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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN of WEBSTER
1909.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

Selectmen, Treasurer, Road Agents, School
Board, School District Treasurer,
Library Trustees and Vital
Statistics

of the

Town of Webster

For the Year Ending February 15, 1909

PENACOOK, N. H.
W. B. RANNEY, PRINTER
1909

TOWN OFFICERS

1908

Moderator

JOSEPH H. NOYES.

Clerk,

HENRY DODGE

Treasurer,

HERBERT C. WHITNEY

Selectmen.

MILAN J. GILMAN

BEN P. LITTLE

CHARLES H. PUTNEY

Collector.

LUTHER C. PUTNEY

Representative to General Court,

JAMES M. SNYDER

Supervisors of the Check List.

JOHN C. FAIRBANKS

JOSEPH E. MORSE

HENRY I. BURBANK

Road Agents.

GEORGE S. SCRIBNER

D. LAWRENCE HOLMES

BERT E. HOLMES

Library Trustees.

IRVIN A. BURBANK

MRS. VIENNA D. PEARSON

DAVID A. MACURDY

Board of Health.

JOSEPH H. NOYES
DANIEL G. HOLMES
HENRY DODGE

Constable.

JOSEPH H. NOYES

Auditors.

MILTON J. WALKER
IRVIN A. BURBANK

Officers of the School District

Moderator.

JAMES L. COLBY

Clerk.

HARVEY C. SAWYER

Treasurer.

MARY COLBY

School Board.

LUTHER C. PUTNEY
JAMES L. COLBY
HARRY H. KIMBALL

Auditors.

IRVIN A. BURBANK
MILTON J. WALKER

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

[L. s.] *To the inhabitants of the town of Webster in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.*

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said Webster on Tuesday, the ninth 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 sum of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of money necessary to secure State aid for highways.

4. To raise such sums as may be necessary for repairing town highways and bridges.

5. To see what amount of money the town will raise and appropriate for Old Home Day.

6. To see what amount of money the town will raise and appropriate for Memorial Day.

Given under our hands and seal the eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and nine.

MILTON J. GILMAN,
BEN P. LITTLE,
CHARLES H. PUTNEY,
Selectmen of Webster.

A true copy of Warrant— Attest:

MILAN J. GILMAN
BEN P. LITTLE,
CHARLES H. PUTNEY,

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Statement of joint Fund Account. Nov. 24, 1908,
for town of Webster.

| | Bal. 1907 | 1908 | Total |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Town contribution | \$81.08 | \$457.50 | \$538.58 |
| State " | 48.65 | 274.20 | 322.85 |
| Total Joint Fund, | \$129.73 | 731.70 | 861.43 |
| Town disbursements approved, | | \$713.07 | |
| *State Disbursements, | | 5.34 | |
| Total disbursements, | | | \$718.41 |
| Paid by State to Town, | \$263.88 | | |
| †Balance in Town Treasury, | | 89.39 | |
| " " State " | | 53.63 | |
| Total unexpended balance, | | | 143.02 |

*State disbursements indicated above are payments made by the State from the joint fund for surveys, plans, inspection, or advertising.

†The balance in the Town treasury remains for future expenditure in accordance with Chapter 35, Laws of 1905, and the regulations adopted by the Governor and Council.

A. W. DEAN.

State Engineer.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Statement Relating to State Aid for Highways in Town of Webster

Under Chapter 29 of the Laws of 1899, towns are required to raise one-fourth of one per cent of their valuation for maintenance of roads, provided, however, that no

town is required to raise an amount exceeding \$50 per mile of road. The valuation of the towns for 1909 and the actual mileage of roads in each town cannot be definitely stated at this date, hence the amounts opposite "A" and "C" below are approximate only.

Subject to the above statement, the following amounts relate to the above-named town:

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| A. Amount required to be raised under the law of 1899, one-fourth of one per cent | \$745.14 |
| B. Additional amount if towns applies for state aid | <u>149.00</u> |
| C. Total minimum amount required to be raised for highway purposes if town applies for state aid | 894.14 |

If no application for state aid is made in 1909, the town is required under Section 3 of Chapter 35. Laws of 1905, to set apart and expend for permanent improvement the sum of \$298.00

If the town does apply for state aid under the above-mentioned law of 1905, a joint fund for the town is formed, the items of which are as follows:

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Set apart by town under Section 3 | \$298.00 |
| Set apart by town under Section 4 | 149.00 |
| Apportioned by state under Section 5 | <u>268.20</u> |
| Total joint fund raised in 1909 | 715.20 |
| Unexpended balance from funds of previous years. | <u>143.02</u> |
| Total available fund | 858.22 |

The unexpended balance from funds of previous years is divided between the town treasury and the state treasury, as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Amount in town treasury | \$89.39 |
| Amount in state treasury | 53.63 |

A. W. DEAN,
State Engineer.

Inventory of the Town

As listed by the selectmen for the purpose of assessing the taxes April 1, 1908.

| | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| 138 polls | | \$13,800.00 |
| Improved and unimproved lands and buildings | \$211,825.00 | |
| 203 horses | 14,420.00 | |
| 28 oxen | 1,760.00 | |
| 305 cows | 7,490.00 | |
| 76 neat stock | 1,310.00 | |
| 395 sheep | 1,400.00 | |
| 3 hogs | 30.00 | |
| 150 fowls | 60.00 | |
| 1 carriage | 100.00 | |
| 1 portable mill | 800.00 | |
| Money on hand or at interest | 7,610.00 | |
| Stock in trade | 3,650.00 | |
| Lumber, sawed and in log | 23,200.00 | |
| Acqueducts | 6,000.00 | |
| Mills and machinery | 4,600.00 | |
| Total valuation | | \$298,055.00 |

Rate of taxation \$1.85 on \$100.00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1909.

