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Annual Report
BRIDGEWATER
New Hampshire

1920-21

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
BRIDGEWATER, N. H.
FOR THE
Year Ending Jan. 31st, 1921

The Record Print, Plymouth, N. H.

ANNUAL REPORTS

TOWN OFFICERS

1920

Town Clerk—J. S. Morrison.

Selectmen—A. H. Carpenter, G. T. Young, E. D. Morrison.

Town Treasurer—E. E. Atwood.

Collector of Taxes—C. H. Marston.

Policeman—J. H. Morrison.

Road Agents—S. S. Fletcher, C. E. Page.

Auditor—D. B. Clement.

Moderator—H. W. Hammond.

Supervisors—B. T. Nichols, S. S. Fletcher.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

1920

	Number	Valuation
Lands and buildings		\$289,260.00
Horses	76	10,105.00
Asses and mules	2	300.00
Oxen	16	1,945.00
Cows	98	7,790.00
Other neat stock	27	1,360.00
Sheep	38	300.00
Hogs	11	250.00
Fowls		456.00
Portable mills	3	3,200.00
Boats and launches	23	1,150.00
Wood, lumber, etc.		32,900.00
Stock in National Banks in this state		1,000.00
Money on hand, at interest, or on deposit		33.00
Polls, number, 60	Taxes, \$300	

Total, exclusive of exemptions \$350,049.00

Amount of taxes committed to collector, including poll taxes	\$9,401.82
Average rate per cent of taxation for all purposes	\$2.60

Amounts Raised and Appropriated, 1920

For state aid for highway	\$159.50
Trunk line maintenance	450.00
Old Home Day	20.00
Memorial Day	12.00
C. E. Spencer, private road	200.00
Memorial tablet	25.00
Road machine	350.00
Highways and bridges, 1 per cent of total valuation	3,500.49
State tax	1,088.00
County tax	469.87

School money, \$5.00 per thousand of valuation		1,750.25
School money additional		585.00
Town charges		200.00
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		\$8,810.11
Trunk line construction to be taken from cash on hand		\$957.00
Amount of property tax for 1920	\$9,101.82	
Abatement	9.10	
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Polls, 60 at \$5.00	\$300.00	
Abatements	10.00	
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		\$9,382.72
Rate per \$100.00, \$2.60		

Statement of Assets

Cash in hands of treasurer Feb. 1, 1921	\$2,332.56
Due from state, joint highway account	55.50
Bounties	4.00
Uncollected taxes 1920	1,667.72
Uncollected taxes 1919	8.76
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	\$4,068.54

Statement of Liabilities

Outstanding orders	\$114.04
Due school district, dog licenses	37.80
Due school district, school money	535.25
Due school district, repair fund	75.00
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	\$762.09
Excess of assets over liabilities	3,306.45
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	\$4,068.54

List of Town Property

	Value
Town Hall, land and building	\$1,200.00
Furniture and equipment	50.00

Libraries		200.00
Police department equipment		10.00
Road machine		300.00

\$1,760.00

Settlement with Collector, 1920

Amount of tax list	\$9,401.82	
Amount collected		\$7,715.00
Abatements		19.10
Balance due		1,667.72
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	\$9,401.82	\$9,401.82

Statement with Collector, 1919

Amount due Feb. 1, 1920	\$1,129.42	
By cash paid treasurer		\$1,085.53
By abatements		12.00
Balance due		8.76
Amount overcharged to collector, 1919		23.13
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	\$1,129.42	\$1,129.42

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Received

From former treasurer	\$2,898.59
From Selectmen	5,677.96
From selectmen on town notes	3,500.00
From John S. Morrison, dog license	37.80
From John S. Morrison, auto license	99.94
G. H. Marston, collector 1920	7,715.00
S. S. Fletcher, collector 1919	1,085.53
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	\$21,014.82

Cash Paid Out

Cash paid on selectmen's orders	\$18,677.26
Cash paid on order by F. W. Brown, division engineer	5.00
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	\$18,682.26
Balance on hand	\$2,332.56

E. E. ATWOOD, Treasurer

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Received from state and U. S. for trunk line construction	\$5,121.71
From state for trunk line maintenance	308.00
From state for state aid maintenance	4.50
From state for town road maintenance	92.62
From state for railroad tax	76.75
From state for savings bank tax	491.35
From state for 1919 balance	151.13
On notes for state road construction	3,500.00
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	\$9,746.06

