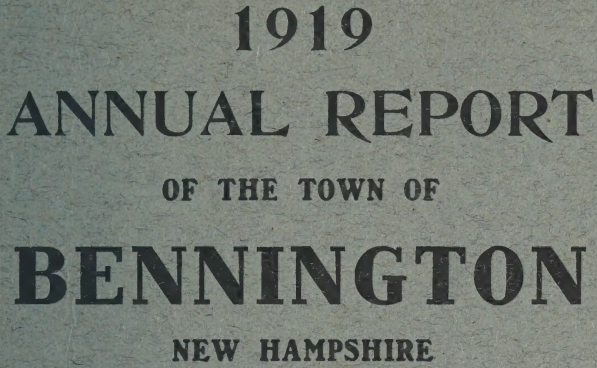


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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF
BENNINGTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

Bennington, N. H.,

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31

1919

**ALSO VITAL STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1918**

ANTRIM, N. H.:

H. WEBSTER ELDREDGE, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER

1919

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 eleventh 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 what sum of money the town will appropriate 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 if the town will vote to appropriate \$100.00 for the suppression of the Gypsy Moth.
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 with regard to State Aid maintenance of same and Trunk Line maintenance.
9. To see if the town will vote to accept legacies and gifts given to the town in trust by different individuals, the income to be used in the care of cemetery lots.
10. To see what action the town will take in regard to erecting a suitable railing along the Antrim road and raise and appropriate \$100.00 for the same.

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

12. To see if the town will appropriate \$125.00 for the control of the White Pine Blister.

13. To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing and erecting a permanent Honor Roll, in honor of the boys of the town who have served in the World War, and appropriate money for the same.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty second day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and nineteen.

CHAS. M. TAYLOR	}	Selectmen
HERBERT A. EATON		of
JAMES H. BALCH		Bennington

Town Officers

Selectmen

CHARLES M. TAYLOR
HERBERT A. EATON
JAMES H. BALCH

Town Clerk

ARTHUR F. BELL

Town Treasurer

ARTHUR F. BELL

Road Agent

CALVIN S. BROWN

Overseer of Poor

HENRY W. WILSON

Tax Collector

EDWARD R. KEESER

Moderator

GEORGE E. EDWARDS

Supervisors

HENRY W. WILSON
GEO. E. MESSER
WILLIAM J. GORMAN

Auditors

WILLIAM J. GORMAN
GEORGE E. EDWARDS

Ballot Inspectors

EDWARD R. KEESER
GEOGRE H. KING
JAMES J. GRISWOLD
FRANK J. NEWTON

Library Trustees

FRANK G. TRAXLER
ALLAN GERRARD
HENRY W. WILSON

Constable

RALPH E. MESSER

Health Officer

HENRY W. WILSON

Trustees of Trust Funds

ARTHUR J. PIERCE
GEORGE B. GRISWOLD
HENRY W. WILSON

Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRED A. KNIGHT

Sexton

FRANK A. TAYLOR

Janitor Town Hall

EDWARD R. KEESER

Fire Wards

JOHN A. EATON
GEORGE B. GRISWOLD
HARRY W. BROWN

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

FRED C. STARRETT
ROBERT KNOWLES
GEO. H. KING

Forest Fire Warden

HENRY W. WILSON

INVENTORY OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Assessed on the first day of April, 1918.

188 polls at \$2.00 each		
Land and buildings	\$288,500	00
64 horses	8,435	00
2 mules	250	00
6 oxen	750	00
149 cows	12,570	00
18 neat stock	1,325	00
29 sheep	209	00
10 hogs	305	00
75 fowls	75	00
27 vehicles	14,575	00
2 portable mills	200	00
Wood and lumber	2,050	00
Stock in public funds	280	00
Bank stock	200	00
Money on hand at interest or on deposit	18,612	00
Stock in trade	190,376	00
Aqueducts	20,000	00
Mills and machinery	288,150	00
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Total valuation	\$846,862	00
Amount of taxes given collector	\$12,570	81

Rate per cent of taxation for all purposes, \$1.44 on \$100.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Uncollected, Keeser's list, 1917	\$4 00
Amount given E. R. Keeser, 1918	12,570 81
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	\$12,574 81

Paid treasurer, E. R. Keeser's list, 1918	\$12,403 37
Paid treasurer, E. R. Keeser's list, 1917	4 00
Paid elsewhere and abated	7 60
Uncollected, Keeser's list, 1918	159 84
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	\$12,574 81

Abatements, Keeser's list, 1918

Geo. E. Cheney, paid in Springfield, Mass.	\$2 00
Geo. B. Griswold, paid in Hancock, N. H.	3 60
Byron C. Lyons, paid in Hillsboro, N. H.	2 00
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	\$7 60

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash in hands of town treasurer	\$2476 98
Accounts due the town	
Due from state	
Joint highway accounts:	
Trunk line maintenance	\$42 39
State aid maintenance	178 52
State aid construction	333 86
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	\$554 77
Other bills due Town	
State Treasurer, bounties	4 00
Taxes not collected	
Levy of 1918	159 84
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Total Assets	\$3195 59
Surplus January 31, 1918	\$524 99
Surplus January 31, 1919	589 24
Decrease of debt, of surplus	\$64 25

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Due to School District	
Dog licenses	\$90 00
Literary fund	74 75
State and town joint highway accounts	
Unexpended balances in state treasury	554 77
Unexpended balance in town treasury	886 83
Trunk line maintenance	\$4 07
State aid maintenance	48 14
State aid construction	834 62
Outstanding temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	1000 00
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Total liabilities	\$2606 35
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	589 24
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Grand total	\$3195 59