Amount of tax assessed April 1, 1908, and committed to L. C. Putney collector, \$5,514.13

RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Cash in Treasurer's hands Feb. 15, '08, | 2,244.75 |
| A. C. Call interest on David N. Couch note | 16.51 |
| C. H. Putney temporary loan | 500.00 |
| State Engineer | 263.88 |
| Railroad Tax | 296.86 |
| Savings Bank Tax | 1,692.67 |
| Literary Funds | 45.36 |
| Merrimack County Aid dependent Soldiers | 21.00 |
| Old windows sold | 1.00 |
| C. H. Putney old bridge | 10.00 |
| Arthur Rayno tax paid after abatements | 1.35 |
| F. J. Constantine, pedler's license | 5.00 |
| Town Clerk, dog tax | 121.23 |
| L. C. Putney collector on 1906 list | 16.72 |
| L. C. Putney collector on 1907 list | 327.57 |
| L. C. Putney, collector on 1908 list | 5000.91 |
| L. C. Putney, collector Interest | 8.76 |
| Total receipts | <u>\$10,573.57</u> |

Expenditures.

MISCELLANEOUS.

| | |
|--|---------|
| Paid W. B. Ranney, printing town reports | \$34.00 |
| Scott S. Sanborn, destroying moth nests | 5.25 |
| W. F. Fuller, order books and printing | 4.30 |
| Edson C. Eastman, supplies | 1.78 |
| M. J. Gilman, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood for town house | 2.50 |
| Edson C. Eastman, books for tax collector and supplies | 1.75 |
| Milton J. Walker, cash paid express and postage | 1.08 |
| N. Y. B. MacKenzie, M. D., returning births and deaths | 2.50 |
| Edward Webster, taxes on Jackman woodlot in town of Boscawen | 3.11 |
| B. P. Little, care of tramps | 4.00 |
| Geo. C. Hale, driving hearse and digging grave | 6.00 |
| Wm. Berwick, drawing roller to Couch barn | .50 |
| Newell Watson, driving hearse | 1.50 |
| D. G. Holmes, repairing road machine and cash paid for express | 4.25 |
| John Hadlock, repairs for road machine | 11.85 |
| C. F. Sanborn, Old Home Day appropriation | 25.00 |
| G. A. Locke, care of Town Hall and sawing wood | 4.20 |
| B. C. Tilton, repairing Cemetery fence | 1.43 |

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|------|--|-------|
| Paid | F. D. Tilton, digging grave | 1.50 |
| | B. C. Tilton, " graves | 7.00 |
| | J. E. Morse, cash paid check list blanks | .40 |
| | Harry I. Burbank, cash paid for blanks | .60 |
| | Henry H. Kimball, use of water on highway | 3.00 |
| | David McCurdy, exp. Memorial Day | 4.63 |
| | R. T. Gould, surveying and mak- ing plan of new highway | 5.00 |
| | B. E. Holmes, driving hearse | 4.50 |
| | H. B. Eaton, care Riverdale Cemetery and digging graves | 10.50 |
| | Frank B. Courser, driving hearse | 1.50 |
| | H. F. Pearson, services looking up records for discontinuing highway | 2.50 |
| | James L. Colby, use of water on highway | 3.00 |
| | Charles H. Putney, use of water on highway | 3.00 |
| | Kirk Bills, Office rent | 5.00 |
| | Ben P. Little, cash paid for printing | .65 |
| | E. J. Hardy, use of water on highway | 3.00 |
| | Luther C. Putney, cash paid tax bills and postage | 3.85 |
| | Wm. Austin, fighting fire | 3.00 |
| | Henry Dodge notifying selectmen and jurors | 5.00 |
| | Henry Dodge, recording appointments | 2.75 |
| | Henry Dodge, copying inventory | 3.00 |

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|------|---|--------|
| Paid | Henry Dodge, returning and re- cording births, marriages and deaths | 7.25 |
| | Grace B. Dodge, use of water on highway 1907-08 | 5.00 |
| | C. F. Whitcomb, M. D. record of births | 2.25 |
| | Charles H. Putney, cash paid out | 1.50 |
| | Daniel G. Holmes, use of water on highway | 3.00 |
| | Milan J. Gilman, cash paid out | 4.75 |
| | Milan J. Gilman, use of water on highway | 3.00 |
| | Herbert C. Whitney, postage | .82 |
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| | | 215.95 |

TUITION BILLS.

| | | |
|------|---|--------|
| Paid | Simonds Free High School tuition of Annie R. Sanborn | 40.00 |
| | N. H. Literary and Biblical Institu- tion tuition of Emma J. Little | 40.00 |
| | Hopkinton High School tuition Nora Mignault from Sept. 1, 1907 to June 19, 1908 | 30.00 |
| | Hopkinton High School tuition Grace Lightfoot from Sept. 1, 1907 to March 7, 1908 | 20.00 |
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| | | 130.00 |

SCHOOL MONEY.

| | | |
|------|--|----------|
| Paid | Mary Colby, district treasurer | 1,534.76 |
| | Mary Colby district treasurer text books and supplies | 62.82 |
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| | | 1,597.58 |

STATE AND COUNTY TAX

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------|
| Paid P. C. Clough, county treasurer | | |
| county tax | | \$1,044.80 |
| Solan A. Carter, state treasurer | | |
| State Tax | | 820.00 |
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| | | \$1,864.80 |

