

Annual Reports

of the

Town of Bennington

New Hampshire



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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

Bennington, N. H.,

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15

1916

ALSO VITAL STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1915

ANTRIM, N. H.:

H. WEBSTER ELDREDGE, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER

1916

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bennington, in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

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

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
3. To see if the town will appropriate \$50 for Memorial Day.
4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to secure hydrant service.
5. To see what action the town will take in regard to State aid for highways and the maintenance of same.
6. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for highways.
7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for lighting the streets with electricity.
8. To see what action the town will take in fixing the price of liquor license in this town or take any vote in relation thereto.
9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the suppression of the gypsy and brown-tail moths.
10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the further improvement of Sunnyside cemetery equal to that received from the indirect tax of A. A. Ramsey, as paid the town by the state treasurer in the year 1916 on railroad stock, insurance tax, and savings bank deposits or take any action thereon.

11. To see if the town will vote to accept legacies and gifts to the town in trust by different individuals, the income to be used in the care of cemetery lots.

12. To see if the town will vote to put a fire escape on the town hall and raise and appropriate money for the same.

13. To choose trustees as required by the law passed at the January session of the Legislature for 1915.

14. To see what action the town will take in regard to erecting a suitable railing along the Antrim road and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

15. To see what action the town will take in regard to recovering sidewalks and raise and appropriate money for the same.

16. To see if the town will vote to accept the legacy given by Willard S. Carkin for a town clock and take any other action in relation to the same.

17. To see if the town will vote to buy 500 feet of new cotton hose or take any action relating thereto, and make appropriation for the same.

18. To see if the town will vote to buy a piece of land suitable for a dumping ground and raise and appropriate money for the same.

19. To see if the town will vote to buy some new equipment for fighting forest fires or take any action relating thereto and appropriate money for the same.

Given under our hands and seal the twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixteen.

FRED L. EATON,
HERBERT A. EATON,
FRANK G. TRAXLER,

Selectmen of Bennington.

A true copy of warrant. Attest:

FRED L. EATON,
HERBERT A. EATON,
FRANK G. TRAXLER,

Selectmen of Bennington.

INVENTORY OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Assessed on the first day of April, 1915

218 polls at \$2.00 each	\$436 00
Land and buildings	269,250 00
70 horses	9,150 00
2 mules	250 00
8 oxen	760 00
114 cows	5,090 00
20 neat stock	705 00
16 sheep	60 00
145 fowls	87 00
29 vehicles	6,675 00
Wood and lumber	1,250 00
Stock in public funds	1,400 00
Bank stock	200 00
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit	11,914 00
Stock in trade	165,339 00
Mills and machinery	276,850 00
Aqueducts	20,000 00
Total valuation exclusive of polls	<u>\$768,980 00</u>
Total amount of taxes	\$10,817 52
Less amount of taxes exempted to veterans and their wives and widows	93 35
Amount given collector	<u>\$10,724 17</u>

Rate per cent of taxation for all purposes \$1.35 on \$100.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Uncollected on Griswold's list, 1914		\$38 13
Paid treasurer on Griswold's list 1914		38 13
Amount given Edward R. Keeser 1915		10,724 17
Paid treasurer on Keeser's list 1915	10,649 52	
Paid elsewhere and abated	21 40	
Unpaid taxes, Keeser's list Feb. 15, 1916	53 25	
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		\$10,724 17

Abatements, Keeser's List

William Wilson	\$2 00
C. E. Sawyer	2 00
Lester Nichols, paid in Boston	2 00
W. F. Cilley	2 00
Tom Cody	2 00
Pat J. Cashion, paid in Watertown, S. D.	2 00
William H. Harrison	7 06
Gilman Foote	2 34
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	\$21 40

List Unpaid Taxes Feb. 15, 1916

Benj. Pupa	19 55
W. E. Downes	31 70
Robert Shea	2 00
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	\$53 25

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Andrew Gibson, treasurer in account with town of Bennington for year ending Feb. 15, 1916.

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To cash in State treas. for state road maintenance	\$62 56
To cash in treas. for state road maintenance account	19 43
To cash in treasury other than above	132 07

Received of:

Harry Eldridge, pool table license	\$8 35
Arthur F. Bell, dog licenses	75 00
B. & M. R. R. fire at No. Bennington	10 25
Flander's Merry-go-round license	5 00

State Treasurer for:

Insurance tax	11 25
Rail road tax	652 33
Saving bank tax	908 41
Literary fund	76 05

Received of:

J. J. Griswold, tax collector 1914 list	38 13
Irving Willett and Geo. E. Quimby, rents of town hall	548 35
H. W. Wilson, court fines	16 00
E. R. Keeser, tax collector 1915 list	10,649 52
New Hampshire Saving Bank acct., G. A. Whittemore cemetery fund	108 96
Amoskeag Savings Bank, dividend C. J. Kimball Cemetery fund	3 00
Amoskeag Savings Bank, dividend A. A. Ramsay cemetery fund	88 23
Amoskeag Savings Bank, dividend A. M. Woodbury cemetery fund	85 41
State Treasurer, forest fire account	112 50
John W. Plummer, State Treas., balance liquor license fees 1914—1915	5 87
John W. Plummer, State Treas., balance liquor license fees 1915—1916	125 21

Temporary loan of First National Bank, of Hillsboro	3,000 00
State Treasurer, for State Road account	391 18
State Treasurer, for State Road maintenance account	213 53
W. S. Carkin Est. fund	415 26
Rebate legal charge, T. B. W. & McLane	9 60