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

Amount committed to collector, 1918	\$12,570 81
Less discounts and abatements, 1918	7 60
Less uncollected, 1918	159 84

1. Property and poll taxes, current year, actually collected	\$12403 37
Property and poll taxes, previous year, actually collected	4 00
	\$12407 37

From State:

3. For highways	
(a) For state aid maintenance	\$215 87
(b) For state aid construction	200 41
(c) For trunk line maintenance	386 50
4. Insurance tax	6 75
5. Railroad tax	150 57
6. Savings bank tax	1073 38
8. Literary fund	74 75
10. Liquor licenses	6 38
11. Fighting forest fires	1 70
12. Bounties	3 60

From County:

13. For support of poor	167 87
14. For aid furnished soldiers	110 85

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

15. Dog licenses	90 00
16. Business licenses and permits	20 00
17. Fines and forfeits, municipal court	1 00
18. Rent of town hall	242 15

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$15159 15
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Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

35. Filing for representatives	\$4 00
Junk 8.18 Cement 6.00 Lumber 94.00	108 18
Coal furnished schools	150 87
Rent from Engine Hall	14 13
C. S. Brown, for money advanced on state road	160 51

Total Receipts other than Current Revenue	\$437 69
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$15596 84
Cash on hand at beginning of year	3387 90

Grand Total	\$18984 74
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PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses

General Government:

1. Town officers' salaries	\$540 03
2. Town officers' expenses	129 66
3. Election and registration expenses	106 88
5. Expenses town hall and other buildngs	661 20

Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police dept , including care of tramps	140 88
7. Fire dept., including forest fires	377 05
8. Moth extermination	22 30
9. Bounties	4 00

Health:

11. Health dept., including hospitals	93 89
12. Vital statistics	7 55

Highways and Bridges:

14. State aid maintenance	616 37
15. Trunk line maintenance	840 75
16. Town maintenance	1176 67
17. Street lighting and sprinkling	191 35
18. General expenses of highway dept., including watering troughs	34 22

Libraries:

19. Libraries	200 00
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Charities:

21. County poor	167 87
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Patriotic Purposes:

23. Aid to soldiers and their families	110 85
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Public Service Enterprises:

26. Markets and public scales	161 82
27. Cemeteries, including hearse hire	20 00

Unclassified:

30. Town Clock, 30.26; Railing, 118.00	148 26
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Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$5751 60
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Interest:

32. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$100 00
Total Interest Payments	\$100 00

Outlay for New Construction and Permanent
Improvements:

36. Highways and bridges—State aid construction	\$855 64
43. New equipment, heating job, town hall	551 86

Total Outlay Payments	\$1407 50
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Indebtedness:

44. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$1500 00
Total Indebtedness Payments	\$1500 00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

50. Taxes paid to State	\$1528 00
51. Taxes paid to County	1537 26
53. Payments to School Districts	4683 40

Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	\$7748 66
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Total Payments for All Purposes	\$16507 76
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Cash on hand at end of year	2476 98
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Grand Total	\$18984 74
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	
Town house	\$10000 00
Furniture and equipment	300 00
G. E. P. Dodge Library	5000 00
Furniture and equipment	500 00
Property Police Dept., lobby	400 00
Fire Department, engine house	800 00
Hand engine, hose cart and hose	500 00
Highway Dept., store house and equipment	500 00
Total valuation	\$18000 00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

General Government

Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries

Henry George, auditor 3 years	\$8 00
Wm. J. Gorman, auditor 1 year	3 00
Edw. R. Keeser, tax collector	124 03
Jas. H. Balch, selectman	70 00
Herbert A. Eaton, selectman	70 00
Chas. M. Taylor, selectman	125 00
Arthur F. Bell, town clerk	50 00
Arthur F. Bell, treasurer	75 00
Henry W. Wilson, overseer of poor	15 00

 \$540 03

Detail 2 Town Officers' Expenses

Edson C. Eastman Co., warrants	\$ 35
Herbert A. Eaton, postage and supplies	4 00
Pinqueham Press, printing	3 87
H. W. Eldredge, town reports	52 50
E. C. Eastman Co., tax books	4 56
H. W. Wilson, trustee bonds	7 20
E. C. Eastman Co., town seal	2 75
Thomas Groom Co., enrollment book	3 50
A. F. Bell, postage and stationery	5 00
E. R. Keeser, postage	7 47
C. M. Taylor, postage and supplies	6 44
H. A. Eaton, attending tax assessors meeting	15 95
Jas. H. Balch, attending tax assessors meeting	13 95
H. W. Wilson, overseer poor expenses	2 12

 \$129 66

Detail 3. Election and Registration Expenses

Edw. R. Keeser, ballot inspector	\$2 00
Congregational Church, dinners	2 00
Antrim Reporter, check lists	12 00
Frank Newton, ballot inspector	6 00
Fred A. Knight, lunch	2 56
E. C. Eastman Co., warrants	32
Maude Wisell, dinners	9 00
Geo. H. King, ballot inspector	6 00
Edw. R. Keeser, ballot inspector	6 00
H. W. Wilson, supervisor	16 00
Jas. H. Balch, supervisor	4 00

C. H. Philbrick, supervisor	12 00
Geo. Edwards, moderator	9 00
Jas. Griswold, ballot inspector	4 00
Geo. Messer, supervisor	16 00
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	\$106 88