STEEL BRIDGE AND ABUTMENTS

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|------------|
| Paid James Wood, contract for | | |
| abutments | | \$400.00 |
| B. P. Little, work unloading | | |
| bridge | | 2.25 |
| United Construction Co. contract | | |
| for bridge | | 954.00 |
| F. W. Courser, drawing bridge | | |
| from Bagleys | | 33.00 |
| A. W. Dean, services as engineer | | 47.70 |
| Burbank Bros. plank for bridge | | 59.13 |
| Total cost of bridge and abutments | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,496.08 |

AID, DEPENDENT SOLDIER'S AND FAMILIES [COUNTY]

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------|
| Paid Fred A. Dodge, goods furnished | | |
| Judith B. George | | 21.00 |
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| | | \$21.00 |

LIBRARY APPROPRIATION

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|---------------------------------|--|---------|
| Paid Irving A. Burbank, trustee | | \$49.20 |
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AUSTIN SHEEP CASE

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|------------------------------------|--|---------|
| Paid Martin & Howe, damage allowed | | |
| Wm. W. Austin, by court | | \$34.00 |
| Martin & Howe, costs of court | | 24.78 |
| M. J. Gilman, services | | 6.00 |
| B. P. Little services | | 5.00 |
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| | | 69.78 |

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS

| | | | |
|------|--|-------|---------------|
| Paid | Charles A. Piper, damage to sheep | 10.00 | |
| | Ben P. Little, estimating damage and milage | 2.00 | |
| | | | <hr/> \$12.00 |

ABATEMENTS

| | | | |
|------|---|--------|---------------|
| Paid | L. C. Putney, abatements on list of 1906 | \$2.07 | |
| | L. C. Putney, abatements on list of 1907 | 26.95 | |
| | | | <hr/> \$29.02 |

TOWN HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE BILLS

By Order of Selectmen

| | | | |
|------|---|-------|--|
| Paid | John George, snowing Farnum bridge | 2.50 | |
| | Geo. C. Chase, snowing 2 bridges at Sweatt's Mills | 5.50 | |
| | Wm. Berwick, running roller | 24.00 | |
| | I. H. Scribner, snowing Snyder bridge | 2.50 | |
| | E. J. Scribner, running roller after settlement of Feb. 15, 1908 | 29.05 | |
| | A. H. Trumbrull, snowing Bur- bank bridge | 2.50 | |
| | B. P. Little, labor on temporary road | 4.50 | |
| | Geo. S. Scribner, housing snow roller 1906-1907 | 3.00 | |
| | F. A. George, labor on tempo- rary road | 2.75 | |
| | Wm. Berwick, grading at bridge | 4.00 | |
| | Arthur Chase " " " | 1.50 | |
| | B. P. Little " " " | 7.25 | |

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| Paid | Geo. S. Scribner, putting up railing and labor on cross road near J. M. Snyder's | 12.44 |
| | D. G. Holmes, lumber | 18.37 |
| | G. A. Locke, irons for bridge | 1.20 |
| | H. C. Dustin, work near Davisville | 12.50 |
| | C. H. Putney, work on highway | 17.00 |
| | Arthur Colby, near J. L. Colby's | 4.50 |
| | Arthur French, work on highway near J. L. Colby's | 4.50 |
| | Wm. Berwick, work on highway near J. L. Colby's | 12.00 |
| | Robert Pearson, work on highway near J. L. Colby's | 4.50 |
| | B. G. Holmes, work on highway J. M. Colby's | 12.00 |
| | B. P. Little, work on highway near J. L. Colby's | 3.75 |
| | Arthur H. Roby, work on highway | 5.25 |
| | M. J. Gilman, " " | 15.00 |
| | C. F. Sanborn " " | 1.50 |
| | H. F. Pearson, use of land for temporary road and labor on same | 7.50 |
| | Wm. W. Burbank, use of land for temporary road | 5.00 |
| | Wm. W. Burbank, gravel and labor | 3.00 |
| | Harry H. Kimball, snowing Black- water bridge | 2.50 |
| | F. A. George, work on highway | .40 |
| | Geo. S. Scribner, work on bridges and railings | 2.90 |
| | Wm. W. Austin, grade furnished 1906-07-08 | 13.00 |
| | J. S. Whittier, work on highway, 1907 | 2.00 |

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| Paid Adams Bros., damages for laying out new highway | 100.00 |
| Lloyd Stone, work on highway | .60 |
| David G. Holmes, plank and shingle | 4.41 |
| Milan J. Gilman, service in con- nection with laying out and discontinuing highway | 18.90 |
| Curtice & Co., tile and pick | 6.53 |

\$380.30

STATE HIGHWAY BILLS

Sweatts Mills District

| | |
|--|---------|
| Paid B. P. Little, man and team 11 days | \$44.00 |
| B. P. Little, man 10½ " | 15.75 |
| A. H. Roby 10 " | 15.00 |
| Charles Hanson 9 " | 13.50 |
| Robert Pearson 14 " | 21.00 |
| Walter Chase 7½ " | 11.25 |
| Arthur Colby 5 " | 7.50 |
| Arthur French 4 " | 6.00 |
| Guy Chase 3 " | 4.50 |
| Andrew George 11 " | 16.50 |
| Geo. A. Locke, sharpening drills | 1.25 |
| Fred A. George, damage to plow | 6.00 |
| B. E. Holmes, man and team 11 days | 44.00 |
| Wm. Berwick, man and team 11 days | 44.00 |
| H. W. Marshall, for dynamite | 6.95 |
| F. L. Sweatt for grade | 15.00 |
| M. J. Gilman, 10½ days | 18.38 |
| M. J. Gilman, cash paid repairing tools | .90 |
| M. J. Gilman, driving with engineer | 2.50 |