\$17,771 45

MISCELLANEOUS, 1915

Paid Frank G. Traxler, services at fire	\$2 50
H. J. Thurber, printing	4 70
John B. Clarke Co., printing town reports	45 75
B. & M. R. R. mileage	11 25
Edson C. Eastman	1 70
Henry W. Wilson, insurance policy	12 00
A. C. Wisell, repairs	25
Joseph Diemond, wood	3 00
Edson C. Eastman, stationery	3 59
F. W. Odell, stationery and postage	1 25
Henry W. Wilson, help at fire	30 30
Henry W. Wilson, help at fire	4 20
Frank E. Fitts Mfg. & Supply Co., hose and couplings	141 75
A. P. Fitch Co., merchandise	2 56
H. A. Eaton, cash on freight	3 14
Hancock Fire Dept.	28 00
Leon Messer, labor in cemetery	6 00
J. M. Holt, labor in cemetery	9 40
A. P. Fitch Co., sundries	2 65
Henry W. Wilson, services at B. & M. R. R. fire	10 25
C. F. Burnham, for H. A. Jensen labor	2 00
George V. Hamlin, sealing weights and measures	6 31
Edson C. Eastman, merchandise	1 20
J. B. Varick Co., measure	75
W. O. Smith, labor	10 00

A. P. Fitch Co., sundries	4 15
A. C. Wissell, repairs	2 50
Irving Willett, William Streeter drunk case	9 62
George B. Griswold, labor with team	7 00
George B. Griswold, removing rubbish	9 52
D. F. Merrill, laying stone wall	6 00
A. P. Fitch Co., sundries	1 35
H. W. Wilson, insurance	18 13
F. A. Bartlett, signs	2 80
W. O. Smith, labor	4 00
Irving Willett, painting signs	3 00
Irving Willett, Hazel Atwood case	1 62
Goodell Co., lamps broken	54
R. E. Messer, conveyance	2 60
Goodell Co. lamp	27
Goodell Co., lighting tramp house	9 00
Lester Nichols, painting signs	12 00
H. A. Eaton, cash paid expressage	5 25
H. W. Eldredge, printing	14 00
Goodell Co., lamp	81
Bennington Water Works Co.	20 00
Goodell Co., lamp	54
W. C. Starrett, two years watering trough	20 60
H. W. Wilson, labor on Benj. Whittemore lot	3 50
H. A. Eaton, telephoning	1 94
E. D. Stevens, M. D., returning birth	25
Goodell Co., street lighting	196 00
Ezra M. Smith, legal service	5 00
H. W. Wilson, expenses scarlet fever case	11 22
H. W. Wilson, expenses to Grasmere	4 19
Fred A. Knight, supplies Board Health	2 70
H. A. Eaton, expenses	4 00
G. O. Joslin, mdse 1912, 1913, 1915	9 70
E. R. Keeser, postage	4 36
E. G. Dearborn, M. D., return of births and deaths	1 50

Goodell Co., lamp	54
C. H. Dutton, conveying Alfred Sherman to County Farm	6 00
D. F. Merrill, work in Town House yard	16 50
Irving Willett, Brown drunk case	14 39
Taggart, Burroughs, Wyman & McLane, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at Nashua	14 09
W. E. Cram, cement	17 00
Edson C. Eastman, order books	5 09
Edson C. Eastman, order books	32
F. W. Odell, express and postage	1 92
Hans A. Jensen, watching fire	2 50
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	\$822 51

SUPPORT OF POOR, 1915

Paid Hillsboro County Farm, board for Margaret Cleary	\$28 00
J. J. Griswold, wood for tramp house	2 25
Hillsboro County Farm, board for Margaret Cleary	31 00
J. J. Griswold, wood for tramp house	2 25
Hillsboro County Farm, board for Margaret Cleary	29 71
Irving Willett, care of tramps	3 00
Fred A. Knight, food for tramps	21 80
J. J. Griswold, wood	4 00
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	\$122 01

SCHOOLS, 1915

Paid Mrs. N. M. Traxler, treasurer, amount voted by district	\$1,820 00
Mrs. N. M. Traxler, treas., dog licenses	86 98
Mrs. N. M. Traxler, treas., literary fund	76 05
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	\$1,983 03

PUBLIC TAXES

Paid Albert H. White, treas., County tax	\$1,040 36	
John W. Plummer, treas., State tax	1,552 00	
		\$2,592 36

BROWN TAIL MOTH, 1915

Paid J. E. Freeman	\$2 00	
H. A. Eaton	2 00	
		\$4 00

MEMORIAL DAY, 1915

Paid Henry W. Wilson		\$50 00
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PAINTING TOWN HALL, ENGINE HOUSE AND LOBBY

Paid Fred A. Knight, material	\$72 47	
George Dickey, painting	132 93	
		\$205 40

SIDEWALKS

Paid A. Allen, repairing sidewalks	\$510 00	
J. J. Griswold, filling in sidewalks	79 05	
		\$589 05

SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT

Paid Ruel S. Cram, trustee, labor	\$206 97	
Ruel S. Cram, trustee, amount of the A. A. Ramséy indirect tax for the year 1915	567 75	
Ruel S. Cram, trustee, interest on C. J. Kimball fund	3 00	
Ruel S. Cram, trustee, G. A. Whittemore fund	108 96	
		\$886 68

