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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

C. S. Chandler

CLERK

Harrison M. Heath

SELECTMEN

Charles S. Chandler Harry G. Titus Roscoe A. Young

TREASURER

Mary C. Chandler

TAX COLLECTOR

Charles E. Woods

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Leon E. Noyes Harry G. Titus Harrison M. Heath

HIGHWAY AGENT

Amos N. Allbee

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Charles S. Chandler Harry E. Poor Grace G. Gordon

SUPERVISORS

George H. Young Harry E. Poor Wilbur A. Johnson

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

C. M. Stimpson, Sexton C. E. Heath R. B. Stevens

CONSTABLE

George F. Clement

HEALTH OFFICER

Calvin E. Heath

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Harrison M. Heath Carrie J. Allbee Grace G. Gordon

AUDITOR

Harry E. Poor

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Landaff, in the County of Grafton, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said Landaff on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the year ensuing and make appropriation of the same.

Article 3. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate toward the support of the Lisbon District Nursing Association.

Article 4. To see how much money the town will raise and appropriate for the control of the White Pine Blister Rust in Landaff.

Article 5. To bring in your votes for the election of Delegates at large, Alternate Delegates at large; District Delegates, Alternate District Delegates to the National Conventions of the Democratic and Republican parties, to be held for the purpose of nominating party candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.

Article 6. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty four.

C. S. CHANDLER	}	Selectmen of Landaff
HARRY G. TITUS		

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LANDAFF

*Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing year, Feb. 1, 1924, to Feb. 1
1925, compared with actual Revenue of the previous year,
Feb. 1, 1923 to Feb. 1, 1924.*

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1923	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1924
From State:		
Railroad Tax	\$ 28 59	\$ 28 59
Savings Bank Tax	430 47	425 00
For fighting forest fires	6 12	5 00
For Highways:		
(a) For state aid maintenance	195 10	200 00
(b) For trunk line maintenance	709 67	562 50
From local sources except taxes:		
All licenses and permits except dog licenses	329 49	300 00
Rent of town hall and other buildings	29 00	25 00
Interest received on taxes and deposits	20 29	20 00
Income of departments: Highways, sewers etc.	75 93	60 00
From poll taxes	600 00	560 00
From other taxes except property taxes:		
(a) National bank stock	10 00	10 00
Revenue applicable only to new construction and improvements:		
From State:		
(a) For state aid highway construction	291 59	370 80
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes:	2,726 50	2,566 89
Amount raised by property taxes:	15,071 76	7,413 80
Total revenues		9,980 69

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LANDAFF

*Estimates of Expenditures for the ensuing year, Feb 1, 1924, to
Feb. 1, 1925, compared with actual expenditures of the
previous year, Feb. 1, 1923, to Feb. 1, 1924.*

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1923	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1924
Current maintenance expenses:		
General government:		
Town officers' salaries	\$ 319 46	\$ 400 00
Town officers' expenses	144 68	200 00
Election and registration expenses	27 00	100 00
Care and supplies for town hall	340 98	50 00
Protection of persons and property:		
Police department	15 00	10 00
Fire department	8 00	10 00
Health:		
Health department	65 53	100 00
Vital statistics	3 00	5 00
Highway and bridges:		
State aid maintenance		
State's contribution	195 11	200 00
Town's contribution	195 10	200 00
Trunk line maintenance		
State's contribution	709 67	187 50
Town's contribution	236 56	562 50
Town maintenance	1,633 26	2,500 00
Street lighting	40 50	45 00
General expense of highway department	136 03	150 00
Education:		
Libraries	30 60	30 60
Charities:		
Town poor	235 85	200 00
Public service enterprises:		
Cemeteries	12 66	25 00
Interest:		
On temporary loans	274 67	125 00

On principal of trust funds used by town	18 25	18 25
Outlay for new construction and permanent improvements:		
Highways and bridges		
Town construction		1,000 00
State aid construction		
State's contribution	291 59	370 80
Town's contribution	729 46	927 00
Indebtedness:		
Payment on principal of debt		
(b) Long term notes	4,000 00	
Payments to other governmental divisions:		
State taxes	1,230 50	1,230 50
County taxes	1,325 54	1,325 54
Payments to school districts	4,112 42	
Tax on gravel bank	8 08	8 00
Total expenditures	<u>\$16,339 50</u>	<u>9,980 69</u>

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description

1. Town hall, lands and buildings	\$15,000 00
Furniture and equipment	1,000 00
2. Libraries, furniture and equipment	300 00
5. Highway department, lands and buildings	200 00
Equipment	150 00
7. Water supply	500 00
8. Cemetery	950 00
Hearse, house and equipment	150 00
9. Gravel bank	500 00
Total	<u>\$18,750 00</u>

ASSESSMENT STATISTICS

Land and buildings	\$465,070 00
143 horses	12,530 00
6 oxen	325 00
526 cows	27,480 00
57 neat stock	2,100 00
75 sheep	594 00
22 hogs	345 00
100 fowls	100 00
1 portable mill	1,000 00
Wood and lumber	1,700 00
Stock in trade	100,800 00
Mills	2,500 00
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Grand total	\$614,544 00