\$293.98

STATE HIGHWAY BILLS
Farnum Bridge District

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Paid Daniels G. Holmes | 16½ days | \$28.87 |
| C. F. Chase | 14½ " | 21.75 |
| G. S. Johnson | 16 " | 24.00 |
| Guy Chase | 17 " | 25.50 |
| J. Moses | 17 " | 25.50 |
| C. H. George | 14⅓ " | 21.50 |
| Eli Mayo | 12 " | 18.00 |
| B. E. Holmes man and team | | 20.50 |
| John Kilborn man and team | | |
| | 2¾ days | 11.00 |
| George Hanson, 12 days | | 18.00 |
| Stilman Clough, man and team | | |
| | 17½ days | 70.00 |
| D. L. Holmes, man & team | 17 d | 68.00 |
| Forest Hanson | 1 day | 1.50 |
| Will Hanson | 1 " | 1.50 |
| C. W. Towle, | 4 " | 6.00 |
| H. W. Marshall, dynamite | | 4.54 |
| W. S. Putney, grade | | 15.00 |

\$381.16

Completing Blackwater Road

| | | |
|--------------------|------|--------|
| Paid M. J. Gilman | work | \$1.63 |
| George S. Scribner | " | 10.55 |
| John Kilborn | " | 8.00 |
| Eli Mayo | " | 3.00 |
| George D. Kenevel | " | 2.70 |
| I. H. Scribner | " | 4.05 |
| Curtice & Co. Tile | | 8.00 |

37.93

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|--------------------|--------|
| Sweatts Mills Road | 293.98 |
| Farnum Bridge road | 381.16 |
| Blackwater road | 37.93 |

713.07

Total expenditures

ROAD AGENTS

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| District No. 1 Appropriation | \$250.00 | |
| Paid George S. Scribner, Agent | | \$260.09 |
| District No. 2 Appropriation | \$250.00 | |
| Paid Daniel L. Holmes, Agent | | \$278.66 |
| District No. 3 Appropriation | \$250.00 | |
| Paid Bert E. Holmes, Agent | | \$339.63 |
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| | | \$878.38 |

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

| | | |
|--|--------|---------|
| Paid Milton J. Walker, services as Auditor | \$1.00 | |
| Mary Colby, Dist. Treasurer | 10.00 | |
| James L. Colby, member school Board | 22.00 | |
| Harry H. Kimball, member School Board | 17.00 | |
| Luther C. Putney, member School Board | 25.00 | |
| Harvey C. Sawyer District clerk | 2.00 | |
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| | | \$77.00 |

NOTES

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| Paid Charles H. Putney, note and interest | | 515.75 |
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| | | \$515.75 |

TOWN OFFICERS.

| | | |
|--|-------|--|
| Paid Milton J. Walker, services as selectman after settlement of Feb. 15, 1908 | 14.95 | |
| Joseph E. Morse, services as supervisor | 10.00 | |
| Henry I. Burbank, services as supervisor | 10.00 | |
| John C. Fairbanks, services as supervisor | 10.00 | |

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|--|-------|
| Ben P. Little, services as selectman from Feb. 15, 1908 to Feb. 15, 1909 | 52.20 |
| Charles H. Putney, services as selectman from Mar. 10 to Feb. 15, 1909 | 39.00 |
| Milan J. Gilman, services as selectman from Feb. 15, 1908 to Feb. 15, 1909 | 57.10 |
| Louis Blanchard, service as ballot clerk, 1906 | 2.00 |
| Luther C. Putney, service as ballot clerk, 1908 | 2.00 |
| Luther C. Putney, service as auditor | 1.00 |
| Joseph H. Noyes, member of Board of Health | 2.00 |
| Joseph H. Noyes, service as constable | 6.00 |
| Henry Dodge, service town clerk | 18.00 |
| Herbert C. Whitney, service town treasurer | 25.00 |
| Luther C. Putney, pay in part collecting 1908 list | 40.00 |

\$289.25

SUMMARY

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Miscellaneous | 215.95 |
| School money | 1,597.58 |
| Tuition bills | 130.00 |
| Austin Sheep Case | 69.78 |
| Damage to sheep by dogs | 12.00 |
| Library appropriation | 49.20 |
| State tax | 820.00 |
| County tax | 1,044.80 |
| Town highway and bridge bills | 380.30 |

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|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Steel bridge and abutments | 1,496.08 | |
| State highway bills | 713.07 | |
| Road agents | 878.38 | |
| School District officers | 77.00 | |
| Town officers | 289.25 | |
| Abatements | 29 02 | |
| Notes | 515.75 | |
| Aid dependent soldiers and families | 21.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total expenditures | | \$8,339.16 |
| Cash in hand of H. C. Whitney | | |
| town Treasurer | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2234 41 |
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| | | 10,573.57 |

ASSETS.

| | | |
|---|----------|------------|
| Due from C. H. Putney, collector list '04 | 25.00 | |
| " " L. C. Putney, " " '06 | 12.01 | |
| " " " " " " '07 | 35.72 | |
| " " " " " " '08 | 513.22 | |
| Cash in hands H.C. Whitney, town treas. | 2,234.41 | |
| Jackman wood lot | 250.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance in favor of the Town | | \$3,070.36 |

Respectfully submitted,

MILAN J. GILMAN.

BEN P. LITTLE.

CHARLES. H. PUTNEY.