G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY, 1915

Paid H. W. Wilson, trustee	\$200 00
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STATE ROAD

Paid J. J. Griswold	\$1,777 01
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HIGHWAYS

Paid J. J. Griswold	\$927 01
Goodell Co., lumber	101 90
Frank Taylor	3 00
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	\$1,031 91

FOREST FIRES, 1915

Paid H. W. Wilson, services and help hired	\$125 69
George T. Sawyer, services	2 40
Morris Burnham, services and help hired, at No. Bennington	12 40
John A. Eaton, watching fire	2 40
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	\$142 89

HYDRANTS

Paid Bennington Water Works Co.	\$250 00
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TOWN HALL

Paid Wm. F. Harrington	\$4 00
Irving Willett, care of hall	9 20
Geo. E. Quimby, care of hall	4 00
J. C. Jenot, repairs on roof	9 00
James Elliott, coal	302 26
Goodell Co., lights	85 44
Goodell Co., lamps	6 48
Henry W. Wilson, insurance	100 65
Geo. W. Hunt, repairing closet	5 50
Fred A. Knights, supplies	14 57

R. E. Messer, valve, labor	3 00
H. A. Eaton, Internal revenue tax	12 50
J. E. Favor, wood	5 00
Bennington Water Works Co.	25 00
Irving Willett, care of hall	164 09
Geo. E. Quimby, care of hall	9 00
Goodell Co., lights	7 91
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	\$767 60

Of above amount \$767.60, \$153.63 is due town from school district.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1915

Paid F. W. Odell, services as Selectman	\$15 00
R. E. Messer, services constable	3 30
H. A. George, board of health	10 00
H. A. George, auditor	2 00
R. E. Messer, constable	10 00
R. E. Messer, dog constable	5 00
Arthur Bell, town clerk	40 00
G. E. Messer, ballot inspector, supervisor	6 00
Jas. J. Griswold, collecting taxes	57
Geo. Edwards, moderator	2 00
H. A. Eaton, selectman	100 00
F. G. Traxler, selectman	70 00
F. L. Eaton, selectman	70 00
H. W. Wilson, overseer of poor	15 00
H. W. Wilson, board of health	15 00
H. W. Wilson, supervisor	4 00
J. H. Balch, supervisor	4 00
E. R. Keeser, collecting taxes	106 47
Andrew Gibson, town treasurer	50 00
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	\$528 34

NOTES AND INTEREST

Paid C. H. Philbrick, note and interest and interest on note No. 28	\$224 67
L. A. Knight, interest on note	20 00
Edward I. Dodge, interest on note	24 00
C. E. Eaton, interest on notes	68 00
First National Bank, Hillsboro, note and interest	1,041 71
First National Bank, Hillsboro, note and interest	2,074 90
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	\$3,453 28

RAILING, 1915

Paid B. & M. R. R. freight of railing	\$6 91
Geo. B. Griswold, carting railing	1 50
S. W. Knight, piping	25 00
Crane & Co., crosses for railing	7 57
D. F. Merrill, work on railing	46 50
Geo. B. Griswold, work on railing	11 50
Perry, Buxton, Doane Co., railing	151 18
Walter O. Smith, work on railing	29 80
J. E. Harmon, work on railing	80
W. E. Cram, cement for railing	30 00
F. G. Traxler, labor on railing	4 00
H. A. Eaton, labor on railing	10 00
J. L. King, paint for railing	2 40
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	\$327 16

POLICE, 1915

Paid Geo. E. Quimby	\$17 50
Frank J. Newton	68 14
R. E. Messer, costs and taking Ida Bevins to Co. Farm	8 64
Costs Ida Atwood case	1 62
Costs Sherman case	4 62

Irving Willett, costs conveying Arthur Bowman to Grasmere	14 62
H. W. Wilson, costs in court cases	21 00
H. E. Hastings, police duty, auto	6 00
Irving Willett, police duty	2 00
Geo. E. Quimby, police duty	14 00
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	\$158 14

FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1915

Paid J. L. Fleming, hose cart	\$80 00
G. O. Joslin, supplies	80
Goodell Co., supplies	50
John Cody, labor on hose cart	2 00
John Cody, care of engine	25 00
George W. Hunt, stove pipe	7 35
Geo. H. King, pay roll	78 00
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	\$193 65

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHWAY DEPT.

Statement of Joint Fund Account

Date January 10, 1916	Town of Bennington
State contribution	\$497 91
Town contribution	1,235 56
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Total joint fund	\$1,733 47
State disbursements	\$106 73
Town disbursements, approved	1,670 28
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Total disbursements	\$1,777 01
Paid by state to town Dec. 17	\$250 00
Paid by state to town, Jan. 14, 1916	141 18
Overdraft	\$43 54

STATE AID MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Town 1915 balance	\$19 43	
1915 appropriation	140 00	
		\$159 43
State balance, 1915	\$34 75	
1915 appropriation	208 00	
		242 75
Total fund		\$402 18
Expended F. J. Newton	\$360 86	
C. S. Brown	2 00	
Signs, etc.	4 67	
		367 53
Balance		\$34 65
In town treasury	\$5 43	
In state treasury	29 22	
Paid by state to town	\$213 53	

TOWN HIGHWAY FUND FOR MAINTENANCE, 1915

Paid Frank J. Newton, as per orders on town \$189 97

RECAPITULATION

Cash and receipts placed in treasurer's hands:

