Barnstead	Farmer Farmer	1	Rev. D. B. Dow, Rochester	
			Winifred E. Chesley	Barnstead	29	"	Domestic	Barnstead	Martha Bodge Henry R. Foss	" Strafford	Housewife Farmer	1	"	
	Sept. 16	Strafford	Edgar H. Foss	Strafford	22	"	Farmer	Strafford	Addie R. Tripp Harrison Berry	Barnstead Strafford	Housewife Farmer	1	Rev. D. A. Gammon, Strafford	
			Grace L. Berry	"	19	"	Domestic	"	Carrie Merrison Charles O. Canney	Barrington Farmington	Housewife Farmer	1	"	
	Oct. 7	Pittsfield	H. Leslie Canney	"	27	"	Clerk	"	Abbie E. Page Albert S. Babb	Rochester Barnstead	Housewife Shoemaker	1	Rev. M. Remick, Pittsfield	
			Lillian M. Babb	Pittsfield	26	"	Teacher	Pittsfield	Adie G. Gray John D. Nutter	Strafford Barnstead	Housewife None	1	"	
	Dec. 31	Rochester	Ralph L. Nutter	Barnstead	27	"	Machinist	Barnstead	Sarah A. Emmerson Herbert J. Holmes	Barnstead Strafford	Housewife Farmer	1	Rev. B. Dow, Rochester	
			Ardena Holmes	Strafford	23	"	Shoemaker	Strafford	Francis Hayes	Farmington	Housewife	1	"	
	1909													
	Jan. 2	"	Willie F. Caverly	"	41	"	Farmer	"	George A. Caverly Martha Boddy	Strafford	Farmer Housewife	2	Rev. Geo. L. Mason, Rochester	
			Myra E. Rollins	Barrington	28	"	Houseke'p'r	Somerswo'h	Stephen A. Boston Hannah Giles	Barrington "	Farmer Housewife	2	"	
			Frank S. Freeman	Strafford	20	"	Teamster	Strafford	Frank L. Freeman Eva Foss	Northwood Springfield	Shoemaker Housewife	1	Rev. C. E. Davis, Strafford	
			Hattie B. Sweatland	Hatfield, Mas.	22	"	P't B'k hand	Amherst, Ms	Charles Sweatland Mary Shumway	Springfield Hadley, Ms	Housewife "	1	"	

\* Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2nd, etc.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N. H., FROM FEB. 14, 1908, TO FEB. 14, 1909.

Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.		Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease, or Cause of Death.				
			Years.	Months.						Father.	Mother.						
1908	Mar. 10	Strafford	Preston H. Bennett	24	3	4	Strafford	M	w	W	Farmer	Northwo'd	Strafford	Prest'n H. Bennett Nathaniel Foss	Lula C. Sewell Rebecca Adams		
	15	"	Obediah M. Foss	89	2	29	Barrington	"	"	M	"	"	Strafford	Samuel Leighton	Adeline		
	Apr. 10	"	Steph'n M. Leighton	80	5	18	Strafford	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
	19	"	George W. Downs	81	3	5	Berwick	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
	26	"	Luther C. Critchett	72	8	25	Strafford	"	"	"	"	Barrington	Reuben Critch	Joel Babb	Aaron		
	30	"	Anna B. Young	50	5	"	"	F	"	M	Housewife	"	"	"	"		
	May 2	"	John J. Foss	52	5	20	"	"	"	M	"	Strafford	"	"	"		
	July 26	"	William A. Foss	76	8	20	"	"	"	M	Farmer	Barrington	Northwo'd	Ephram O. Foss	Martha Pillsbury	Old Age	
	Aug. 8	"	Joshua Otis	87	7	7	"	"	"	M	"	"	"	"	"	Bright's Disease	
	23	"	Charles J. Daly	56	5	19	Strafford	M	"	R. E. Broker	Boston, Ms	Boston, Ms	Strafford	Mary A. Connor Chas. F. Hill	Eliz'h L. Leighton Abbie Clough	Com. of Nervous System	
	26	"	Infant	54	8	14	"	"	"	"	Housewife	Barnstead	"	"	"	Stillborn	
	Sept. 15	N.H.S.H.	Cynthia A. Lee	44	4	12	Bath, Me.	"	"	W	"	"	"	"	"	Epilepsy	
	Oct. 17	N.H.S.H.	Sally E. Babb	74	4	12	Bath, Me.	"	"	M	"	"	"	"	"	Chronic Inter. Nephritis	
	20	Strafford	Carrie Ackerman	94	10	23	Rochester	"	"	M	"	"	"	"	"	Hemorrhage	
	Dec. 1	"	Demeritt Place	83	28	Barrington	"	"	"	M	Retired	Barrington	Barnstead	Sally Demeritt Mehita Winkley	"	Senility	
	10	"	Isaac G. Felker	83	28	Barrington	"	"	"	M	"	"	"	"	"	Valvular Heart Disease	
	1909																
	Jan. 26	"	Abagail D. Foss	75	8	21	Strafford	F	"	M	Housewife	Strafford	"	Francis Winkley Sally Lougee	"	Senile Gangrene	

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. FRANK W. HILTON, TOWN CLERK.





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