Detail 5. Expenses Town Hall

Edw. R. Keeser, care hall	\$128 20
Antrim-Ben. E. L. & Pr. Co., lights	51 94
H. W. Wilson, insurance	105 00
C. M. Taylor, internal revenue	12 50
Jas. A. Elliott, coal	301 74
Wm. F. Harrington, wood	22 00
Fred A. Knight, supplies	12 82
Herbert Wilson, sawing wood	2 00
Bennington Water Works Co, water	25 00
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	\$661 20

Protection of Persons and Property

Detail 6. Police Department, including care of tramps

H. W. Wilson, insurance on lobby	\$6 60
Edw. R. Keeser, Lucier and Harmon cases	15 00
Wm. F. Harrington, Lucier and Harmon cases	15 00
Ralph E. Messer, Lucier and Harmon cases	23 25
Ralph E. Messer, John Anderson case	10 00
Edw. R. Keeser, police duty	13 00
Fred A. Knight, supplies	57
Harry Dunbar, police duty	13 00
R. E. Messer, police duty and supplies	16 80
W. F. Harrington, police duty	14 54
F. A. Knight, feeding tramps	4 12
A.-B. El. Lt. & Pr. Co., lights lobby	9 00
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	\$140 88

Detail 7. Fire Department

H. W. Wilson, forest fires	\$3 40
Bennington W. Wks. Co., hydrant service	250 00
Herbert Curtis, forest fire	9 65
Willie McCoy, labor on reservoir	3 15
Godell Co., lumber for reservoir	19 16
W. F. Harrington, wood	11 00
H. W. Wilson, insurance	19 94

Herbert Wilson, sawing wood	1 25	
Pat Shea, care engine	25 00	
John Harmon, payroll	34 50	
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		\$377 05

Detail 8. — Moth Extermination		
C. S. Brown, spraying	\$5 50	
F. A. Taylor, spraying	16 80	
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		\$22 30

Detail 9. Bounties		
C. M. Taylor, hedgehogs	\$4 00	
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		\$4 00

Health Department

Detail 11.		
Mrs McDonald, nurse at Mallett's	\$27 92	
A. Perley Fitch Co., formaldehyde	4 65	
F. A. Knight, supplies Malletts	11 71	
Antrim Pharmacy, disinfectant Mallett's	4 30	
Ezra M. Smith, legal services	20 00	
H. W. Wilson, Health officer and expenses	25 31	
		<u> </u>
		\$93 89

Detail 12. Vital Statistics		
A. F. Bell, vital statistics	\$4 80	
E. G. Dearborn, M. D., returning births and deaths	2 75	
		<u> </u>
		\$7 55

Highways and Bridges

Detail 14. State Aid Maintenance		
Moses Fournier, patrolman	\$252 54	
Frank Cross, labor	363 83	
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		\$616 37

Detail 15. Trunk Line Maintenance		
Moses Fournier, patrolman	\$423 40	
Minnie Gordon, census	80 00	
Frank Cross, labor	318 34	

Geo. Joslin, gravel screen	6 66	
Herbert Fogg, painting	12 35	
		\$840 75
Detail 16. Town Maintenance		
C. S. Brown, road agent		\$1176 67
Detail 17. Street Lighting		
A.-B. El. Lt. & Pr. Co., street lights		\$191 35
Detail 18. General Expenses highway and watering troughs		
C. S. Brown, road agent		\$34 22
Libraries		
Detail 19.		
H. W. Wilson, appropriation		\$200 00
Detail 21. Charities		
H. W. Wilson, amount received from County		\$167 87
Patriotic Purposes		
Detail 23. Aid to Soldiers		
H. W. Wilson, amount received from County		\$110 85
Public Service Enterprises		
Detail 26. Scales		
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	\$1 58	
Wm. P. Harrington, labor	58	
W. H. McCoy, labor	16 65	
Goodell Co., lumber	22 03	
Goodell Co., material	25	
Fairbanks Co., labor	120 73	
		\$161 82
Detail 27. Cemeteries		
Bennington W. Wks. Co, water		\$20 00
Unclassified		
Detail 30. Town Clock		
E. Howard Clock Co., repairs	\$15 26	
Allan Gerrard, care clock	15 00	
		\$30 26

Detail 31. Railing
 Goodell Co., lumber \$118 00

Interest

Detail 32.

Edward I. Dodge, interest on note No. 27 \$24 00
 C. H. Philbrick, interest on note No. 28 16 00
 C. E. Eaton est., interest on notes No 31 and 32 60 00

 \$100 00

New Construction and Permanent Improvements

Detail 36. State Aid Construction

C. S. Brown, labor and material \$838 85
 Herbert D. Fogg, painting 16 79

 \$855 64

Detail 43. Heating town hall

Geo. Hunt, labor and material \$551 86

Indebtedness

Detail 44. Payments on loans

C. E. Eaton estate, notes 31 and 32 \$1500 00

Payments to other Governmental Divisions

Detail 50. Taxes paid State

John W. Plummer, Treasurer \$1528 00

Detail 51. Taxes paid County

Albert H. White, Treasurer \$1537 26

Detail 53. Payments School District

Margaret J. Taylor, Treasurer	\$4595 00
Margaret J. Taylor, Dog Tax	88 40
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	\$4683 40
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Total payments	\$16507 76

ARTHUR F. BELL, Treasurer

CHARLES M. TAYLOR

HERBERT A. EATON

JAMES H. BALCH

Selectmen of Bennington

We have examined the above reports of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer and Tax Collector and Road Agent and find them correct and all disbursements properly vouched.

The accounts have been arranged in accordance with the uniform classification of the Tax Commission.