Unexpended appropriations for state road maintenance	\$19 43
Balance in treasury for state road joint fund	62 56
Balance in treasury other than above	132 07
Received from all other sources	\$17,557 39
	\$17,771 45

ORDERS PAID

Miscellaneous	\$822 51
Support of poor	122 01
Schools	1,983 03
Public taxes	2,592 36
Memorial Day	50 00
G. E. P. Dodge Library	200 00
State road maintenance	154 00
State roads	1,777 01
Forest fires	142 89
Hydrants	250 00
Town hall	767 60
Brown tail moths	4 00
Town officers	528 34
Notes and interest	3,453 28
Police	158 14
Fire department	193 65
Town fund for highway maintenance	189 97
Sunnyside Cemetery fund	567 75
A. M. Woodbury fund	85 41
A. A. Ramsey fund	88 23
R. S. Cram, trustee	33 33
C. J. Kimball fund	3 00
G. A. Whittemore fund	108 96
W. S. Carkin Est., fund	415 26
Painting town buildings	205 40
Sidewalks	589 05
Railing	327 16
Highways	1,031 91
Balance in treasury for state road maintenance	5 43
Balance in treasury other than above	1 50

\$16,849 68

TRUST FUNDS

With the town for the perpetual care of cemetery lots as below:

- The G. Andrew Whittemore fund for care of his lot
in Sunnyside Cemetery \$300 00
This fund is deposited in the New Hampshire Savings
bank, Concord, N. H.
- The Anna M. Woodbury fund, for care of S. Baldwin
and Hugh Bell lots, and the grave of Mrs. A.
M. Chick in Sunnyside cemetery \$200 00
Deposited in Amoskeag Savings bank, Manchester, N. H.
- The Helen P. Ramsey fund, for care of the S.
Baldwin and Hugh Bell lots in Sunnyside
cemetery \$200 00
Deposited in Amoskeag Savings bank, Manchester, N. H.
- The Geo. L. Herrick fund for care of his lot in
Evergreen cemetery \$200 00
Deposited in Amoskeag Savings bank Manchester, N. H.
- The Mrs. A. D. Green fund, for care of Mrs.
Augusta Stevens lot in Evergreen cemetery \$200 00
Deposited in Amoskeag Savings bank, Manchester, N. H.
- The Mrs. C. M. Whitney fund, for care of the
Nathan Whitney lot in Evergreen cemetery \$200 00
Deposited in Amoskeag Savings bank, Manchester, N. H.
- The C. J. Kimball fund, for the care of his lot in
Sunnyside cemetery \$150 00
Deposited in Amoskeag Savings bank, Manchester, N. H.

ANDREW GIBSON,
Treasurer.

FRED L. EATON
HERBERT A. EATON
FRANK G. TRAXLER
Selectmen of Bennington.

We have examined the above report of the town officers
and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. J. GORMAN
H. A. GEORGE

Auditors.

LIST OF TOWN NOTES OUTSTANDING

No. 27.	E. I. Dodge, on demand	\$600 00
28.	C. H. Philbrick, on demand	400 00
30.	L. A. Knight, on demand	500 00
31.	C. A. Eaton, on demand	1,000 00
32.	C. A. Eaton, on demand	700 00
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		\$3,200 00

STATEMENT OF TOWN'S FINANCIAL CONDITION

Liabilities

Town notes outstanding \$3,200 00

Assets

Cash in treasury exclusive of road and
state maintenance account \$921 77

Uncollected taxes on E. R. Keeser's 1915 list 53 25

\$975 02

Liabilities, less assets \$2,224 98

Liabilities, less assets, Feb. 15, 1915 \$3,227 96

Liabilities, less assets, Feb. 15, 1916 2,224 98

Decrease of debt \$1,002 98

REPORT OF TOWN HALL

	For Rent	For Care
Recd G. Quimby, Feb. 15 to Mar. 10	\$51 00	\$13 00
March 15 to April 1	19 50	9 20
April 1 to May 1	45 50	16 10
May 1 to June 1	50 00	18 40
June 1 to July 1	42 45	10 80
July 1 to Aug. 1	51 00	12 20
Aug. 1 to Sept. 1	53 50	17 40
Sept. 1 to Oct. 1	39 00	12 50
Oct. 1 to Nov. 1	47 40	14 60
Nov. 1 to Dec. 1	38 00	14 20
Dec. 1 to Jan. 1, 1916	35 50	17 60
Jan. 1 to Feb. 1	41 50	15 60
Feb. 1 to Feb. 15	34 00	9 20
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Total	\$548 35	\$180 80

IRVING WILLETT,
Janitor.

J. J. GRISWOLD, ROAD AGENT

Geo. Holmes, account from Feb. 15 to March 1 \$24 00

March

Geo. B. Griswold and team, 1 day	\$4 50
Frank Taylor and team, 1 day	4 50
Will Austin, 1 day	2 00
John Smiley, 1 day	2 00
J. J. Griswold, 6 hours	1 32

\$14 32

April

Geo. B. Griswold, 15 days	\$67 50
Frank Taylor, 13 days, 4 hours	61 00
John Smiley, 15 days, 5 hours	31 10
Will Austin, 15 days, 5 hours	31 10
J. J. Griswold, 8 days, 3 hours	16 42
John Tabbot, 13 days, 5 hours	27 10
Geo. Quimby, 7 days	13 99
Geo. B. Griswold, 1 day	2 00