Selectmen of Webster.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1909.

| | | |
|---|-----------|------------------|
| Cash in Treasury Feb. 15, 1908 | \$2244.75 | |
| Rec'd of State Engineer | 263.88 | |
| Town Clerk, Dog tax | 121.23 | |
| State Treasurer, Railroad tax | 296.86 | |
| " " Savings bank tax | 1692.67 | |
| " " Literary fund | 45.36 | |
| County Aid for Dependent Soldiers | 21.00 | |
| A. C. Call, Int. on Couch note | 16.51 | |
| Charles H. Putney, Temporary loan | 500.00 | |
| F. J. Constantine, pedlers license | 5.00 | |
| For old sash | 1.00 | |
| For old bridge | 10.00 | |
| L. C. Putney, Col. 1906 list | 16.72 | |
| " " " " 1907 " | 327.57 | |
| " " " " interests | 8.76 | |
| " " " " 1908 list | 5000.91 | |
| Tax paid after abatement | 1.35 | |
| Total receipts | | <u>10,573.57</u> |
| By cash paid on orders of Selectmen | | <u>8339.16</u> |
| Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1909 | | 2234.41 |
| Held in trust C. C. Coffin fund, \$200.00 and interest. | | |

Respectfully submitted

HERBERT C. WHITNEY,

Treasurer.

Auditors' Report

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year ending Feb. 15, 1909 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

MILTON J. WALKER

IRVIN A. BURBANK,

Auditors

WEBSTER, N. H. FEB. 18, 1909

Road Agents' Report

GEORGE S. SCRIBNER'S ROAD ACCOUNT,

FOR DISTRICT NO. 1,

FROM FEB. 15, 1908, TO FEB. 13, 1909.

| | | |
|---|--------|-------------------|
| Received of town treasurer by order of selectmen | 235.09 | |
| Paid for shoveling winter, 1908, | | |
| G. S. Scribner, 5 hours | .75 | <u> </u> |
| | | .75 |
| Paid for running roller, winter 1908 | | |
| Winnepocket farm, man, team 2 days | 8.00 | |
| G. S. Scribner, with team, 2 days | 8.00 | <u> </u> |
| | | 16.00 |
| Paid for washouts | | |
| G. S. Scribner, team, 1 day, 5¼ hrs | 6.05 | |
| I. H. Scribner, 2 days, 2 hrs, | 3.30 | |
| G. S. Scribner, 4 hrs, | .60 | <u> </u> |
| | | 9.95 |
| Paid for work on culverts, | | |
| G. S. Scribner, with team drawing tile and work 2 days, 3½ hours | 7.70 | |

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| I. H. Scribner, 1 day, 5 hours | 2.58 |
| James Williams, 1 day, 3 hours | 2.28 |
| G. S. Scribner, 2 hours | .30 |
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| | 12.86 |

Paid for work on Osier bridge

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| I. H. Scribner, 3 hours | .45 |
| G. S. Scribner, 2 hours | .30 |
| G. S. Scribner, with team 1 hour | .40 |
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| | 1.15 |

Paid for getting out rocks and carting

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| G. S. Scribner, team, 7 days, $1\frac{1}{4}$ hrs. | 28.49 |
| I. H. Scribner, 10 days, 8 hours | 18.91 |
| James Williams, 8 days, 7 hours | 15.48 |
| Fred Drown, 5 days | 8.75 |
| Arthur Raino, 1 day, 1 hour | 1.93 |
| Fred Bean, 1 day | 1.75 |
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| | 75.31 |

Paid for work with machine

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| G. S. Scribner, with team, 3 days | 12.00 |
| Winnepocket farm, man, team 3 days | 12.00 |
| Burton Little, with 4 horses, 1 day | 8.00 |
| W. M. Sanborn, running machine 4 days | 8.00 |
| I. H. Scribner, 4 days | 7.00 |
| Fred Drown, 4 days | 7.00 |
| Fred Bean, 3 days | 5.25 |
| Arthur Raino, 3 days | 5.25 |
| James Williams, | 1.75 |
| G. S. Scribner, 1 day | 1.75 |
| Oscar Drown, 4 hours | .70 |
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| | \$68.70 |

Paid For raking out rocks

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| I. H. Scribner, 1 day, 5 hours | 2.50 |
| Fred Drown, 1 day | 1.75 |

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| James Williams, 7 hours | 1.22 | |
| G. S. Scribner, 5 hours | .75 | |
| | | \$6.22 |

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| Paid for work on Pond Hill, Call and Putney Roads | | |
| Winnepocket Farm | 46.35 | |
| | | 46.35 |

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| Paid for work on State road, by Dr. Noyes | | |
| I. H. Scribner, 3 hours | .45 | |
| G. S. Scribner, 3 hours | .45 | |
| | | .90 |

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| Paid for running roller, 1909- | | |
| Winnepocket Farm, man and team | | |
| 2 days, 5 hours | 10.00 | |
| G. S. Scribner, with team, 2 d. 5 h. | 10.00 | |
| | | \$20.00 |

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| Paid for shoveling and breaking road | | |
| Fred Drown, 4 hours | .60 | |
| G. S. Scribner, 6 hours | .90 | |
| G. S. Scribner with team, 1 hour | .40 | |
| | | \$1.90 |

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| Total expenditures | \$260.09 |
| Appropriation | 250.00 |

Respectfully submitted
 GEORGE S. SCRIBNER,
Road Agent.

DANIEL LAWRENCE HOLMES ROAD AGENT,
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1909.