WM. J. GORMAN

GEO. E. EDWARDS

Auditors

TOWN HALL REPORT

	Received For Rent	Received For Care
February		\$1 25
February	\$3 00	5 90
March	15 00	15 00
April	12 00	10 00
May	24 00	10 10
June	27 00	11 00
July	21 00	7 50
August	27 00	12 10
September	24 00	11 00
October	3 00	1 75
November	27 00	12 80
December	24 00	13 90
January	28 00	15 90
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	\$235 00	\$128 20

EDW. R. KEESER, Janitor

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT. Dogs Licensed

3 Females	at \$5 00 each	\$15 00
39 Males	at 2.00 each	78 00
3 Spayed Females	at 2.00 each	6.00
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Less Clerk's Fees		\$99.00
		9.00
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Paid Town Treasurer		\$90.00

ARTHUR F. BELL, Clerk

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

February, 1918

Breaking Roads

C. S. Brown, 3 days, 4 hours	\$9 47
J. H. Balch bill	10 30
G. Lewis Dodge bill	5 40
Geo. King, 1 day, 6 hours	3 75
Gust. Dodge, 3 days	6 75
Floyd Livingstone, 2 days, 5 hours	5 75
John Smiley, 3 days	6 75
Geo. Quimby, 2 hours	50
Wm. Harrington, 5 days	11 25

\$59 92

March

Breaking Roads

John Smiley, 4 hours	\$1 00
F. A. Taylor, scraping and sanding walks	12 17
F. A. Taylor, team on roller	22 29
Geo. Quimby, 7 hours	1 75
Joe Diemond, team 4½ hours	3 00
J. D. Weston, team 4½ hours	3 00
C. S. Brown, 5 hours	1 53
Floyd Livingstone, 4 hours	1 00
J. H. Balch bill	2 10
G. M. Brown, 1 day, 2 hours	2 75
F. H. Colby, team 1 day	6 00
James A. Elliott, team 1½ days	9 00

\$65 59

A. J. Pierce, plow	8 33
H. W. Wilson, insurance tool house	6 60

April

C. S. Brown, 1 day, 3 hours	\$4 33
G. M. Brown, 7 hours	2 14
Geo. Quimby, 1 day	2 75

\$9 22

May

C. S. Brown, 13 days, 3 hours	\$43 33
Gilman Foote, 11 days, 7 hours	32 38
Frank Green, 3 days, 3 hours	8 16
John Smiley, 7 days, 4 hours	20 47
Herbert Wilson, team 6 days, 8 hours	41 33
G. M. Brown, 8 days, 8 hours	24 44
Wm. Harrington, 4 days, 4 hours	12 22

 \$182 33

 Goodell Co. bill

 1 60

June

C. S. Brown, 23 days, 5 hours	\$76 54
G. M. Brown, 15 days	41 25
Gilman Foote, 18 days	49 50
Herbert Wilson, team 20 days	120 00
John Smiley, 15 days, 1 hour	41 55
Wm. Harrington, 10 days	27 50
F. A. Taylor, team 5 days	30 00
A. C. Wiseil, smithwork	50
J. J. Griswold, gravel	3 90

 \$390 74

Ant. Ben. Light Co., globes	2 25
Ames Plow Co.	2 88
G. O. Joslin bill	35 15
Geo. Quimby, settlement for injuries	85 25

July

C. S. Brown, 5 days, 5 hours	\$18 05
G. M. Brown, 4 days, 5 hours	12 51
F. A. Taylor, team 4 hours	2 66
B. D. Brown, 2 teams	3 00

 \$36 22

 Goodell Co. bill

 30

August

C. S. Brown, 4 days, 1 hour	\$13 36
G. M. Brown, 3 days, 3 hours	9 17
John Smiley, 2 days, 4 hours	6 72
F. A. Taylor, team 2 days, 4 hours	14 67

 \$43 92

Goodell Co., railing	39 00
Town of Antrim, planking bridge	61 84

September

C. S. Brown, 4 days, 2 hours	\$13 73
G. M. Brown, 2 days, 4 hours	6 72
Gilman Foote, 1 day, 1 hour	3 06
John Smiley, 2 days, 8 hours	7 94
F. A. Taylor, team 2 days, 5 hours	13 81
Floyd Livingstone, 5 hours	1 53
Herbert Wilson, team 5 hours	3 33
Ben Messer, 5 hours	1 81

 \$51 93

Chas. Taylor, express

44

November

C. S. Brown, 6 days, 2 hours	\$20 21
Wm. Harrington, 1 day, 3 hours	3 67
G. M. Brown, 2 days, 4 hours	6 54
F. A. Taylor, team, no man 2 days	6 50
Gilman Foote, 7 hours	2 14
Brad. Brown, 2 teams	1 00
John Smiley, 1 day	2 75
Ed. Joslin, 7½ hours	2 29

 \$45 10

January

Breaking Roads

G. M. Brown, 2 days, 7 hours	\$7 64
F. A. Taylor, scraping and sanding walks	13 50
F. A. Taylor, snowing bridge	3 50
J. R. Colby bill	26 00

 \$50 64

Miscellaneous Bills

F. A. Knight bill, hoes	3 75
G. O. Joslin bill, spikes	54
C. J. Green, smithwork	2 85
E. J. Wilson, steel for drills	1 50
Herbert Curtis, work on road	10 20
W. C. Starrett, water rent	10 00
F. A. Knight, supplies	2 56
A. F. Bell, explosive license	25

REPORT OF SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

For year ending January 1, 1919

Dr.