\$250 21

May

Geo. B. Griswold, 9 days, 5 hours	\$43 00
Frank Taylor, 8 days, 5 hours	38 50
John Tabbot, 10 days	19 98
Will Austin, 9 days	17 98
John Smiley, 11 days, 5 hours	23 10
Geo. Quimby, 8 days, 5 hours	17 10
J. J. Griswold, 8 days, 2 hours	16 28
L. A. Knight, 40 poles @ 10¢	4 00

\$180 04

June

George B. Griswold and team, 7 days	\$31 50
Frank Taylor and team, 5 hours	2 50
John Smiley, 7 days, 7 hours	15 54
John Tabbot, 8 days, 8 hours	17 76

Will Austin, 6 days, 4 hours	12 88
George Qumiby, 6 days, 4 hours	12 88
J. J. Griswold, 3 days, 28 hours	12 16
Geo. B. Griswold, 3 hours	66
Cement and spikes	3 63

\$109 51

July

Geo. B. Griswold and team, 7 days	\$31 50
Frank Taylor and team, 6 days	27 00
John Smiley, 7 days, 2 hours	14 44
Will Austin, 6 days, 6½ hours	13 43
John Tabbot, 6 days	12 00
J. J. Griswold, 6 days	12 00

\$110 37

August

Geo. B. Griswold and team, 1 day, 8 hours	\$8 50
Frank A. Taylor and team, 1 day, 8 hours	8 50
John Smiley, 1 day, 8 hours	3 76
Will Austin, 1 day, 8 hours	3 76
William Griswold, 1 day, 8 hours	3 76
J. J. Griswold, 1 day, 9 hours	3 98

\$32 26

September

G. B. Griswold and team, 4 days, 6 hours	\$21 00
F. A. Taylor and team, 3 days, 6 hours	16 50
A. J. Pierce and team, 3 days, 4 hours	15 50
John Smiley, 4 days, 8 hours	9 76
Robert Shea, 4 days, 8 hours	9 76
William A. Griswold, 4 days, 8 hours	9 76
Will Austin, 3 days, 2 hours	6 44
George Quimby, 3 days, 2 hours	6 44
J. J. Griswold, 2 days, 7 hours	5 54
C. S. Brown, 2 days, 6 hours	5 32

\$106 02

October

John Smiley, 1 day	\$1 99
Will Griswold, 5 hours	1 11
J. J. Griswold, 4 hours	88

 \$3 98

December

John Smiley, work on sidewalk	\$2 00
Dick Hartwell	89
Will Austin, sidewalks	2 22
F. A. Taylor and team, 8 hours	4 00
A. J. Pierce, 1 day, 7 hours	8 00
J. J. Griswold, 2 days, 7 hours	12 50
J. J. Griswold, plowing walks	1 50
John Smiley, plowing walks	75

 \$31 86

January

J. J. Griswold and team, 2 days, 6 hours	\$12 00
F. A. Taylor and team, 1 day	4 50
Fred Colby and team, 1 day	4 50
John Smiley	3 50
Herbert Wilson, 5 hours	1 11
Will Austin, 5 hours	1 11
Dick Hartwell	89

 \$27 61

February

J. J. Griswold, cleaning sidewalks	\$4 00
J. J. Griswold, rolling roads, 4 hours	2 00
F. A. Taylor, rolling roads, 4 hours	2 00
John Smiley, cleaning sidewalks	2 00
Andrew Cleary, labor on highway	1 11
John Cleary, labor on highway	1 11
August Lochmann, bill	1 11
J. H. Balch, breaking roads	3 00
F. A. Knight, bill	90

J. R. Colby, breaking roads	18 00
H. A. George, bill	1 60
F. A. Taylor, snowing bridge	3 00
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	\$39 83
Goodell Co., bill for bridge plank	101 90
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	\$141 73
Of this amount there was paid for breaking roads	\$88 47,
Snowing bridge, \$3 00	

JAMES J. GRISWOLD,
Road Agent.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF EVERGREEN CEMETERY

For the year ending February 15, 1916

Financial Report

Dr.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1915	\$47 54
Received from John Theos	1 00
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	\$48 54

Cr.

Paid G. M. Brown, 1½ days labor	\$3 00
C. H. Philbrick, man, 1½ days labor	3 00
Team, 1 day	1 50
Hans Jensen, 2½ days labor	5 00
W. C. Starrett, mending pipe	1 00
F. G. Traxler, 1½ hours labor	30
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1916	34 74
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	\$48 54

C. H. PHILBRICK,
J. J. GRISWOLD,
H. A. EATON,
Trustees.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY

For the year ending Feb. 15, 1916

Dr.

1915

Feb. 15.	Balance in hands of Trustees	\$1,299 04
March 24.	Received from Town Treasurer	33 72
April 13.	Received from Selectmen	37 01
July 12.	Received from Town Treasurer	33 33
Aug. 2.	Received from Town Treasurer	173 64
Oct. 12.	Received from Town Treasurer	108 96

1916

Jan. 20.	Received Willard S. Carkin Est.	332 20
Feb. 12.	Received from Town Treasurer	3 00
Feb. 15.	Received from Town Treasurer, Ramsey fund for 1915	567 75

Total

\$2,588 65

Cr.