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| Appropriation for district No. 2, one third to be reserved for winter use | \$250.00 |
| Received of town treasurer by order of selectmen | 278.66 |

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| Paid D. L. Holmes for breaking roads after settlement Feb. 15, 1908 | 20.00 | |
| Work with Road Machine. | | |
| Paid D. L. Holmes with 4 horses, drawing road machine 8 days | 64.00 | |
| G. F. Johnson, leveling road 8 days | 14.00 | |
| Stillman Clough " " 7½ days | 13.12 | |
| C. F. Chase " " 7 " " | 12.25 | |
| Guy Chase " " 2 " " | 3.50 | |
| D. G. Holmes, running machine 7 days | 14.00 | |
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| | | 120.87. |
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| Paid D. L. Holmes for two horse team and driver 2½ days at 4.00 | 10.00 | |
| Two horse team and driver 2 days at 3.50 | 7.00 | |
| 4 oxen and driver plowing road | 1.10 | |
| Oxen and Cart 5 days at 1.50 | 7.50 | |
| W. Chase 5 days at 1.50 | 7.50 | |
| C. F. Chase 3 days | 4.50 | |
| James Moses 5 days | 8.75 | |
| Guy Chase | 7.87 | |
| G. S. Johnson | 1.60 | |
| Bert Holmes and team 1 day | 4.00 | |
| 2 men 1 day | 3.25 | |
| D. G. Holmes 76 hours | 11.41 | |
| D. G. Holmes 15 hours | 2.62 | |
| Walter Chase | .85 | |
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| | | \$77.95 |
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| Cutting bushes | | |
| Paid James Moses | \$1.75 | |
| Guy Chase | 5.75 | |
| C. F. Chase | 1.75 | |
| F. E. Chase | 13.80 | |
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| | | \$23.05 |

Breaking Roads running snow roller

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| Paid D. L. Holmes and 4 horses | |
| running roller 1 day | 8.00 |
| Stilman Clough and 4 horses 1 day | 8.00 |
| D. L. Holmes and 4 horses $\frac{1}{2}$ day | 4.00 |
| Oxen and driver $\frac{1}{2}$ day | 1.50 |
| Stilman Clough and 4 horses $\frac{1}{3}$ day | 2.67 |
| D. L. Holmes and 4 horses $\frac{3}{4}$ day | 6.00 |
| Stilman Clough $\frac{3}{4}$ day | 1.12 |
| Stillman Clough and 4 horses $\frac{1}{2}$ day | 4.00 |
| Oxen and driver $\frac{1}{2}$ day. | 1.50 |
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| | 36.79 |

Respectfully Submitted,
DANIEL LAWRENCE HOLMES.

Road Agent.

BERT E. HOLMES ROAD AGENT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1909

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| Received of town treasurer by order of selectmen | \$339.63 |
| Paid S. P. Stevens $\frac{1}{2}$ day | \$0.75 |
| Arthur Trumbull $1\frac{1}{2}$ days | 2.25 |
| Guy Chase 6 days | 9.00 |
| Bert Tilton $6\frac{3}{4}$ days | 10.13 |
| Carl French 2 days | 3.00 |
| Carl Torrence 1 day | 1.50 |
| Ralph Cross 17 days | 25.50 |
| B. E. Holmes 32 day | 56.00 |
| Man with team $29\frac{1}{4}$ days | 117.00 |
| Walter Chase 6 days | 9.00 |
| man with 5 horses $5\frac{3}{4}$ days | 51.75 |
| 2 men raking rocks 1 day | 3.00 |
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| | \$288.88 |

Breaking Roads

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|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Paid man with team drawing roller | | |
| 5½ days | 44.00 | |
| John Fairbanks with pair horses | | |
| 1 day | 4.00 | |
| Use of horses 1 day | 2.00 | |
| Man shoveling ½ day | .75 | |
| | | 50.75 |
| Total expenditures | | \$339.63 |
| Appropriation | | 250.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

BERT E. HOLMES,

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB 15, 1909

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| Cash on hand | \$103.43 | |
| Appropriation by Town | 49.20 | |
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| | | \$152.63 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| Paid Burbank Bros. for lumber | \$9.35 | |
| Mary F. Sawyer for books | 1.88 | |
| E. C. Eastman for books | 29.61 | |
| Harris Goodwin for work | 10.70 | |
| Insurance 1908-1909 | 7.50 | |
| Librarian | 19.50 | 78.54 |
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| Balance | | \$74.09 |

Respectfully submitted,
IRVIN A. BURBANK,
VIENNA D. PEARSON,
DAVID A. MACURDY,
Trustees.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Another year in our school work has passed and gone, and we are again called upon to make out our school report. In doing so we will say that we think the past year has been a success.

Perfect schools are seldom seen. Perfection is difficult of attainment, but we are ever striving for it. A first class school is now and then found in the country as well as in the city. Its pupils may have as keen minds, as good powers of assimilation and far more originality, all of which qualities go to the making of forceful men and women.

Our generals, presidents, and men of affairs are not all nurtured in the hot bed of the city life but more of them grow fresh and vigorous in our small country schools, with their rugged surroundings.

In order to have good schools we must have good teachers. To hire first class teachers, graduates of normal and training schools, requires more money than is at our command.

First class teachers can be obtained and held for any length of time only as wages are reasonably high; otherwise it naturally follows that they seek other and more remunerative fields of labor.

In any school there are a few children able to do two or three times as much work in a given time as others, and yet these two extremes of children must be placed in the same class for the very fact that the teacher does not have time to hear so many classes. For that reason your committee have seen fit to unite several of the schools and grade up the pupils so the teacher could have more time to devote to the several classes.

During the first term of the school year we maintained six schools. One at Putney Hill, Bashan, Sweatts Mills, Pleasant St. Corser Hill, and Little Hill. During the fall and winter terms we maintained four schools only, one at Putney Hill, Bashan, and two on Corser Hill.

By doing this we did not have to pay but four teachers but had to pay for the conveyance of several of the pupils. We leave this matter of uniting the schools with the parents of the pupils. But we as a committee think it was a wise thing to do.

A VITAL QUESTION.