1918		
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1918		\$28 75
May 15	Received from Town Trustees	114 38
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		\$143 13

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1918		
April 27	Paid H. J. French for sheep guanno	\$9 50
May 7	Paid B. & M. R. R. Freight on above	96
May 14	Paid Wm. P. Harrington, labor	23 30
May 28	Paid Wm. P. Harrington, labor	4 13
May 29	Paid John F. Smiley, labor	1 25
June 5	Paid B. D. Brown, 2 days with team	8 25
June 11	Paid Goodell Co, grinding lawn mower	50
July 1	Paid Wm P. Harrington, labor	8 29
Sept. 23	Paid Wm. P. Harrington, labor	12 06
Oct. 26	Paid Wm. P. Harrington, labor	1 50
1919		
Jan. 31	Paid H. W. Wilson, labor and care of cemetery	5 00
Jan. 31	Paid R. S. Cram, Trustee	5 00
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Total		\$79 74
Total Receipts		\$143 13
Total Disbursements		79 74
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Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1919		\$63 39

R. S. CRAM, Sec.

S. W. KNIGHT

H. W. WILSON

Trustees

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF EVERGREEN CEMETERY

For the year ending Feb. 1, 1919

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr.		
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1918		\$32 24
March 23, Bradford D. Brown, lot No. 33		5 00
July 10, Sarah B. Burtt, lot No. 13		5 00
Oct. 10, Mrs. Marcia Cosman, lot. No. 51		5 00
Oct. 10, Ernest N. Goodwin, 1 grave in lot No. 124		1 00
Nov. 14, George E. Lewis, lot No. 165		5 00
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		\$53 24
Cr.		
May Paid Harrison B. Wilson, team clean- ing cemetery		\$6 00
May Paid W. P. Harrington, 6 days clean- ing cemetery		17 00
May Paid John T. Day, 1½ day		4 13
Dec. 7 Paid W. C. Starrett, putting on and shutting off water		1 75
Cash on hand February 1, 1919		24 36
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		\$53 24

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

Trustees of Evergreen Cemetery

Approved Feb. 17, 1919

W. J. GORMAN
GEO. E. EDWARDS
Auditors

G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

There are seventy five taking out books. There have been added forty-three books; by gift, forty, and by purchase, three. We now have 2979 books on the shelves. We have a number of books that are worn out and will have to be replaced the coming year. We have taken ten magazines the past year. Books have been received from the following persons:

Carnegie Endowment Fund	1
Mrs. Emmeline Foster	40,

in memory of her late husband, Captain Charles Foster. Magazines have been received from Mrs. John D. Weston and Mrs. Eleanor Richardson.

We are also very grateful to Mrs. Willard S. Carkin for the crayon portrait of her late husband, Willard S. Carkin, also to Mrs. Eleanor Richardson for the discharge papers for her father, Daniel Bartlett and her brother, George Bartlett.

Submitted,

HENRY W. WILSON
ALLAN GERRARD
FRANK G. TRAXLER
Trustees

Henry W. Wilson, Treasurer, in account with
G. E. P. Dodge Library

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1918	\$336 37
Received from Town Treasurer	200 00
Received from Emma Bartlett	1 05

	\$537 42
Paid Insurance for 3 years	\$113 50
Wood, sawing and putting in	37 50
Electric lights	16 44
Books	18 00
Express	91
Magazines	4 00

Emma Bartlett, Librarian	50 00
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1919	297 07
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	\$537 42

Submitted,

HENRY W. WILSON,
Treasurer

Approved

W. J. GORMAN,
Auditor

DEPARTMENT OVERSEER OF THE POOR

Bills Paid for Hillsborough County from Jan. 1, 1918 to
Jan. 1, 1919

Dependent Poor

Paid Willard Manning, rent, Mrs. P. Cody	\$80 00
Mrs. Ida Atwood, board, Otto Manley	24 00
H. W. Wilson, carrying Miss S. E. Dane	8 80
W. F. Harrington, board	4 00
Arthur Harrison, sitting up with Geo. Dane	5 00
Harry Sargent, sitting up with Geo. Dane	2 40
W. E. Cram, goods, Geo. T. Dane	18 67
Martha J. Baldwin, rent, Geo. T. Dane	14 00
F. J. Aiken, undertaker for Geo. T. Dane	38 00

Dependent Soldiers

Paid W. F. Harrington, board, Mrs. Jane S Upton	\$129 42
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Submitted,

HENRY W. WILSON,
Overseer of the Poor

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

Margaret J. Taylor, Treasurer

From Jan 31, 1918 to Sept. 1, 1918

According to the rule of the state all school reports should be from Sept. 1 of one year to Aug. 31 of the following, so as to make a uniform report throughout the state, and it has to be sent in to them on the first of September: this report to be read in the town or school meeting.

As you have my report up to Jan. 31, 1918, will give a report from that time to Aug. 31, 1918, or six months of school. The next report handed in will be from Sept. 1, 1918, to Aug. 31, 1919, making state and town report correspond.