Expenditures

Paid to state, state tax	\$1,088.00
Paid to county	469.87
Paid to school district	1,800.00
Old Home Day appropriation	20.00
S. S. Fletcher, road agent	1,053.99
Chas. E. Page, road agent	1,669.16
Winter roads	760.54
State aid maintenance	5.00
Trunk line maintenance	578.15
Town maintenance by state	185.24
C. E. Spencer, private road	200.00

Town officers' salaries	296.50
Town officers' expenses	88.29
Shingling Town Hall	45.00
Health officer, salary and expense	20.00
Vital statistics	.75
Notes for state road construction	3,570.00
Federal aid construction	6,955.71
Road machine	441.21
Supervisory tax	82.00
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	\$19,329.41

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. CARPENTER,
G. T. YOUNG,
E. D. MORRILL,

Selectmen of Bridgewater.

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

A. H. Carpenter, selectman	\$70.00
G. T. Young, selectman	60.00
E. D. Morrill, selectman	60.00
C. H. Marston, collector	35.00
E. E. Atwood, treasurer	25.00
B. T. Nichols, supervisor	8.00
S. S. Fletcher, supervisor	10.00
E. E. Atwood, auditor 1919	6.00
J. H. Morrison, constable	2.50
J. S. Morrison, town clerk	20.00

\$296.50

Miscellaneous Bills

W. J. Randolph, list of transfers	\$2.08
Record Print, town reports	39.33
R. E. Lane, dog license book	2.84
E. C. Eastman, tax collector's book	2.75

R. G. & R. W. Gilpatric, shingling Town House	45.00
J. S. Morrison, births and deaths	.75
J. S. Morrison, postage	.75
J. S. Morrison, tax permits, registration motor vehicles	3.50
Selectmen's expenses	12.07
E. C. Eastman, uniform system town books	23.22
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	\$132.29

Winter Roads

M. A. Bailey	\$15.00
J. S. Morrison	5.00
Walter Blake	77.43
K. W. Jackson	4.45
R. W. Gilpatric	37.20
R. W. Gilpatric	5.25
A. R. Libby	4.45
J. W. Brown	6.60
S. D. Fox	4.30
F. E. Bailey	24.66
G. A. Hunt	10.20
W. F. Morrill	3.63
Eldorus Smith	23.50
R. G. Gilpatric	46.00
C. E. Spencer	26.40
J. H. Morrison	13.20
H. W. Hammond	44.66
W. M. Graves	28.80
E. P. Wiser	25.40
C. J. Cass	9.90
A. W. Stoll	38.33
C. E. Page	49.00
N. Malo	53.98
Don E. Brock	6.00
G. T. Young	2.40
T. H. Vail	35.50
A. H. Sleeper	23.00
Bert Follansbee	1.00
G. T. Young	2.40
E. D. Morrill	10.80
F. W. Clement	5.20

F. W. Clement	8.80
D. B. Clement	36.30
Winter roads	67.80
W. V. Gilpatric	4.00
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	\$760.54

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT—WEST SIDE

Rec'd from treasurer on selectmen's orders	\$1,669.16
Paid for labor and teams	
H. J. Brock	\$2.00
W. S. H. Remick, dynamite	2.86
H. C. Field, shovels and spikes	4.00
C. E. Ross	4.00
Wallace Kirk	5.00
C. E. Spencer, gravel	9.30
H. W. Hammond, gravel and sawing lumber	9.60
W. A. Sleeper	12.00
Zachariah Brock, dynamite and shar- pening tool	13.00
M. A. Bailey	20.00
W. S. Morrill	52.00
F. W. Clement	55.00
H. W. Smith	80.00
P. B. Morrill	127.00
E. D. Morrill, labor and lumber	187.90
Bert Follansbee	287.75
C. E. Page, road agent	797.75
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	\$1,669.16

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT—EAST SIDE

Received from treasurer on selectmen's orders	\$1,074.89
For labor and teams breaking roads, paid after town meeting	
E. P. Wiser	\$32.00
K. W. Jackson	6.00
A. R. Libby	6.00
R. G. Gilpatric	10.00
Stoll & Paulin	13.50
E. E. Atwood	12.00
R. W. Gilpatric	20.80
J. H. Morrison	20.90
For labor and teams, road work	
Charles Drew	13.50
A. W. Stoll	2.00
James Paulin	22.00
O. A. Brown	15.50
C. E. Page	16.00
J. S. Morrison	30.00
Walter Blake	6.50
A. H. Carpenter	88.29
W. M. Graves	17.68
R. W. Gilpatric	13.42
E. E. Atwood	77.00
W. E. Martin	80.00
R. G. Gilpatric	16.30
E. P. Wiser	61.50
Angus Heath	6.00
F. W. Clement	22.50
H. H. Emerson	8.00
B. T. Nichols	34.50
Fred Cass	28.00
C. J. Cass	12.00
J. H. Fogg	13.00
Cyrus Fletcher	125.00
S. S. Fletcher	200.00
O. A. Brown, plank	45.00
	\$1,074.89
S. S. FLETCHER, Agent.	