One of the serious problems of the school is that the pupil who, for one reason or another, has fallen behind children of his own age and has lost interest in his school work. Such children often learn with more than the usual difficulty; sometimes though not lacking in quickness of perception, they are restless and mischievous; while in the case of still others, backwardness is due to frequent absence from school. Pupils who are absent for only a half day do not return to school with quite the same interest. They have lost the connection in their lessons and what is more, the feeling that they should be in school at all times is a little less imperative and its duties rests upon them a little more lightly than before.

He has by degrees become an idler and the small beginning was that first half-days unnecessary absence from school. The remedy in all such cases is to avoid the beginnings of evil; it is very much easier to prevent the formation of a bad habit than to cure one when formed.

With the fifty dollars which was appropriated for repairs we have used as follows: Put a new coat of paint on the school buildings at Putney Hill; a new hard wood floor in Corser Hill school house and a double partition in the same for the purpose of grading the schools and other minor repairs.

During the school year there has been three hundred

and sixty visits made by parents and friends, thirty of these were made by the committee. This shows an interest in the school work for which we thank you all.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE
FOR THE YEAR.

Bessie Dow, Bernard Dow, Clayton Gilman, James Trumbull, Harold Trumbull.

ONE TERM.

Henry Kilborn, Jennie Towle, Kenneth Towle, Elzard Towle, Jennie George, Julia Moses, Ida Piper, Donald Snow, Marguerite Goodhue, Alice Goodhue, Walter Goodhue, Jennie Locke, Mildred Holmes, Otis Locke, Louise Walker, Florence Thompson, Olive Stone, Winnifred Putney, Rubie Cross, Ernest Hardy, John Colby, Ernest Cross, Arthur Cross, Henry Cross.

LUTHER C. PUTNEY,
JAMES L. COLBY,
HARRY H. KIMBALL.

Members of School Board.

Report of the Treasurer of the Webster School District

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1909,

RECEIPTS.

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| Money unexpended from last year | \$4.55 |
| Rec'd of Town Treasurer, as per order Selectmen | 1534.76 |
| " text book fund | 62.82 |
| " Boscawen tuition and carrying children | 55.77 |
| Over drawn on order No. 23 | 2.00 |
| Total receipts | \$1659.90 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| Paid Edward E Babb & Co., for school supplies | \$7.50 |
| Hattie A. French, teaching 12 weeks | 90.00 |
| Silver Burdett & Co., supplies | 3.80 |
| Sylvia Ashby, teaching 12 weeks | 84.00 |
| Mattie L. Hardy, " " " | 90.00 |
| Muriel Fairchild, " " " | 84.00 |
| Abbie Cross, carrying scholars 12 weeks | 36.00 |
| Mattie George, Annie Cross, Flora Cross, for cleaning school houses | 6.00 |
| C. H. Fowler, pens and ink | 2.30 |
| E. C. Eastman, pencils and order book | 3.95 |
| Fred James, one pail and wash basin | .45 |
| Warren Fox, 6 boxes of chalk | .60 |
| Freight and express on books | .59 |
| Leslie Shepard, sawing slabs | .25 |
| Lena M. Bowles, teaching 11 week | 88.00 |
| Hattie Jordan, " " " | 77.00 |
| J. E. S. Fifield, carrying scholars | 27.50 |
| James L. Colby, school supplies | 4.00 |
| Burbank Bros., slab wood | 2.25 |

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| Paid | H. L. Sawyer, 1 load wood | 4.00 |
| | Mr. E. J. Hardy, teaching her child 8 weeks | 8.00 |
| | James L. Colby, cash paid out for material and labor on Corser Hill school house | 21.65 |
| | D. S. Heath & Co., school books | 2.52 |
| | H. I. Burbank, 4 gall. paint, nails and lock | 7.00 |
| | P. W. Rowell, work on Corser Hill school house, paint, nails and cil | 26.40 |
| | M. J. Gilman, 2 cords of wood | 9.00 |
| | F. P. Annis, painting Putney Hill school house | 16.34 |
| | C. H. Putney, repairs on school house | 1.00 |
| | Mrs. Annie D niel , cleaning school house | 2.00 |
| | Mrs. Flora Cross, " " " | 2.00 |
| | William Fisk, cleaning vault | .50 |
| | William Fisk 2 cords of wood | 10.00 |
| | C. M. & A. W. Rolfe flooring for Corser Hill school house | 36.07 |
| | J. E. Fifield, for part payment carrying children | 10.00 |
| | L. S. Tilton, cleaning school house | 2.50 |
| | Harold Stevens, sawing wood and hauling slabs | 1.00 |
| | B.C.Tilton, repairing, putting lock in, making chalk tray for black board | 1.00 |
| | J. E. S. Fifield, for carrying Little Hill scholars | 23.00 |
| | William Stevens, for carrying Battle St. scholars | 27.50 |
| | Hattie Jordan, teaching 11 weeks | 88.00 |
| | Hattie Jordan, school supplies | 1.75 |
| | Silver Burdett & Co., school supplies | 34.10 |
| | Mattie L. Hardy, in part teaching school | 50.00 |
| | Hattie French, in part teaching school | 50.00 |
| | Henry I. Burbank, paper and ten boxes chalk | 2.45 |
| | George C. Hale, painting black board and setting glass | 2.00 |
| | Burbank Bros., lumber and wood | 20.62 |