Amount on hand Feb. 1, 1918	\$626 75
Bernice Robertson's tuition	7 50
Fred Scott's tuition	2 00
Dog tax	88 40
From Arthur F. Bell, Town Treas.	1000 00
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	\$1724 65

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Paid teachers, 19 weeks	
Miss Lulu M. Cilley	\$228 00
Miss Mae Cashion	266 00
Miss Florence Center	266 00
Miss Gertrude Van Dommele (music)	58 36
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	\$818 36

Books and supplies

J. L. Hammett Co.	\$34 33
Edward Babb Co.	2 14
American Book Co.	5 76
Little, Brown Co.	9 66
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\$51 89

Care of Schools

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Wilson	\$98 75
Edward Keeser	32 57
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\$131 32

Fuel

Harrison B. Wilson, wood	\$25 40
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Town of Bennington, coal	150 87	
	<u> </u>	\$176 27
Transportation		
Herbert Curtis, to Antrim		\$113 25
Tuitions		
Milford High School	\$82 50	
Antrim High School	178 38	
Antrim Lower Grades	20 70	
	<u> </u>	\$281 58
Janitor's Supplies		
George O. Joslin, toilet paper	\$ 60	
Fred A. Knight	1 63	
George O. Joslin, toilet paper	25	
Fred A. Knight	3 65	
Elizabeth H. Wilson, cleaning, etc.	2 11	
	<u> </u>	\$8 24

MISCELLANEOUS

Harrison B. Wilson, shoveling snow	\$3 07	
Margaret Taylor, postage	50	
George H. King, carpenter	10 57	
George Hunt, labor on closet	1 50	
Henry Wilson, insurance	2 40	
Charles Bartlett, setting glass	1 60	
Stationery, receipt book and postage	1 07	
George E. Edwards, labor on wood	2 00	
Herbert Wilson, sawing wood	5 00	
George Hunt, repairs on G. S. stove	16 75	
	<u> </u>	\$44 46
Total receipts	\$1724 65	
Disbursements	1625 37	
	<u> </u>	\$99 28

Sept. 1, 1918

MARGARET J. TAYLOR,
Treasurer of School District

Approved Feb. 7, 1919

W. J. GORMAN
H. W. WILSON
Auditors

FIREWARD'S REPORT

Year ending January 31, 1919

Merrimac engine No. 1, in good condition.

Hose wagon, excellent condition.

On hand: 800 ft. $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. hose, good condition; 400 ft. $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. hose, good condition; 200 ft. $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. hose, poor condition; 1 Babcock fire extinguisher, very poor condition.

Ladders in good condition: 1 24 ft., 1 22 ft., 1 20 ft.

11 rubber coats in good condition.

4 lanterns, 6 pails.

1 fire at A. J. Pierce's.

1 fire at Clinton.

1 fire at Quinn's.

The department is in very good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. GRISWOLD

HARRY BROWN

Firewards

Report of Trust Funds of Town of Bennington, February 1, 1919

Date of Creation	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation Name of Fund and Donor	How Funds are Invested As required by Chapter 162, Laws of 1915	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Income during Year	Expended during Year
May 1916	Abram Ramsey Cemetery fund	Manchester Savings Bank	\$300 00		\$12 35	\$12 35
May 1916	Abram Ramsey	"	300 00		12 35	12 35
Dec. 1906	G. A. Whittemore	N. H. Savings Bank	300 00		12 09	12 09
Feb. 1905	Anna M. Woodbury	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00			
Mch. 1906	Helen P. Ramsey	"	200 00			
July 1913	Geo. L. Herrick	"	200 00	All at 4%		
Mch. 1914	Mrs. A. D. Green	"	200 00			
Mch. 1914	Mrs. C. M. Whitney	"	200 00			
Apr. 1914	Abram Ramsey	"	1766 16		56 72	56 72
Jan. 1915	C. J. Kimball	"	150 00		6 14	6 14
Jan. 1916	Willard S. Carkin	"	332 20		13 40	13 40
Feb. 1917	Augustus W. Gray	"	100 00		1 33	1 33
Sep. 1918	W. H. Darrah	"	50 00			
Jan. 1919	Clara R. Whittemore	N. H. Savings Bank	100 00			

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

Bennington, N. H., Feb. 12, 1919

W. J. GORMAN }
G. E. EDWARDS }
Auditors

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF
BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the
Ensuing Year, Jan. 31, 1919, to Jan. 31, 1920

Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures
of the Previous Year,
Jan. 31, 1918, to Jan. 31, 1919

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1918	Estimated Rev. Ensuing Year 1919	Increase	Decrease
FROM STATE:				
Insurance Tax	6.75	6.75		
Railroad Tax	150.57	150.57		
Savings Bank Tax	1073.38	1073.38		
Liquor Licenses	6.38			6.38
For Fighting Forest Fires	1.70	10.00	8.30	
For Highways				
(a) For state aid mnten	215.87	350.00	134.13	
(b) For trunk line mnten	386.50	542.00	115.50	
Bounties	3.60	4.00	.40	
FROM LOCAL SOURCES				
EXCEPT TAXES:				
All Licenses and Permits except Dog Licenses	20.00	20.00		
Fines and Forfeits	1.00	20.00	19.00	
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	242.15	350.15	108.00	
Rent of Engine Hall	14.13	14.13		
Filing for representative	4.00			4.00
Junk 8.18, Cement 6.00, Lumber 94.00	108.18	30.00		78.00
Coal furnished schools	150.87	150.87		
C. S. Brown, for money advanced on state road	160.51			160.51
FROM POLL TAXES:	380.00	380.00		
Revenue Applicable only to New Const and Impvts:				
From State:				
(a) For St Aid Hgwy Cnst	200.41	897.60	697.19	
Revenue which must be pd to other Govmtl Div:				
Dog Licenses	90.00	90.00		
Literary Fund	74.75			74.75
County for support of Poor and Soldiers	278.72	278.72		
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES:				
	3569.47	4341.17		791.70
Amt Raised by Prty Taxes:	12027.37	11730.47		
TOTAL REVENUES	15596.84	15771.64	174.80	