1915

March 26.	Deposit Manchester Savings Bank	\$600 00
May 27.	Paid Paige Belting Co., hose nozzles	11 50
June 9.	J. B. Varick Co., sheep dressing	6 25
July 8.	David Merrill, labor and supplies for hose houses	29 65
July 10.	Leon Messer, labor, 5 days	10 00
July 10.	E. J. Wilson, team $4\frac{3}{4}$ days	8 32
July 10.	J. M. Holt, labor 5 days	10 00
July 13.	B. D. Brown, team for drawing loam	1 50
July 31.	Goodell Co., pine lumber and labor	3 50
Aug. 2.	J. M. Holt, labor 13 days	26 00
Aug. 5.	Monadnock Mills, 116 feet boards	2 61
Aug. 12.	J. B. Varick Co., grass seed, shears	9 63
Aug. 30.	Leon Messer, labor $15\frac{1}{2}$ days	31 00
Sept. 10.	G. W. Howe, cleaning stones, H. Bell and A. Ramsey lots	9 00
Oct. 6.	G. W. Howe, cleaning stones, Gillis lot	3 00
Oct. 6.	G. W. Howe, cleaning and raising stones G. A. Whittemore lot	45 00

Oct. 19.	J. Atwood, labor 1 day 3 hours	2 60
Oct. 20.	Henry A. George, 5 bags fertilizer	11 25
Oct. 20.	Joseph Diemond, Sr., team 2 days	10 00
Oct. 21.	J. M. Holt, labor 7 days	14 00
Oct. 21.	Leon Messer, labor 3 days	6 00
Oct. 21.	Henry W. Wilson, blank book	60
Oct. 24.	E. J. Wilson, team 6½ days	11 37
Nov. 10.	G. O. Joslin, rakes, shovels, hoes and scythe	5 65
Nov. 10.	F. A. Knight, scythe, snath, oil can	1 05
Dec. 27.	Frank Traxler, labor 3 days, 6 hours	7 20
1916		
Jan. 1.	B. D. Brown, drawing brush	1 50
Jan. 1.	J. M. Holt, labor 20 hours	4 00
Feb. 12.	H. W. Wilson, care of lots, labor	25 00
Feb. 12.	H. W. Wilson, loam for grading lots	30 00
Jan. 24.	Deposited in Amoskeag Savings Bank the W. S. Carkin fund	332 20
Feb. 12.	Team to Antrim	75
Feb. 15.	G. M. Howe, cleaning stones on C. J. Kimball lot	2 00
	Total	<u>\$1,272 13</u>

Balance in hands Trustees Feb. 15, 1915	\$1,299 04
Cash received to Feb. 15, 1916, as per above account	<u>1,289 61</u>
	\$2,588 65

Funds deposited and cash paid for labor and supplies	\$1,272 13
Balance in hands Trustees Feb. 15, 1916	<u>1,316 52</u>
	\$2,588 65

RUEL S. CRAM,
Sec. and Treas., Trustees.

G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY, TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ending Feb. 15, 1916

Cr.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1915	\$67 49
Received from Town Treasurer	200 00
W. S. Carkin Est.	415 26
Emma G. Bartlett, Librarian	2 75
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	\$685 50

Dr.

Paid for Books	\$37 21
Magazines	17 55
Wood, sawing and throwing in	23 25
Insurance for three years	107 50
Cabinet	40 46
Electric Lights •	13 59
Postage and Express	47
Emma G. Bartlett, Librarian	50 00
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1916	395 47
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	\$685 50

HENRY W. WILSON,
Treasurer.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT OF THE G. E. P. DODGE
LIBRARY

There are seventy-five taking out books at the present time. There have been added sixty-nine books this year, thirty-eight by purchase and thirty-one by gift. We now have twenty-eight hundred and thirteen books on the shelves. We are taking ten magazines this year. Books and magazines have been received from the following persons, to whom the trustees extend thanks: Mrs. S. J. Odell, F. W. Odell, Mrs. W. S. Carkin, Mrs. Charles Burnham, Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Ella Richardson.

We have received the gift from the W. S. Carkin Est. with which we hope to start a fund for books for boys and girls, to be known as the W. S. Carkin Fund.

We have decided to have open stacks allowing the public to take books from the shelves, also to change the hours of keeping open and some other minor changes.

ALLAN GERRARD,
HENRY W. WILSON,

Trustees of G. E. P. Dodge Library.

FIREWARDS' REPORT

For the year ending Feb. 15, 1916

Your firewards report as follows:

Merrimack Engine, No. 1, is in about the same condition as last year. We had one occasion to try it at the Adams' fire and it was found to work in first class shape.

We have the following hose: 500 feet of new hose $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch, 450 feet $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch in good shape, 300 feet $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch in fair shape and 200 feet in poor shape.

We have one Babcock fire extinguisher in poor shape, two Keystone fire extinguishers in good shape, also fire hooks, one 24-foot, one 22-foot, one 20-foot ladders, shovels, lanterns, pails and rubber coats.

The Company has responded to one fire at Adams Tavern which threatened to wipe out the central part of the village, but owing to the hydrants and the faithful work of the firemen and help from out of town it was confined to one house.

The Town has purchased a new hose wagon which will be a great help to the hose company.

We would recommend that the Town buy 1,000 feet of new hose, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch, one dozen shovels and 10 rubber coats and caps for the firemen.

HENRY W. WILSON,

FRED L. EATON,

Firewards.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Nellie M. Traxler, Treasurer, in account with the School District of the Town of Bennington, for year ending Feb. 15, 1916.