Amount in town and school districts	
\$477,604.00 at \$2.65	\$12,656 50
Amount in Lisbon school district (for town	
purposes only) \$136,940.00 at \$1.73	2,369 06
Bath inventory (for school purposes only)	
\$5,000 at 92c	46 00
226 polls at \$5.00	1,130 00
9 polls at \$3.00	27 00
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Amount of taxes for 1923	\$16,228 56

Town of Landaff**BALANCE**

ASSETS

Cash:

In hands of treasurer (do not include sinking funds)	\$ 1,490 44
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Accounts due to the town:

Due from state:

(a) Joint highway accounts, unexpended balances in state treasury	393 14
(b) Bounties	27 40

Due from county:

(a) Support of poor	177 25
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Other bills due town:

(a) Unredeemed land sales	515 87
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Taxes not collected:

(a) Levy of 1923	577 06
(b) Levy of 1922	320 26

Total assets	3,501 42
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Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)	2,997 16
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Grand total	\$6,498 58
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Net debt, January 31, 1923	\$7,259 94
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Net debt, January 31, 1924	2,997 16
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Decrease of debt	4,262 78
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SHEET**January 31, 1924**

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the town:

Bills outstanding, C. E. Woods, balance of salary	\$15 00
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Due to School Districts:

(a) dog licenses	94 25	
(b) Interest on \$550.00 note	18 25	
(c) Amount raised by taxation	5,015 47	
		5,127 97

State and town joint highway accounts:

(a) unexpended bal. in state treasury	393 14
(b) Unexpended bal. in town treasury	412 47

Trust Funds, amount of principal used by town:	550 00
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Total liabilities	6,498 58
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Grand total	\$6,498 58
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Town of Landaff**RECEIPTS AND****RECEIPTS**

Current revenue:

From local taxes:

Property taxes committed to collector, 1923	\$15,347 92	
Less discounts and abatements, 1923	106 16	
Less uncollected, 1923	577 06	
1. Property taxes, current year, actually collected	14,663 70	
2. Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, 6 at \$3.00	18 00	
3. Poll taxes, current year, actually collected, 194 at \$5.00	970 00	
5. National bank stock taxes	10 00	
Total of above collections		15,661 70
Tax sales redeemed		31 26

From State:

6. For highways		
(a) For state aid maintenance		173 60
(b) For state aid construction		235 11
(c) For trunk line maintenance		370 31
8. Railroad tax		28 59
9. Savings bank tax		430 47
12. Fighting forest fires		6 12
13. Bounties		46 40

From County:

14. For support of poor:	685 75
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From local sources except taxes:

16. Dog licenses	109 25
19. Rent of town hall	29 00
20. Interest received on taxes	20 25
24. Income from departments, highway department	71 20

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PAYMENTS**For year ending January 31, 1924**

PAYMENTS

Current maintenance expenses:

General government

1. Town officers' salaries	\$ 319 46
2. Town officers' expenses	144 68
3. Election and registration expenses	27 00
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings	340 98

Protection of persons and property:

6. Police department, including care of tramps	15 00
7. Fire department, including forest fires	8 00
9. Bounties	27 40
10. Damage by dogs	15 00

Health:

11. Health department, including hospitals	65 53
12. Vital statistics	3 00

Highways and bridges:

14. State aid maintenance	368 71
15. Trunk line maintenance	606 59
16. Town maintenance	1,633 26
17. Street lighting and sprinkling	40 50
18. General expenses of highway dept., including watering troughs	157 03

Libraries:

19: Libraries	30 60
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Charities:

20. Town poor	235 85
21. County poor	631 78

Public service enterprises:

27. Cemeteries, including hearse hire	12 66
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RECEIPTS AND

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26. Permits for the registration of motor vehicles	329 49
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27. B. & M. rebate on freight	4 73
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Receipts other than current revenue:

28. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	2,500 00
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Total receipts other than current revenue	2,500 00
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Total receipts from all sources	20,733 27
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Cash on hand February 1, 1923	777 32
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Grand total	\$21,510 59
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PAYMENTS (cotinued)

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Unclassified:

29. Taxes bought by town	\$ 21 50
30. Abatements	106 16
31. Tax on town owned property	8 08

Interest:

32. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	274 67	
Total interest payment	<u> </u>	\$ 274 67

Outlay for new construction and
permanent improvements:

36. Highways and bridges, state aid construction	972 25	
Total outlay payments	<u> </u>	972 25

Indebtedness:

44. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	2,500 00	
45. Payments on long term notes	4,000 00	
Total indebtedness payments	<u> </u>	6,500 00

Payments to other governmental divisions:

50. Taxes paid to state	1,230 50
51. Taxes paid to County	1,325 54
53. Payments to school districts	4,112 42
Soldiers bonus, 2 years	<u>786 00</u>