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expdt Previous Year 1918	Estimated Expdt Ensu'g Year 1919	Increase	Decrease
Current Maintenance Expenses:				
General Government:				
Town Officers' Salaries	540 03	540 03		
Town Officers' Expenses	129.66	129.66		
Election and Registrn Exp	106 88	20 00		86.88
Care and Sup. Town Hall	661 20	661.20		
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Police Dept., including care tramps				
	140 88	140.88		
Fire Department	377.05	377.05		
Moth Extermination	22 30	22.30		
Health:				
Health Department	93.89	93.89		
Vital Statistics	7.55	7 55		
Highways and Bridges:				
State Aid Maintenance				
{ State's Contribution	215 87	350.00	134.13	
{ Town's Contribution	400.50	223 14		137.36
Trunk Line Maintenance				
{ State's Contribution	386 50	542.39	155 89	
{ Town's Contribution	454 25	504.07	49 82	
Town Maintenance	1176.67	1176.67		
Street Lighting	191.35	191.35		
General Exp hgwty dept	34 22	34.22		
Education:				
Libraries	200 00	200.00		
Patriotic Purposes:				
Soldiers' Aid and G. A. R.				
Halls—Honor Roll		300.00	300.00	
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries	20 00	20.00		
Town Clock	30.26	30.26		
Railing 118.00, Scales 161 82	279.82	118 00		161.82
INTEREST:				
On Temporary Loans	100.00	40.00		60.00
Outlay for New Cnstrn and Permanent Improvements:				
Heating Job, Town Hall	551 86			551.86
State Aid Construction				
{ State's Contribution	200.41	902.04	701.63	
{ Town's Contribution	655.23	1903.21	1247.98	

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expdt Previous Year 1918	Estimated Expdt Ens'g Year 1919	Increase	Decrease
Indebtedness:				
Payments on Prin of Debt				
On demand	1500.00			1500.00
Pays to other Govmtl Div:				
State Taxes	1528.00	1528.00		
County Taxes	1537.26	1537.26		
Payments to School Dists	4683.40	3500.90		1093.40
To Poor and Soldiers, amt recd from County	278.72	278.72		
Bounties	4.00	4.00		
TOTAL EXPNDTRS	16507.76	15465.89		1041.87

EFFECT ON TAX RATE

Assessed Valuation Previous Year	\$846,862.00
Estimated Decrease in Assessed Valuation	11,862.00
Estimated Assessed Valuation Ensuing Year	\$835,000.00
Amt. Reqr'd by Budget to be Raisd by Prty Taxes	\$11,730.47
Tax Rate Ensuing Year per \$100 of Valuation	\$1.40

Every Appropriation of \$1000 in addition to the Estimates of this Budget will raise the Tax Rate \$.14 per \$100 Valuation.

REPORT OF SEXTON OF TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

For Year Ending January 31, 1919

Name	Age		Died	Disease	Place of Interment
	Yrs	Mo			
William P. Cuddihy	42	9	February 1	Spinal Meningitis	Antrim
Charles E. Eaton	70		February 16	Cardiac Insufficiency	Bennington
Charles W. Bailey	61	1	April 19	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Bennington
Luke E. Burt	74	1	June 29	Valvular Heart Disease	Bennington
Ellen M. Cuddihy	79	3	August 28	Valvular Heart Disease	Peterboro
Nellie M. Clafin	32	4	September 29	Spanish Influenza	Bennington
William P. Causman	45	8	October 9	Influenza	Bennington
Dorothy K. Goodwin	69	10	October 10	Stillborn	Bennington
Anne L. Eaton	85	7	November 28	Coal Gas Poisoning	Bennington
Mary Cochran	87	1	November 29	Coal Gas Poisoning	Antrim
Hettieable Mitchell	32	2	January 6, 1919	Pneumonia	Greenfield
Augusta M. Joslin	42	2	January 13	Pneumonia	Greenfield
Fred S. Babcock	35	2	January 19	Tuberculosis	Plainville, Conn.
A. C. Wisell	35	2	January 21	Pneumonia	Middlebury, Vt.

Brought to Bennington for Interment

Winiifred W. Brown	36	20	March 16	Strangulation (Homicide) Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	From Norfolk, Va. From Humphrey, Va.
Allen D. Lewis	24	8	October 15		
Mount Calvary Cemetery					
Marjorie Stearns	2	1	February 4	Diphtheria	Bennington
Nicholas Shea	75		May 7	Myocarditis	Bennington
Anastasia Shea	69	9	26 July 29	Apoplexy	Bennington
McGrath			July 24	Stillborn	Bennington
Tony Cuddemi	25	1	September 27	Lobar Pneumonia	Bennington
Brought Here for Interment					
Cyril Fournier	83	4	9 May 24	Edema of lungs	From Greenfield
Michael O'Malley	45		October 3	Broncho Pneumonia	From Greenfield