State Aid Maintenance

Balance state 1919	\$185.00	
Appropriation 1920	600.00	
Expenditures		\$311.98
Balance 1920		473.03
	\$785.01	\$785.01

Town Road Maintenance, State

Balance town 1919	\$185.01	
Appropriation 1920	400.00	
Expenditures		\$269.65
Balance 1920		315.36
	\$585.01	\$585.01
Town road maintenance		\$92.62

Federal Aid Construction

1919 appropriation state and federal	\$3,814.39	
1919 expenditure		\$253.30
Transferred from T. L. construction	717.75	
Extra state appropriation	1,349.88	
Expended		5,628.72
	\$5,882.02	\$5,882.02
1919 appropriation town	\$1,300.50	
Transferred from T. L. construction	478.50	
Expended		\$1,779.00
	\$1,779.00	\$1,779.00

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer and Road Agents and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

D. B. CLEMENT, Auditor.

OLD HOME DAY

Received from last year	\$3.57
Received from town	20.00
Received from material sold	1.60
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	\$25.17

Expenditures

50 lbs. beans	\$5.00
13 lbs. salt pork	3.25
Molasses	.25
10 lbs. sugar	2.50
5 lbs. coffee	2.65
10 loaves bread	1.50
2 lbs. butter	1.25
500 paper plates	2.50
Baking beans	3.00
For soldering faucet on boiler	.75
Balance	2.52
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	\$25.17

S. S. FLETCHER, Agent.

BRIDGEWATER TRUST FUNDS

Funds and Interest Feb. 1, 1921

Emerson cemetery fund	\$390.00
Old Home cemetery fund	580.00
Whittemore Point cemetery fund	580.00
Cross and Webster fund	127.00
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	\$1,677.00

Expended

Emerson cemetery	\$3.00	
Whittemore Point	75.00	
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Funds left in N. H. savings banks		<hr/>
		\$1,599.00

S. S. FLETCHER,
D. B. CLEMENT,
C. H. MARSTON,
Trustees.

Births Registered in the Town of Bridgewater, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1920

Date of Birth	Name of Child (If any)	Sex, Cond		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Father's Age	Mother's Age		
		Male, Female	Liv. or Still											
Dec 28	Marjorie Evvie	F	L	5	W	Everett E Atwood	Ina M Wisser	W	Bridgewater	Farmer	Woodstock N H	Bridgewater	37	30

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bridgewater, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1920

Date - 1920	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Times married	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
Dec 12	Laconia N H	Herbert A Hopkins Eliza Higgins	Bridgewater N H Laconia N H	37 39	W W	Millman Milliner	Hebron N H Thetford Vt	Florence V Nutting Elbridge S Hopkins Melsine Muzzey Milo Higgins Eliza Hunt	NewH'pton NH Deceased No Troy Vt Deceased	Retired Housewife Farmer Housewife	2 3	Rev J L Shively Laconia

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bridgewater, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1920

Date - 1920	Name and Surname of deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex & Cond'n		Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Cause of Death
				Male, Female	Single, mar		Father	Mother			
Dec 4	Alma C Hutton	79	Wentworth N H	F	W	Housewife	Scotland	Scotland	Peter Clifford John Lobban	Clementine Andrew	Falling Compensation Uracina
Dec 4	Jessie L Fife	35	Milton Mass	F	W	Housewife	Scotland	Scotland			

JOHN L. MORRISON, Town Clerk

WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Bridgewater qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the eighth day of March, 1921, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools.
8. To see if the District will vote to accept the requirements of the law in regard to State Aid.
9. To see if the District will vote to use shingles purchased for the Clement schoolhouse on any schoolhouse in present use.
10. To see how much money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the repair of schoolhouses.

Given under our hands at said Bridgewater this twelfth day of February, 1921.