Total payments to other governmental divisions	<u> </u>	7,454 46
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Total payments for all purposes	<u> </u>	20,020 15
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Cash on hand January 31, 1924	<u> </u>	1,490 44
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Grand total	<u> </u>	\$21,510 59
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Twenty one and one half pages record	\$ 5 16
Drawing jurors and making returns	1 50
Notifying jurors	2 00
Drawing petit juror (special order of court)	1 50
Notifying petit juror	1 00
Annual town meeting	3 00
Seven marriages and two copies	3 15
Nine births and three copies	5 40
Four deaths and two copies	1 80
Two burial permits	.20
Making returns to fire commission	.50
Recording one appointment	.10
Copying invoice	10 00
Forty-seven auto permits (Jan. 31, 1923 to Jan. 31, 1924)	12 55
Total	\$47 86
Expense:	
Money paid the Automotive Service Bureau	4 45
Postage	3 00
Services as Justice of Peace (1922 and 1923)	4 00
Total	\$59 31

HARRISON M. HEATH, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance from last year	\$ 777 32
C. E. Woods, collector	15,651 70
National bank, stock tax	10 00
James Miller, redemption	31 26
C. E. Woods, interest on taxes	20 29
Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co., notes	2,500 00
From State Bounties	46 40
Outing Club	5 00
Harry Tewksbury, old road machine	10 00
B. & M. rebate on freight	4 73
H. M. Heath dog licenses	109 25
H. M. Heath, auto permits, 1923	277 11
H. M. Heath, auto permits, January 1924	52 38
State Highway Department, gravel	59 10
State Forest Department	6 12
Grafton County, support of paupers	685 85
Ladies Aid, rent of hall	1 00
Grace Gordon, gravel	2 10
Railroad tax	28 59
Savings Bank tax	430 47
State Highway Department	779 02
Mt. Hope Grange, rent of hall	23 00
Total	\$21,510 59
Selectmens orders	20,020 15
Balance on hand	1,490 44

MARY C. CHANDLER, Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

C. S. Chandler, first selectman	\$ 85 00	
H. G. Titus, second selectman	64 50	
R. A. Young, third selectman	10 50	
H. M. Heath, town clerk	47 86	
Mary C. Chandler, treasurer	25 00	
C. E. Woods, tax collector	75 00	
H. E. Poor, auditor	3 00	
C. S. Chandler, overseer of poor	8 60	
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		\$319 46

Town Officers' Expenses

A. W. Buffington, printing	\$87 25	
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	3 06	
W. P. Farmer, dues to N. H.		
Assessors' Ass'n	3 00	
Automotive Service Bureau, supplies	1 12	
H. M. Heath, expenses	11 45	
C. S. Chandler, expenses	30 80	
H. G. Titus, expenses	9 00	
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		\$144 68

Election and Registration Expense

Walter Lynde, ballot clerk	3 00	
Albert Lynde, ballot clerk	3 00	
Harry E. Poor, supervisor	4 50	
Harry S. Wetherbee, ballot clerk	3 00	
George H. Young, supervisor	7 50	
Wilbur A. Johnson, supervisor	3 00	
Charles S. Chandler, moderator	3 00	
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		\$27 00

Expense of Town Hall

A. M. Clough, insurance	218 73	
C. E. Heath, insurance	93 75	
C. M. Gale, wood	12 00	
C. S. Chandler, care and supplies	16 50	
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		\$340 98

Forest Fire Department

C. M. Gale, posting notices	8 00	
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Health Department

C. E. Heath, health officer	10 00	
For Cole's child, scarlet fever case		
Mrs. Geo. Stimpson, care	35 00	
Clothes for child	9 53	
F. W. Bangs, medicine	1 00	
H. H. Boynton, professional services	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$65 53

Bounties

Selectmen paid bounty on		
112 hedgehogs	22 40	
1 bear	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$27 40

State Aid Maintenance

	State	Town	Total
Appropriation 1923	300 00	300 00	600 00
Expenditures	195 10	195 11	390 21
Balance 1924	104 90	104 89	209 79

Trunk Line Maintenance

	State	Town	Total
Balance 1922	345 30	115 10	460 40
Appropriation 1923	550 00	185 00	740 00
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Total funds	900 30	300 10	1200 40
Expenditures 1923	709 67	236 56	946 23
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Balance 1924	190 63	63 54	254 17

Town Maintenance

Expense Prior to March 13, 1923

A. J. Hall	\$ 4 76
S. J. Matson	18 75
Alec McKenzie	7 50
Fred Moses	5 02

George Stimpson	10 78
Philip King	31 04
Herman Holmes	2 50
Howard Bronson	5 00
Howard Blodgett	2 50
Elmer Blodgett	96
Nate Kidder	6 87
George Forbes	1 25
Ora Stimpson	1 25
James Kidder	3 31
Harry E. Poor	13 78
Dan Glines	1 81
Herbert Cole	56
Jacob Bowles	56
Dolphus Bowles	42
Edward Glines	83
C. S. Chandler	1 67
John Welch	83
Charles Flanders	5 97
Henry Flanders	2 92
C. M. Gale (men and team)	15 00
Harry H. Hall	13 75
Hugh A. Dexter	7 00
Lawrence McGuire	2 50
William McGuire	2 00
Peter Garron	2 50
Alvah Lynde	6 00
Walker Stimpson	3 67
Walter Butson	37 50
Harry Wetherbee	2 00
C. J. Campbell	12 50
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	\$235 26