	Dr.	
Balance for High school		\$169 42
Repairs at North Bennington		10 05
Music		60 76
School purposes		518 42
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		\$758 65
Amount required by law		\$1,320 00
Additional appropriation		500 00
Dog tax		86 98
Literary fund		76 05
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		\$1,983 03
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Total receipts		\$2,741 68

	Cr.	
Cash paid teachers		
Mae Cashion		\$338 04
Ethel M. Putnam		148 00
Emma E. Shoults		581 39
Lulu M. Cilley		324 00
Gertrude VanDommele		71 66
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		\$1,463 09
Cash paid for books and supplies		
E. E. Babb & Co.		\$174 45
J. B. Varick & Co.		1 25
Goodell Co.		2 07
American Book Co.		9 87
Perley Fitch Co.		9 45
Ginn & Co.		4 15
Emerson & Son		13 50
Monadnock Paper Mills		14 73
Fred A. Knight		29 48

George O. Joslin	18 14
D. C. Heath & Co.	1 33
Mary Savage, Dictionary of Facts	6 75

\$285 17

Care of Schools

Paid Irving Willett	\$39 30
Elizabeth C. H. Wilson	55 25

\$94 55

Freight and Express

Paid R. E. Messer	\$7 10
Andrew Gibson	5 00
Boston & Maine	1 20

\$13 30

Salaries

Paid Nellie M. Traxler, part payment for services as Treasurer of last year, and stationery	\$5 00
R. E. Messer, Truant Officer	2 50
Arthur F. Bell, Clerk	5 00
Nellie M. Traxler, Treasurer of schools	10 00
Andrew Gibson, School Board	25 00
George E. Edwards, School Board	10 00
Hattie A. Wilson, School Board	10 00
Allan Gerrard, for unfinished term of F. L. Keeser	2 00

\$69 50

Paid John T. Robertson, wood	\$5 25
For care of Furnace	
Paid Irving Willett	\$16 50
Transporting North Bennington pupils to Antrim	
Paid Herbert A. Curtis	\$228 75
For High School Tuitions	
Paid D. E. McLane, Milford	\$176 80

Antrim School Dist.	130 00	
		\$306 80
Paid Antrim School Dist., lower grades		\$46 20

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Paid William F. Harrington, labor and supplies	\$8 44	
F. G. Traxler, labor	4 00	
George H. King, labor	3 94	
Charles W. Thurston, labor	5 00	
Alfred Knight, sawing wood	1 00	
W. C. Starrett, wood	2 75	
W. F. Harrington, plumbing	1 16	
B. D. Brown, drawing wood	50	
Henry W. Wilson, insurance	2 20	
George Dickey, painting	29 67	
George W. Hunt, hardware supplies	12 74	
W. C. Starrett, lumber and supplies	1 77	
Harrison B. Wilson, labor	3 87	
B. D. Brown, cleaning wood shed	1 00	
R. E. Messer, labor and material	11 67	
W. C. Starrett, shingles	26 25	
Dr. E. G. Dearborn, vaccination and attendance	46 75	
E. M. Lane, vaccine for vaccination	20 10	
Bennington Water Works Co.	25 00	
Geo. W. Hunt, galvanized iron	50	
		\$208 31
Total receipts	\$2,741 68	
Total disbursements	2,737 42	
Balance on hand		\$4 26

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

Approved, Feb. 19, 1916.

W. J. GORMAN,
HENRY W. WILSON,
Auditors.

ROLL OF HONOR

Grammar School

Spring term

Georgetta M. Brown	Christine P. Scully
Caroline E. F. Edwards	Raymond C. Keeser
George E. Sargent	Philip E. Knowles
Arthur B. Jensen	Willie J. Taylor
Irene H. Scully	Paul G. Traxler

Fall term

Georgetta M. Brown	Christine P. Scully
Irene H. Scully	Paul G. Traxler

Winter term

Georgetta M. Brown	Wayne W. Clough
Caroline E. F. Edwards	Melvin A. Harmon
Dorothy E. Hart	Willie J. Taylor
Irene H. Scully	Lucellas C. Thurston
Doris M. Wilson	Robert J. Scully
David Braid	Christine P. Scully

Intermediate School

Spring term

Robert Scully

Fall term

Charles Scully

Winter term

Frank Adams	William Jensen
Charles Scully	Atheleah G. Edwards

Primary School

Fall term

Tracy Claffin	John Wisell
Freddy Hartwell	Marion Griswold
Allie Killian	Ida Putnam
George Wisell	Isabel Wisell

Winter term

George Wisell	Ida Putnam
Isabel Wisell	

School	Term	Name of Teacher	Number of Weeks	Number of pupils		Wages per Month	
				Males	Females		
Gram.	Spring	Mrs. Shoults	12	29	15	14	\$56
Int.	"	Miss Cilley	12	33	19	14	40
Pri.	"	Miss Cashion	12	34	19	15	48
Gram.	Fall	Mrs. Shoults	15	33	18	15	56
Int.	"	Miss Cilley	15	35	19	16	48
Pri.	"	Miss Cashion	12	34	19	15	48
Pri.	"	Mrs. Putnam	3				48
Gram.	Winter	Mrs. Shoults		30	15	15	56
Int.	"	Miss Cilley		35	18	17	48
Pri.	"	Mrs. Putnam		33	19	14	48

Report of the Sexton for the Town of Bennington, N. H.
 From February 15, 1915, to February 15, 1916.