G. T. YOUNG,
S. S. FLETCHER,
MRS. J. H. FOGG,
School Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

From Sept. 1, 1919, to Sept. 1, 1920

Received

Balance on hand	\$12.82
From town treasurer	1,850.00
State aid	369.69
From Mrs. E. E. Atwood	2.20

\$2,234.71

Paid

Charles S. Collins, shingles	\$25.50
Francis W. Clement, truant officer	4.00
F. W. Preston, tuition	146.67
Ellen F. Bean, teaching	547.00
R. E. Lane, printing	3.02
Elmer P. Wiser, wood	36.72
Macmillan Co., books	4.23
Ginn & Co., books	11.37
Milton Bradley Co., books	20.90
John C. Winston Co., books	6.41
Mason Perkins Paper Corp., paper	1.74
Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies	23.29
Lettie E. Brock, teaching	449.00
Musgrove Printing House, printing	4.43
Scott Foresman Co., school supplies	3.20
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies	31.55
H. C. Field, supplies	2.77
J. H. Morrison, wood etc.	14.62
Della B. Yeaton, conveyance	83.00
Edith Mitchell, teaching	280.00
Penj. H. Sanborn Co., supplies	4.18
S. S. Fletcher, school board	39.85
G. T. Young, school board	33.96
Cyrus C. Fletcher, school treasurer	5.00
Raymond I. Gilpatric, janitor	11.50
Emma McHugh, teaching	45.00
A. W. Stall, wood	4.50
Plymouth school district, tuition	23.00
K. S. Cavis	67.88

Edson C. Eastman, supplies	20.27
C. A. Breck	25.02
Lillybell Brown, teaching	135.00
W. B. Cass, wood	30.00
A. S. Barnes Co., supplies	4.45
Melvina A. Fogg, supplies	9.50
Bristol Supervisory Union	7.88
F. M. Robertson, medical inspection	20.00
Balance on hand	48.30
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	\$2,234.71

CYRUS C. FLETCHER, School Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of the school treasurer and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

D. B. CLEMENT, Auditor.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

To the Citizens of the School District of Bridgewater:

I present herein my second annual report as superintendent of schools.

The facts relating to Bridgewater schools for the school year 1919-'20 are indicated in the following table.

Table A

School	Teacher	Weeks	Total Enroll.	Average Member	Average Attend'ce	Per cent. of Att.
Bridgewater Hill	Edith F. Mitchell	30	12	10.3	10	97
	Emma McHugh					
	Lillybelle W. Brown					
River Road	Ellen Frances Bean	35	13	6.9	6.27	91
Turnpike	Lettie E. Brock	34	16	12.7	11.33	91

It will be seen that in no one of the three schools did we succeed last year in maintaining school for the legal year of thirty-six weeks. Illness of teachers and pupils and extreme weather conditions closed the schools for long periods, and it seemed undesirable to continue the term into the summer beyond July 2. By consent of the State Board the schools were closed upon that date. This school year, averaging 33 weeks, is a marked advance over that of the year before, which was only 21 weeks.

The present year was opened Aug. 23 in two schools, that we might still further improve the length of the school year. It is quite certain that every school will complete a full year of 36 weeks before the first of July.

Attention should be called to the very creditable record of the pupils in the Hill school in maintaining an attendance record of 97 per cent, and that in face of the fact that most of the children lived a long distance away, and were obliged to travel over a drifted road. No other district in the supervisory union has made so good an average record in per cent of attendance as Bridgewater, the figure 93 being excellent for a rural district.

Bridgewater is unique among the five towns making up the supervisory union, also, in that it has made a slight gain in population in the last decade. The great majority of rural towns in the state have lost population in this period.

It is to be noted that in every district teachers' salaries have increased, together with other items of school expenditures, and this has led to an increased demand for help from the State Board. The grant for Bridgewater this year is nearly double that of last year.

I noted in my report of last year that considerable changes would have to be made in school buildings to make them "suitable and sanitary" buildings within the meaning of the educational act. We have succeeded in having the necessary changes made in one building, the Turnpike. Windows have been removed from one side, which pupils now face, and added to

the left side of the room. A useless platform has been removed, book-shelf built, and door to one toilet moved. Satisfactory vaults for toilets await suitable weather conditions. When the work is completed by the use of paint and whitewash we shall have a very pleasant and satisfactory schoolroom.

The schoolhouse on the Hill may be considered satisfactory while the number of pupils remains very small, as at present, but the River Road schoolhouse is in a dilapidated condition, and will require even more extensive changes to bring it up to the standard than those required at the Turnpike school.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES A. BRECK, Superintendent.

Roll of Honor

Pupils not absent or tardy, school year 1919-'20:

Fall term, Austin Gilpatric.

Spring term, Austin Gilpatric, Doris A. Brock, Clifton S. Brock.

Year, three terms, Dorothy Bartlett, Clara Gilpatric, Raymond Gilpatric.

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