A. N. Allbee, Agent

Self and team	\$460 00
George Allbee	47 56
Percy Allbee	44

Arthur Allbee	5 00	
Walter Lynde	21 00	
Edward Glines	23 50	
Bert Ball	15 00	
H. M. Heath	1 25	
S. J. Matson	8 75	
Alec McKenzie	6 50	
Herman Holmes	5 00	
Ellis Holmes	5 00	
Harry Parker	2 50	
Donald Matson	3 75	
Howard Bronson	2 50	
Howard Blodgett	2 50	
Oscar Blodgett	107 50	
Leander Fitzgerald	2 00	
James Clark	7 28	
George Stimpson	36 06	
Philip King	17 50	
George Forbes and team	135 00	
Austin Hall	78 49	
Frank Sylvester and team	114 00	
James Briggs	234 00	
James Holbrook	3 00	
Nate Kidder	4 17	
James Kidder	1 67	
C. M. Gale and team	8 33	
H. A. Dexter	5 00	
C. R. Flanders	3 25	
Harry Hodge	2 50	
Charlie Hodge	2 50	
J. F. Bowles	7 50	
L. S. Jesseman, sharpening tools	40	
Geo. M. Goudie, tools and bolts	3 60	
C. M. Gale, repairs on machine	4 00	
C. A. Young, stone for culvert	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$1398 00
Total		\$1633 26

General Expense Highway Department

Austin-Western Road Machinery Co.,		
repairs for road machine	\$ 3 48	
Parker-Young Co., bridge plank	132 55	
Gowing & Chamberlin, tools	6 00	
Frank Sylevter, water trough	3 00	
Byron Oakes, the Emma Clark water-		
ing trough for 1 year, the H. Clark		
watering place for 2 years	9 00	
Sheridan Corey, watering place	3 00	
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Street Lighting

Lisbon Light & Power Co., 3 lights	40 50
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Libraries

Library Trustees, library tax	30 60
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County Poor

For William Richardson

Dr. Parker, services	\$ 8 00	
W. G. Twonbley, milk	4 00	
C. M. Stimpson, digging grave	8 50	
Lucas Carlton Co., burial expenses	54 50	
H. H. Boynton, services	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$83 00

For Ed Mackie

W. G. Twonbley, milk	27 60	
Parker-Young Co., 5 months rent	42 50	
Moulton & Thorpe, supplies	114 61	
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For Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. W. Barlund, care of children 5		
weeks	30 00	

Ward Clough, milk	15 40	
Moulton & Thorpe, supplies	28 91	
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For Mrs. Frank Jenks

Moulton & Thorpe	12 40
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For Frank Leonard

H. H. Boynton	55 75
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For Ed Rich

H. H. Boynton	4 00
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For Joe Porter

H. H. Boynton	33 00
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For Plummer Downing

H. H. Boynton	4 00
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For Mrs. James Clark

H. H. Boynton, services	9 00	
H. G. Titus, transportation	8 00	
Anna Lynde, nurse	2 00	
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For Joseph Cantwell

H. H. Boynton	20 00
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For Albert Heath

H. H. Boynton	2 00
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For Ernest Bennett

R. C. Butson, provisions	2 10	
Moulton & Thorpe, supplies	97 61	
G. F. Clement, milk	8 40	
H. H. Boynton	31 50	
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Total	<hr/>	\$631 78
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Cemeteries

C. E. Heath, care of cemetery	\$12 66
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Abatements

C. E. Woods, Collector 1923:	
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Charles Bedell, gone	\$ 3 00
Hattie Bedell, gone	5 00
Ernest Bennett, aid from County	5 00
Evelyn Bennett, aid from County	5 00
James Clark, poor	8 98
Plummer Downing, aid from County	6 57
Hattie Downing, aid from County	5 00
Willie Felch, poor	3 00
Fred Gray, gone	5 00
Isabelle Gray, gone	3 00
Philip King, aid from County	9 64
Susie King, aid from County	5 00
Mary Jordan, gone	5 00

\$69 19

Discount

C. E. Woods, Collector, discount on taxes paid before July 15th, 1923	36 97
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Interest

Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co., interest on loans	274 67
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Land Bought for Taxes

V. B. Carleton, Foster place	21 50
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State Aid Construction

	State	Town	Total
Appropriation 1923	389 20	973 50	1,362 70
Expenditures 1923	291 59	729 46	1,021 05
Balance 1924	97 61	244 04	341 65

Payments on Loans

Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co., notes of '22	\$4,000 00
Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co., notes of '23	2,500 00
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	\$6,500 00

Other Payments

George E. Farrand, state tax	\$1,230 50
Frank H. Foster, county tax	1,325 54
Mary C. Chandler, school money 1922	4,112 42
George E. Farrand, Soldier's bonus 1922 and 1923	786 00
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	\$7,454 46

