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# TOWN OFFICERS

Elected (biennially)

*Supervisors*

Charles J. Brewster

James W. Rollins

John Chase

*Moderator*

George C. Jewell

(Elected annually)

*Town Clerk*

Charles N. Lane

*Selectmen*

\*Charles H. Chase

Arthur H. Jewell

W. Leslie Dining

*Treasurer*

George L. Barker

*Collector of Taxes*

James E. Stockbridge

*Auditors*

J. F. Emery

Gilbert A. Thompson

*Board of Education*

Marshall Chase

Walter A. Scammon

\*Hester Jewell

*Trustees of Trust Funds*

\*Frank H. Pearson

Walter A. Scammon

Fred Jewell

*Highway Agents*

Charles R. Brown



(Appointed)

*Board of Health*

Fred N. Edmunds

*Police*

Melvin D. Stickney

Charles R. Brown

*Library Trustees*

George L. Barker

\*Annie W. Scammon

Frank H. Pearson

\*Term Expired

## Selectmen's Report

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Land and Buildings.....	\$505,807.00
Horses, 156.....	13,250.00
Cows, 436.....	32,115.00
Neat, 50.....	1,725.00
Sheep, 21.....	105.00
Hogs, 1.....	15.00
Hens, 7,748.....	8,038.00
Vehicles, 16.....	3,775.00
Portable Mills, 3.....	1,200.00
Wood.....	1,110.00
Gas Pumps, 9.....	1,350.00
Stock in Trade.....	3,850.00
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	\$572,340.00
Soldiers' Exemption.....	5,000.00
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	\$567,340.00
Tax Rate, \$3.15	

### APPROPRIATIONS

State Tax.....	\$1,442.35
County Tax.....	1,280.97
Trunk Line Maintenance.....	2,000.00
Gravel Loader.....	900.00
Blister Rust.....	400.00
State Aid Construction.....	847.50
State Aid Maintenance.....	100.00
Town Debt.....	3,000.00
Cemetery.....	100.00
Winnicutt Bridge.....	300.00
Highway by Law.....	1,420.85
Schools.....	7,482.50
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	\$19,274.17

## Report of Committee on Winnicutt Bridge

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We have estimated that a new bridge on the present location and grade would cost \$2,400.00.

The bridge to be I beams with reinforced concrete slab, the abutments to be strengthened by building forms and running cement into the present abutments. For a bridge above the dam it would cost \$6,500.00. These estimates do not include any property damage.

The Committee think the Town should apply for State aid.

For a bridge whose cost does not exceed \$3,000.00 the State will pay 50% for a bridge over \$3,000.00; and not over \$5,000.00 the State will pay 40%; for a bridge to cost over \$5,000.00 and not more than \$10,000.00, the State will pay 35%.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. BARKER,  
W. G. PARKMAN,  
A. D. ROWE.



# Town Warrant

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham, in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at Stratham Town Hall in said Stratham, on Tuesday the 13th day of March next, at nine (9) 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 for the same.
3. 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.
4. To see if the town will vote to accept State Aid for highway improvement, raise and appropriate money for the same.
5. To see if the Town will vote to clean and repaint the walls of the Town Hall, raise and appropriate money for the same.
6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Memorial Wall and Tomb tendered through the generosity of Mr. Parry Wiggin and pass any vote relating to the same.
7. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen and our Representative to use all lawful means to have the Legislature of 1929 pass an act to allow the Town to increase its borrowing capacity to an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

8. To see if the Town will vote to rebuild the Winnicutt Bridge and raise and appropriate money for the same and apply for State Aid.

9. To see if the Town will vote to cut bushes on the Highway, raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the same.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of regrading High Street.

11. To see what action the Town wishes to take in repairing the Town Safe, raise and appropriate money for the same.

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

Given under our hand and seal, the 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty eight.

CHARLES H. CHASE,  
A. H. JEWELL,  
W. LESLIE DINING,

*Selectmen of Stratham.*

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CHARLES H. CHASE,  
A. H. JEWELL,  
W. LESLIE DINING,

*Selectmen of Stratham.*





## Financial Report

Of the Town of Stratham, in Rockingham County, for the Fiscal  
Year Ending January 31, 1928

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### CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date, February 21, 1928.