Respectfully submitted, FRANK A. TAYLOR, Sexton

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1918

Date of death	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex.	S. M. W. D.	Occupation.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Place of Birth		Cause of Death
		Years.	Months.	Days.							Father	Mother	
*Jan. 29	John Munhall	79	7	20	Ireland	M	W	Retired	Martin Munhall	Anastasia Clancy	Ireland	Ireland	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Feb. 1	William P. Cuddihy	42	9	15	Greenfield	M	F	Mechanic	Jas. W. Cuddihy	Johanna Goughlin	Ireland	Ireland	Spinal Meningitis
Feb. 4	Marjorie Stearns	2	5	1	Lynn, Mass.	F	S		Carl C. Stearns	Mary E. Mallett	Maine	Bennington	Diphtheria
Feb. 16	Charles E. Eaton	70	3	6	Bennington	M	M	Retired	William Eaton	Orthana Burr	Hillsboro	Bennington	Cardiac Insufficiency
*Mar. 16	Winifred W. Brown	36	3	20		F	M						Homicide
Apr. 19	Charles W. Bailey	61	1	18	Bennington, Vt.	M	M	Mechanic	Hiram Bailey	May L. Dipont	Canada	Canada	Cerebral Hemorrhage
May 7	Nicholas J. Shea	75	5	18	Ireland	M	M	Paper Mkr.	John Shea	Bridget Poor	Ireland	Ireland	Nephritis
*May 24	Cyril Fournier	83	4	9	Canada	M	W	Retired	Morris Fournier	Lucy Fonea	France	Canada	Edema of Lungs
June 29	Luke E. Burr	74	1	29	Greenfield	M	M	Retired	Jas. S. Burr	Hannah Robinson	Tewksb'y Mass	Greenfield	Valvular Heart Dis.
July 29	Anastasia Shea	69	9	26	Boston, Mass.	F	W	At home	Lawrence Welch	William Cleary	Ireland	Ireland	Apoplexy
July 24	(Baby) McGrath	7	9	26	Bennington	F	S		James Cuddihy	Katherine McGrath	Greenfield	Bennington	Stillborn
Aug. 28	Ellen M. Cuddihy	79	3		Ireland	F	S	Laborer	Albert Cuddemi	Mary Palumbo	Ireland	Ireland	Valvular Heart Dis.
Sept. 27	Tony Cuddemi	25	1		Salemi, Italy	M	S						Lobar Pneumonia
Sept. 29	Nellie M. Clahm	32	4	16	Bennington	F	M	Housewife	Lyman Adams	Sarah Stack	Yarmouth N.S.	Cork, Ireland	Influenza
Oct. 1	William P. Causman	45	8	24	Wakerefield, Mass.	M	M	Sectionman	Fredrick Causman	Minnie Magoon	Hancock	Greenfield	Influenza
Oct. 9	Dorothy K. Goodwin	45	8	24	Bennington	F	S		Ernest Goodwin				Stillborn
*Oct. 3	Allen D. Lewis	45		8		M	S						Broncho Pneumonia
*Oct. 13	Anne L. Eaton	60	10	24	Antrim	F	W	At home	Ira Cochran	Clarissa Taylor	Antrim	Hillsboro	Cerebro Spinal Men.
Nov. 28	Mary Cochran	85	7	26	Antrim	F	S	At home	Ira Cochran	Clarissa Taylor	Antrim	Hillsboro	Coal Gas Poisoning
Nov. 29	Issbella A. Nichols	85	7	26	Antrim	F	S	At home	John Stowell	Clara L. Fish	Hyde Park, Vt	Derby, Vt.	Coal Gas Poisoning
Dec. 20	Died at W. Bridgewater	59	4	4	Derby	M	M						Interstitial Nephritis

*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

Marrriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1918

Date and Place of marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age - years	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.
Jan. 20	Athanasios Kounelas	Bennington	37	Mill oper.	Greece	Vasilios Kounelas	Greece	Laborer	Rev. Geo. Poulton Pastor Greek Church
Manchester	Malamat Varsami	Manchester	23		Greece	Meritsas Sazkas Ethemios Varsami Vava Gouma	Greece Greece Greece	Laborer	
Feb. 20	Guy Hall Veino	Bennington	24	Lumber oper	Riverdale	Enos Veino	MyHuntB'y, NS Lunenburg, N.S.	Laborer	Rev. Bernard Copping Clergyman
Bennington	Katie Lawrence Curtis	Bennington	23	Housework	Bennington	Katherine Colback	Dorchester, Mass.	Laborer	
Oct. 27	Frank W. Arlin	Bennington	38	Teamster	Northfld Mass	Josiah P. Curtis Cora Alice Hatch	Northfield, Mass.	Teamster	Rev. Bernard Copping Clergyman
Bennington	Hazel Atwood	Bennington	17	Housework	Hillsboro	James W. Arlin Ethel Stanford John Atwood Ida Barnes	Northfield, Mass. Brattleboro, Vt.	Housework Laborer Housework	

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1918

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Living or sb.	Sex	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 16	Calvin Alexander	L	M	3	Harry Brown	M. A. Richards	Bennington	Cutler	Bennington, N. H.	Orange, Mass.
Feb. 21	Harry David	L	M	1	Harry S. Dunbar	Florence W. French		Chaudreux	New Boston, N. H.	Bennington, N. H.
May 11	Albert Charles	L	M	1	Frank B. Green	Ethel French		Laborer	So. Weate, N. H.	Greenfield, N. H.
July 24	McGeath	Sb	M	1	Wm. Augusta Cleary	Katherine McCGrath		Munition Pcty	Bennington, N. H.	Bennington, N. H.
Aug. 26	Benjamin Arthur	L	M	1	George B. Griswold	Marton Shea		Paper Mill	Greenfield, N. H.	Hancock, N. H.
Sept. 12	Joseph	L	M	1	Arthur Diamond	Marguerite O'Connell		Farmer	Roxbury, Mass.	St. John, N. F.
Sept. 27	Adelaide Liberty	L	F	8	Wm. F. Harrington	Frances Lake		Farmer	Hancock, N. H.	Greenfield, N. H.
Oct. 10	Dorothy Kathleen	Sb	F	2	Ernest Goodwin	Minnie Magoon		Laborer		

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