Town Officers' Bills

C. S. Chandler, First Selectman

2 days making report	\$ 6 00
½ day at Center putting up booths	1 50
½ day at Center up hall	1 50
½ day drawing orders	1 50
1 day at Woodsville	3 00
½ day filling and mailing inventory blanks	1 50
5 ⅓ days taking inventory	16 00
½ day on Noyes lumber	1 50
2 days at Center	6 00
1 ½ days copying inventory on blotter	4 50
⅓ day at the Parker & Young Co.	1 00
2 days making taxes	6 00
1 day copying collector's book	1 00
Copying inventory	10 00
½ day at Woodsville County Com.	1 50
½ day hearing on water case	1 50
7 days paying bills and settling accounts	21 00
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Total	\$85 00

Expense as Selectman

Expense to Woodsville	2 00
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To team 4 days taking inventory	8 00
To team 3½ days to Center	7 00
To use of auto	10 00
To postage and stationery	3 80
Total	<hr/> \$30 80

Harry G. Titus, Second Selectman

1 day at Town Hall	3 00
½ day settling road bills	1 50
½ day on non-resident inventory blanks	1 50
1 day at Woodsville Tax Com. meeting	3 00
4⅓ days taking inventory	13 00
3½ days copying on blotter	10 50
⅓ day at Parker-Young Co.	1 00
2 days making taxes and paying bills	6 00
½ day settling road bills	1 50
⅓ day drawing jury	1 00
Trip to Albert Mardins (dog damage)	1 00
⅓ day drawing special jury and trip to Chandler's	1 00
Settling bills	2 50
½ day water hearing	1 50
2 days settling bills	6 00
½ day non-resident tax sale	1 50
3 days making warrants, town report, etc.	9 00
Total	<hr/> \$64 50

Expense as Selectman

Expense to Woodsville	2 00
Use of team	4 00
Use of car	3 00
Total	<hr/> \$9 00

R. A. Young, Third Selectman

2 days at Center	\$ 6 00
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25

1½ days at Chandler's

4 50

Total

\$10 50

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer and to the best of my knowledge they are correct.

HARRY E. POOR, Auditor

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Landaff on January 31, 1924

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS PURPOSE OF CREATION All trust funds should be reported separately, giving name of fund and donor	HOW INVESTED State character and rate of return for each investment. State also dates when funds were "borrowed or used for city or town purposes."	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Income during year	Expended during year
Unknown	Local school fund for schools (sale of farm)	Loaned to Town of Landaff Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	\$550.00	3 1-2 per cent	\$18.25	\$18.25
"	" " " " " " " "		350.00	4 per cent	14.14	14.14
1875	Clough fund for cem. lot, Mahitable Clough		50.00	4 per cent	3.84	.25
1910	Simonds fund for cem. lot, Sarah Simonds		200.00	4 per cent	7.45	.20
1910	Knight fund for cem. lot, Mary J. Knight		200.00	4 per cent	11.24	.20
1915	Allbee fund for cem. lot, Ida J. Allbee		200.00	4 per cent	10.26	.25
1916	Morse fund for cem. lot, Ellen P. Morse		500.00	4 per cent	25.42	.35
1919	Merrill fund for cem. lot, Oscar S. Merrill		100.00	4 per cent	5.76	.15
1918	Young fund for cem. lot, Louise H. Young		200.00	4 per cent	9.30	.20
1922	Atwood fund for cem. lot, W. H. Atwood		150.00	4 per cent	6.22	.20
1922	Kendall fund for cem. lot, Emily A. Kendall		100.00	4 per cent	4.12	.20

LEON E. NOYES, HARRY G. TITUS, H. M. HEATH, Trustees.

LIBRARY REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance last year	\$24 09
Appropriation for 1923	30 60
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	\$ 54 69

EXPENDITURES

S. F. Claflin, magazines	6 00
Dorothy Poor, librarian	14 00
Rent of library room, six months	1 00
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	\$ 21 00
Balance on hand	33 69

CHARLES S. CHANDLER,	} Library
HARRY E. POOR	

REPORT OF TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE

EXPENSE

William Highton, memorial tablet	\$ 100 00
S. D. Morgan & Son, Kohler lighting plant	600 00
Geo. Goudie, lead pipe	226 38
Gowing & Chamberlin, labor and material for lighting plant	16 13
C. S. Chandler, labor and material for lighting plant	27 74
Brown Fence Co., wire fencing	30 40
G. F. Clement, work on water	279 75
G. F. Clement, grading and putting in tank	43 50
George W. Pike, legal advise	15 00
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	\$1,338 90

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. CLEMENT	}	Building Committee
C. S. CHANDLER		
C. M. Gale		

REPORT OF LANDAFF SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 1, 1922 to July 1, 1923

RECEIPTS

Equalization (state aid)	\$2,047 87	
From Selectmen, raised by taxation:		
For the support of elementary schools	2,640 67	
Minor repairs	250 00	
High school tuition	750 00	
Salaries of district officers	133 00	
Per capita tax	220 00	
Total receipts from taxation		\$6,041 54
From sources other than taxation:		
Dog tax from Bath	.86	
Dog tax from Selectmen	100 50	
Income from school trust funds	32 39	
Total from all sources		6,175 29
Cash on hand at beginning of year		
July 1, 1922		1,835 42
Grand total		\$8,010 71