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| Paid | H. I. Burbank, for school supplies | 3.47 |
| | Hattie Jordan, teaching Corser Hill school | 73.50 |
| | Hattie French, teaching Corser Hill school | 111.50 |
| | Mattie L. Hardy, teaching school | 103.00 |
| | H. H. Kimball, wood and sundries | 6.00 |
| | Blanch Eaton, for teaching school | 153.00 |
| | Harold Stevens, sawing wood and hauling wood | 2.25 |
| | James L. Colby, for glass and school supplies | 3.55 |
| | J. E. Morse, for carrying scholars | 24.00 |
| | William Stevens, for carrying scholars | 20.00 |
| | Abbie Cross, carrying scholars, | 58.50 |
| | C. H. Fowler, for pens | .50 |
| | R. E. Lane, enumerating cards | .54 |
| | Leslie Shepard, building fires | 3.50 |
| | Towle children, building fires | 2.00 |
| | J. H. Noyes, enumerating scholars | 3.00 |
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| | | \$1,637.40 |
| | Cash in treasury to balance | 22.50 |
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| | | \$1,659.90 |

Respectfully submitted,
MARY COLBY,

Treasurer.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer of the School District of Webster and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

MILTON J. WALKER,
IRVIN A. BURBANK

Auditors.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Webster, for the Year ending December 31, 1908.

TO THE SELECTMEN: In compliance with an act of the legislature passed at the June session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report, I hereby submit the following

| Date | Name of child [if any] | Sex | Living or still-born | No. of child 1st, 2nd etc. | Color | Name of Father | Maiden name of Mother | Color of parents | Residence of parents | Occupation of Father | Birthplace of Father | Birthplace of Mother |
|---------|---------------------------|-----|----------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1908 | | | All | | | | | All | All | | | |
| Jan. 27 | Pearl Agnes | F | Living | 1 | White | Geo. A. Locke | Desdemona E Woods | White | Webster | Blacksmith | Concord | Newbury |
| Apr. 7 | Irving Nelson | M | Living | 1 | White | Guy B Chase | Emma E Demers | White | Webster | Farmer | Warner | Cowensville, Que. |
| Apr. 20 | Ethyl | F | Living | 1 | White | Geo. M Snyder | Lizzie M Langley | White | Webster | Milkman | Webster | Tilton |
| Oct. 28 | Verna Kimball | F | Living | 2 | White | Sherman P Stevens | Nina M Kimball | White | Marlboro, Mass. | Teamster | Marlboro, Mass. | West Burke, Vt. |
| Dec. 12 | Viola Mildred | F | Living | 3 | White | Edward H Mayo | Lizzie E George | White | Webster | Farmer | Webster | Bristol |
| Dec. 29 | Carl William | M | Living | 9 | White | Eugene Colby | Clara B Stevens | White | " | " | " | Salisbury |

I hereby certify that the above is correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

HENRY DODGE, TOWN CLERK.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Webster, for the Year ending December 31, 1908.

| Date | Name and surname of bride and groom | Residence of each at time of marriage | Age | Occupation | Place of Birth | Name of parents | Birthplace of parents | Name, residence and official station of person by whom married |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1908 July 23 | Ira P Whittier..... Kate H Davis | Webster | 55 56 | Farmer | Webster | Phineas W Whittier... Mary J Hickey | Webster..... New York State | Rev. G. I. Ward, Contocook |
| Sept. 23 | Bertie C Tilton | Webster | 28 | Housekeeper . Painter | Warner | James A Davis | Warner | Rev. G. H. Reed, Concord |
| | Florence A Buzzell..... | " | 28 | Housekeeper . | Webster | Frank D Tilton | Webster..... | |
| | | | | | Salisbury | Ida L Thompson..... Benj. Buzzell | Bradford, Vt..... Northwood | |
| | | | | | | Lydia F Scribner..... | Salisbury..... | |

I hereby certify that the above is correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

HENRY DODGE, TOWN CLERK.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Webster, for the Year ending December 31, 1908.

| Date of death | Name and surname of the deceased | Place of birth | Age | | | Color | Condition | Place of Birth | | Name of father | Maiden name of mother |
|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-------|--------|------|-------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | Years | Months | Days | | | Father | Mother | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1908 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 14 | David N Couch | Boscawen | 61 | 5 | 21 | S | Boscawen | Salisbury | John G Couch | Eliza Calef | |
| Feb. 23 | William F Wadleigh | Laconia | 71 | 29 | | M | Meredith | Meredith | Nathan R Wadleigh | Polly H Peabody | |
| Feb. 23 | Charles H Andrews | Plainfield | 48 | 8 | 25 | M | Plainfield | Thetford, Vt. | Nathan Andrews | Abigail Ellis | |
| May 29 | Cora E Hale | Boscawen | 33 | 7 | 4 | S | Boscawen | Nashua | George C Hale | Henrietta Champion | |
| May 23 | Edmund Silver | Bow | 75 | 8 | 7 | M | Bow | Bow | Edmund Silver | Lottie Moore | |
| Aug. 2 | Mary L Dodge | Boscawen | 86 | 8 | 9 | W | Boscawen | Boscawen | Ephraim Plumer | Lucy Gerrish | |
| Sept. 7 | Ellen K Abbott | Warner | 76 | 9 | 4 | A | | | Jabez Abbott | Eunice Moody | |
| Sept. 11 | William T Fiske | Washington | 78 | 5 | 22 | S | Hillsborough | Deering | John Fiske | Susan Craig | |
| Dec. 20 | Aseneath H Colby | Salisbury | 69 | 7 | 15 | M | | | Jewett Scribner | Eitzabeth Stevens | |
| Dec. 24 | Ellen J Courser | Brandon, Vt. | 62 | 1 | 5 | W | Cornish, Vt. | Springfield, | Hiram Thompson | Susan Kimball | |

I hereby certify that the above is correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

HENRY DODGE, TOWN CLERK.

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