Name	Age			Died	Disease	Place of Interment
	Years	Months	Days			
Lucretia R. Dodge	86	9	11	March 3	Senility	Bennington
Sophia Theos	3	8	14	July 8	Abscess of Tonsils	Bennington
Almira P. Dane	91	2	31	July 31	Senility	Peterboro
Charles E. Foster	71	7	21	November 7	Dilatation of the Heart	Brought from Manchester

Respectfully Submitted

Frank A. Taylor, Sexton.

Report of Mount Calvary Cemetery, Bennington, N. H.

Name	Age			Died	Disease	
	Years	Months	Days			
Isreal Chaput	66	4	27	April 22	Apoplexy	Brought from Francestown
Patrick Cashion	90	4		July 14	Old Age	
Adeline St. John	76	9	9	November 4	Gastro Enteritis	Brought from Grammere
Bridget Norris	78	3	16	November 20	Pneumonia	Brought from Antrim

Respectfully Submitted

Frank A. Taylor.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1915

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Living or Dead	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother		
Jan. 22	Roland Arthur	M	All Living	Charles M. Taylor	Lena M. Sawyer	Bennington		Scotland	North Dakota		
March 10	John Mattie	M		Benjamin Pupa	Elizabeth Centor		Italy		Italy	Italy	
March 23	Warren Eugene	M		George H. King	Maude F. Sheldon		Bennington		Bennington	Stamford, Conn.	
March 30	Annie Sylvia	F		J. Herbert Lindsay	Ora M. Wilson		Hancock		Hancock	Frances town	
Aug. 1	Warren Edward	M		Melvin W. Poor	Edna Keester		Antrim		Antrim	Bennington	
Aug. 15	Eunice Evelyn	F		Harry Brown	Abby Heath		Bennington		Bennington	Orange, Mass.	
Sept. 10	Agnes May	F		Joseph Diemond	Florence Little		Switzerland		Switzerland	Wollaston, Mass.	
Sept. 12	Henry Chester	M		John Everett Freeman	Luna Chamberlain		Swansville, Me.		Swansville, Me.	Canada	
Nov. 26	Edith Marion	F		Harry Wilson			Rutland, Vt.		Rutland, Vt.	Lowell, Mass.	
1914											
April 7	George Aylward	M			Frank Parker		Celia Thompson			Lynn, Mass.	Nova Scotia
Aug. 8	William	M			Olin Newhall		Eileen Harrison			Lowell, Mass.	Bennington
Sept. 8	Allan	M			Augustus Wiswell					Shorum, Vt.	Vermont
Dec. 5		F			William Harrington					Revere, Mass.	Cape Breton, N. S.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1915

Date and Place of marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of Groom & Bride.	Occupat'n of Groom & Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupat'n.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of Person by whom married.
April 12 Bennington	Guiseppè Occhipinti Ignazio Luparto	Bennington Bennington	27 23	Laborer Housek'per	Salemi, Italy Salemi, Italy	Carlo Occhipinti Ignacio Marascio Giuseppe Luparto	Italy Italy Italy		Rev. Fr. M. J. Redden Peterboro
May 2	Carl Joseph Haas Bernice Beane	Bennington Bennington	21 20	Paper Maker Housek'per	N. Britain, Ct. Hillsboro	Caterina Quarina Albert Haas Olga Eckardt A. J. Beane	Italy Switzerland Germany Concord		Rev. Andrew Gibson Bennington
Sept. 1	Sanford Flanders Sarah Eastman Keeser	Danbury Bennington	75 75	Farmer Housek'per	St. Albans, Vt. Francesstown	James Flanders Lucinda Coloris Daniel Bartlett Theresa Foster	Francesstown Canada Alexandria Francesstown Nashua		Henry W. Wilson Bennington Justice of the Peace

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1915

Date of death	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex.	Occupation.	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.				Father	Mother			
Jan. 2	Ina Cram	59	2	7	Greenfield	M		Antrim	Antrim	Charles B. Cram	Elizabeth S. Simonds	
Jan. 3	Willard S. Carkin	90	5	29	Hillsboro	M		Exeter	Hopkinton	John Carkin	Betsy Smith	
Feb. 7	Mary E. George	73	9	19	Greenfield	F		Bennington	Francestown	Ami George	Elizabeth Bickford	
Mar. 3	Lucretia R. Dodge	86	9	11	Greenfield	F		Charlestown, Ms	Locolle, Can.	Nahum Russell	Lucretia Johnson	
*Apr. 22	Israel Chaput	66	4	27	Locolle, Can.	M		Berthrec, Can.	Ireland	Denis Chaput	Ester Corbin	
July 14	Patrick Cashion	90	4		Ireland	M		Ireland	Ireland	Patrick Cashion		
July 8	Sophia Theos	3	8	14	Manchester	F		Greece	Greece	John Theos	Mary Thanor	
July 31	Almira P. Diane	91	2	6	Greenfield	F		Greenfield	Salem, Mass.	Wm. Whittemore	Lydia C. Day	
*Nov. 4	Adeline St. John	76	9	9	Canada	F		Canada	Canada	Jos. Laplante	Sophie Beauregarde	
*Nov. 7	Chas. Edwin Foster	71	7	21	Bennington	M		Canada	Nova Scotia	Edwin Foster	Sarah Fox Bullard	
*Nov. 20	Bridget Norris	78	3	16	Cape Breton, NS	F		Nova Scotia		-----Murphy		

* Brought here for burial.

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

ARTHUR F. BELL, Town Clerk

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