PAYMENTS

Administration:		
Salaries of district officers	123 00	
Superintendent's salary	247 10	
Truett officers and school census	10 00	
Expenses of administration	69 09	
		449 19
Instruction:		
Teachers salaries	3,215 34	
Textbooks	133 69	
Scholars supplies	127 28	
Other expenses of instruction	9 28	
		3,485 59

Operating and maintenance of school plant

Janitor service	97 35	
Fuel	228 68	
Water, light and janitor supplies	27 48	
Minor repairs and expenses	160 09	
		<u>\$513 60</u>

Auxiliary agencies and special activities

Transportation of pupils	8 00	
High School tuition	900 88	
Elementary school tuition	3 33	
Other special activities	13 96	
		<u>926 17</u>

New equipment	203 69	
Per capita tax	220 00	
		<u>423 69</u>

Total payments for all purposes	\$5,798 24
Cash on hand June 30, 1923	2,212 47
Grand total	<u>\$8,010 71</u>

ASSETS

Cash on hand July 1, 1923	2,212 47
Cash belonging to sinking funds	900 00
Total assets	<u>\$3,112 47</u>

RECEIPTS

From July 1, 1923 to February 1, 1924

Cash on hand	2,212 47
Interest from local school fund [in bank]	14 14
From State treasurer [equalization]	980 05
Total receipts	<u>3,206 66</u>

EXPENDITURES

From July 1, 1923 to February 1, 1924

Administration

Salaries of district officers	123 00
Superintendents salary	290 69
Truant officer and school census	10 00
Expenses of administration	5 00

Instruction		
Teachers salaries	1,118	40
Textbooks	54	53
Scholars supplies	63	95
Other expenses of instruction	8	08
Operation and maintenance of school plant		
Janitor service	26	50
Fuel	65	25
Water, light and janitors supplies	16	22
Minor repairs and expenses	130	31
Auxiliary agencies and special activities		
Medical inspection	34	75
Transportation of pupils	294	00
High School tuition	412	02
Elementary School tuition	20	14
Other special activities	5	78
New equipment	94	80
Per capita tax	204	00
Total expenditures	\$2,977	42
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1924	229	24
Due from town		
District officers salary	133	00
Per capita tax	204	00
High School tuition	1,000	00
Repairs on school houses	100	00
Five dollars on a thousand of equalized valuation	3,578	47
Dog tax, 1923	94	25
Interest on 550.00 note	18	25
Total	5,127	97
Proposed Budget for School Year 1924-1925		
District officers salaries	133	00
Per capita tax	200	00
High School tuition	1,000	00
Repairs on school houses	100	00
Five dollars on a thousand of equalized valuation	3,578	47
Total raised by taxation	5,011	47

I have examined the accounts of the School District and to the best of my belief they are correct.

HARRY E. POOR, Auditor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Landaff School Board:

There is a decided tendency in the United States to eliminate the small one-room rural school of six to twelve pupils. There are a number of reasons.

First and most vital, people generally realize that such a school provides an inferior education. Here are found teachers with the poorest training or lowest qualifications. In the majority of instances they are inexperienced teachers. Buildings and equipment are poorer; school boards hesitate to remodel buildings and improve equipment with the probabilities against maintaining the school five or ten years hence.

Second, economic forces have played an important part. The growth of great manufacturing centers has caused a depopulation of certain rural sections, particularly sections having farms that have to be worked largely by hand because of their location upon steep hills or irregular land formations. Most farms have been abandoned through the working of natural laws; with the timber resources gone, the farms could not be made to support a family under a reasonable standard. It is better for society as well as for individuals that farms upon which families can live only in poverty be abandoned. The same amount of labor and effort on a better farm or in industry would permit these families to live in comfort and to produce more for general consumption.

Third, the increase in the use of the automobile, and good roads programs have favored the closing of small

schools and the transportation of pupils into stronger central schools with normal trained teachers and modern equipment.

In 1914 there were 1,711,000 motor vehicles registered in the United States; 6,147,000 in 1917; 9,232,000 in 1920; and 12,238,375 in 1922.

The estimated expenditures for roads in 1910 was \$120,000,000 and in 1921 \$767,000,000.

These three reasons are sufficient to account for the tremendous increase in consolidation and transportation since 1910. It is just as much an evolution in human progress as the phenomenal rise of the automobile.

The following statistical table is evidence of the nation wide tendency to consolidate schools and transport pupils.

In this table only four of the first amounts reported spent in one year for transportation were prior to 1910.

State	First reported amount spent for transportation	Amount spent for transportation in 1920
Alabama	\$ 9,770	\$ 171,925
California	272,782	630,797
Connecticut	11,416	314,340
Delaware	68,401	71,444
Florida	3,225	216,691
Georgia	19,339	69,477
Idaho	35,000	301,345
Illinois	16,987	163,254
Indiana	590*	1,921,035
Iowa	25,758	1,354,051
Kentucky	15,222	95,785
Louisiana	45,808	471,059
Maine	47,739	296,651
Maryland	508**	64,734
Massachusetts	22,118	858,840

Michigan	49,497	155,116
Minnesota	4,258	976,475
Mississippi	345***	246,078
Montana	26,636	297,796
Nebraska	—	127,500
Nevada	—	34,115
New Hampshire	38,527	195,127
New Jersey	4,421	749,895
New Mexico	20,855	136,881
New York	65,455	470,485
North Dakota	28,896	876,876
Ohio	473,470	1,651,157
Oklahoma	—	228,397
Oregon	—	2,286
Pennsylvania	425	83,962
Rhode Island	21,633	32,490
South Carolina	11,927	25,121
South Dakota	54,399	211,947
Tennessee	18,920	88,883
Texas	29,631	70,088
Utah	93,091	170,286
Vermont	9,133	228,532
Virginia	2,102	153,796
Wisconsin	36,468	225,699
Wyoming	29,255	74,128

*—per week

**—one county

***—per month

On the average the increase in the amount spent for transportation within ten years in the United States has been 800%. In face of such overwhelming evidence of a national tendency to close small schools and transport pupils to schools having greater educational advantages, the attack made a few months ago upon the New Hampshire State Board of Education alleging that the State Board was responsible for the closing of small schools

and the increase in transportation is decidedly ridiculous. As a matter of fact the State Board has consistently cautioned its superintendents not to go too far in urging consolidation, believing that the people of each district should determine their own policy.

Landaff is the first district in Union 34 to have a definite policy in regard to its one-room schools. In 1922-1923 a school was maintained in the Scotland district for five pupils, and a school in South Landaff for four pupils. The district was also paying for junior high education for pupils in Grades 7 and 8 who desired to attend school in Lisbon and Bath.

If the school board had continued arranging for seventh and eighth grade pupils in Lisbon, there would have been but three pupils left in the Scotland district and one at South Landaff. The board proposed engaging normal trained teachers capable of teaching junior high subjects in the two large schools, the Blue and Center schools, closing the Scotland and South Landaff schools. The district meeting of March, 1923, gave the board moral support for this policy, realizing that the cost would be no more and the advantages for the majority of the pupils would be greater.

Landaff was fortunate in securing two of the outstanding members of the Plymouth 1923 class, both in personality and ability, to begin this work in the Blue and Center schools. One was the class president and the other was voted the most popular girl in the class. I have found the pupils of these schools doing much improved work. I am certain that the policy of the board

of engaging teachers of superior qualifications for these two schools is a sound and successful policy.

There are two advantages in offering the junior high work. First, pupils can attend the home schools for the first eight grades and enter high school with no handicap in preparation and no loss of time in going through high school. Under the old arrangement parents were frequently obliged to maintain their children in high school an additional year. Second, pupils who complete their education at the close of the eighth year get a better and more varied training; they have two years, at least, of secondary education.

During the present year the state aid has been sufficient to pay the cost of maintaining the Ireland school. Under the increased valuation of the town, there will be no state aid for 1924-1925. The school board will be faced with this problem: shall the Ireland school be maintained for a small number of pupils at an estimated expense of \$750.00? All the pupils are within the legal walking distance from the Center school. And with the Ireland pupils the Center school would be a school of only moderate size.

Some of the pupils attending the Blue school are obliged to walk a considerable distance, the return trip being up a long hill. There seems very little difference in difficulty between this Blue school route and the one by which pupils now attending the Ireland school would walk to the Center school.

If the Ireland school is maintained next year, Landaff will view the rather unusual situation of increasing the

cost of the schools to the taxpayer in order to provide a third unnecessary school for a few pupils, a school offering a training inferior to the other two. Because of these educational and financial conditions, I recommend the maintenance of two schools only.

On the other hand I realize there is the matter of child welfare to be carefully considered. If the citizens of the school district really believe that the walk to the Center school would be a hardship to the children and a hazard to their health, it would be well to take formal action at the district meeting recommending the continuance of the Ireland school, or recommending transportation to the Center school for children in the primary grades during the winter months. It would be equally appropriate to take action recommending the maintenance of the Blue and Center schools only, in case the majority of the citizens attending the school district meeting believe it is for the interest of the pupils and taxpayers to take such a stand.

But any action or recommendation of the voters could be no more than advisory. The school board has full power to make decisions upon the number of schools to be maintained. Neither district meeting, superintendent, nor state board has any legal means to curtail the power of the local school board to have final authority over this matter.

Gratifying progress has been made in the past year. I hope the time will come when a modern two-room building will be erected upon a convenient central site. In the 1922 town report I pointed out the advantages of

separating the lower and upper grades. With this differentiation of instruction and a modern equipment and building, Landaff could give educational advantages equal to any town or city, but different because suited to the community.

George M. Putnam, president of the State Farm Bureau, made a statement upon the rural school problem at Concord, January 16, 1924, that represents a sensible and sound rural school policy.

"Only 15 per cent of rural school teachers have a normal school training," he said. "If our rural towns cannot afford trained teachers, the state should assume a large proportion of the school budgets of these towns." * * * "Declining rural population has made consolidation of schools necessary; but have we consolidated small country schools into large country schools, and remodelled old district schools or built new ones in the country to give farm boys and girls an education amid farm surroundings, or have we consolidated upon the city or town?" "I believe the latter has been the usual course, and it has started our children on the first lap toward the city." "There is no more vital factor than this of the rehabilitation of the rural school affecting our country communities." This statement takes into consideration the changing conditions previously mentioned.

Good teachers, modern buildings and equipment, and progressive educational policies are the only means by which the children of the farmer will be kept amid farm surroundings. Unless rural communities realize this, there will be an inevitable drift of rural children into the village schools during the next ten years.

Thanking teachers for co-operation and expressing appreciation to the school board for its efficiency and progressive outlook.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. GARDNER

Births Registered in the Town of Landaff, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1923

Date of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex and Condition		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Sex	Living or Stillborn						
Jan. 21	Laurie John	M	7	Edward Mackie	Annie Kittridge	Landaff	Millhand	Finland	Groton, Vt.
Mar. 27	Frederick Charles	M	3	Fred Gray	Isabel Nourse		Teamster	New Cartland, Me.	Littleton
Apr. 29		F	3	Earl Clark	Louise Aldrich		Laborer	Littleton	Lisbon
July 15	Joyce Madeline	F	2	Charles J. Downing	Gladys Clifford		"	Washington, Vt.	Woodbury, Vt.
Aug. 23	Baby Astroky	F	1	Vasill Ostrosky	Harriet Luxford		"	Russia	Landaff
Sept. 10	Vaulene Ethyl	F	3	Edward E. Gilbert	Geneva Kelsea		Sectionhand	Landaff	"
Sept. 18	Viola Otobelle	F	11	Wm. T. McGuire	Evelyn Crosby		Farmer	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania
Sept. 18	Ruth Isabelle	F	12	Wm. T. McGuire	Evelyn Crosby		"	"	"
Dec. 4	Joseph George	M	2	Joseph Cantwell	Lillian Langtang		Laborer	Nova Scotia	Wells River

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

H. M. HEATH, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered in the Town of Landaff, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1923

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married
1923										
Mar. 31	Manchester	Ora W. Stimpson	Landaff	19		Farmer	Lisbon	Walker H. Stimpson	Haverhill	Charles E. Beals Cong. Minister Manchester
		Charlotte L. Tabbutt	Mount Vernon	19		School Teacher	Stoncham Mass	George L. Tabbutt	Col'ba Falls, Me	
Apr. 8	Bath	Michael O'Brien	Landaff	43		Laborer	Ireland	Michael O'Brien	Conticork, Ire.	Austin I. Davis Clergyman Lisbon, N. H.
		Martha Towns	Bath	30		Housework	Waldon, Vt	William Towns	Waldon, Vt.	
June 9	Haverhill	Harrison M. Heath	Landaff	30		Farmer	Landaff	Calvin E. Heath	Littleton	D. E. Burns Clergyman Haverhill, N. H.
		M Elizabeth McKenzie	Landaff	20	White	School Teacher	Franconia	George G. McKenzie	Scotland	
May 31	Lisbon	Elmer C. Locke	Landaff	24		Laborer	Littleton	Harvey M. Locke	Lyman	B. J. Glazier Clergyman Haverhill, N. H.
		Rose Dexter	Lisbon	17		Mill Employee	Bath	Austin Dexter	Lisbon	
June 21	Bath	Peter Kentfield	Landaff	46		Painter	Bath	Ellery Kentfield	Bath	Ralga Andrews Clergyman Bath, N. H.
		Josephine Bilodeau	Landaff	30		Housework	Somersworth	Theodore Bilodeau	Montreal, Que.	
June 24	Littleton	Lee W. Whitcomb	Berlin	28		Mill hand	Carroll	George F. Whitcomb	Twin Moun.ain	William Warren Clergyman Littleton, N. H.
		Elmira C. Gaudet	Landaff	28		Nurse	Bath	C. W. Clark	Landaff	

Dec. 12	Haverhill	Robert L. Dexter	Landaff	20	Farmer	Bath	Hugh A. Dexter	Lisbon	Henry A. Parkhurst Clergyman
		Lila M. Hardy	Bath	21	Housework	Bath	Harvey A. Hardy	Dorchester	Haverhill, N. H.

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

H. M. HEATH, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Landaff, N. H. for the year Ending December 31, 1923

Date of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex, Condition				Occupation	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Years	Months	Days		Male	Female	Color	Single	Married	Widowed			
Mar. 17	Wm. H. Richardson	79	10	8	Lowell, Mass.	"	"		M				Mileo Mathews	Florence Turner
Mar. 19	Berton B. Mathews	50	1	26	Lyman Landaff	"	"		S				Vasill Ostrosky	Harriet Luxford
Aug. 23	Baby Ostrosky	71	8	4	Mooretown, Vt.	"	"	White	M				Allen A. Royce	Mary A. Chase
Nov. 12	Alice A. Drury									Housewife	Monroe Russia Charlestown, Vt.	Landaff		

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

H. M. HEATH, Town Clerk.

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