CHARLES H. CHASE,  
A. H. JEWELL,  
W. LESLIE DINING,

*Selectmen.*

GEORGE L. BARKER,

*Treasurer.*

## BALANCE SHEET

*Assets*

## Cash:

In hands of treasurer (do not include sinking funds) . . \$1,259.38

## Accounts Due to the Town:

## Due from State:

(c) Town . . . . . 57.12  
 Due from County . . . . . 100.50

## Taxes not collected:

(c) Levy of 1926 . . . . . 10.74  
 (d) Levy of 1927 . . . . . 1,612.69

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\$3,040.23

Total Assets . . . . . 1,290.39

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Grand Total . . . . . \$4,330.62

Net Debt—January 31, 1927 . . . . . \$2,082.47

Net Debt—January 31, 1928 . . . . . 1,290.39

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Decrease of debt, of surplus . . . . . \$792.08

*Liabilities*

## Accounts Owed by the Town:

## Due to School Districts:

(a) Dog licenses.....	\$141.00
(b) .....	2,632.50

## State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:

(b) Unexpended balance in Town Treasury.....	57.12
Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	1,500.00
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Total Liabilities.....	\$4,330.62
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Grand Total.....	\$4,330.62



## UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION, RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

*Receipts*

## Current Revenue:

## From Local Taxes:

Property taxes committed to collector, 1927.....	\$18,721.28
Less discount and abatement, 1927.....	319.40
Less uncollected, 1927.....	1,612.69
Property taxes current year, actually collected.....	\$16,227.19
Poll taxes, current year, actually collected at \$2.00.....	562.00
Property and poll taxes, previous years, actually collected.....	1,280.74
Total of above collections....	18,069.93

## From State:

## For highways:

(b) For State Aid construction.....	796.52
(c) For Trunk Line maintenance.....	2,487.10
Interest and dividend tax. ....	699.12
Insurance tax.....	30.00
Railroad tax.....	113.80
Savings bank tax.....	488.61

## From County:

For support of poor.....	228.50
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(Receipts Concluded on Page 14)

*Payments*

## Current Maintenance Expenses:

## General Government:

Town officers' salaries.....	\$786.03
Town officers' expenses.....	211.77
Expenses town hall and other town build- ings.....	810.18

## Protection of Persons and Property:

Fire department, including forest fires....	21.00
Moth extermination—Blister Rust.....	400.00

## Health:

Health Department, including hospitals..	28.17
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## Highways and Bridges:

State Aid maintenance.....	555.33
Trunk Line maintenance.....	4,690.72
Town maintenance.....	1,425.19
General expenses of highway department, including watering troughs.....	3,857.29

## Libraries:

Libraries.....	219.12
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## Charities:

Town poor.....	145.25
County poor.....	199.00

## Patriotic Purposes:

Aid to G. A. R. Memorial Day exercises...	3.60
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## Recreation:

Park and playgrounds, including band con- certs.....	16.75
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## Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries, including hearse hire.....	214.42
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*Payments( Concluded on Page 15)*

*Receipts (Concluded)*

## From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses.....	141.00
Rent of town property.....	33.50
Income from departments...	812.21
Permits for the registration of motor vehicles.....	1,476.58

## Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipa- tion of taxes during year...	5,000.00
Refunds.....	250.10

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Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue..... \$5,250.10

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Total Receipts From All Sources.....\$30,626.97

Cash on hand February 1, 1927..... 380.13

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Grand Total.....\$31,007.10



*Payments (Concluded)*

## Unclassified:

Taxes bought by town.....	89.96
Abatements.....	59.16

## Interest:

Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes.....	206.25
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Total Interest Payments.....	\$206.25
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## Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:

Highways and Bridges—State Aid Construction.....	1,551.53
Highways and Bridges—Town construction.....	281.63

Total Outlay Payments.....	\$1,833.16
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## Indebtedness:

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes.....	5,500.00
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Total Indebtedness Payments.....	\$5,500.00
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## Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

N. H. Assessors' Association.....	2.00
Taxes Paid to State.....	1,442.35
Taxes paid to County.....	1,280.97
Payments to School Districts.....	5,750.05

Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions.....	\$8,475.37
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Total Payments for all Purposes.....	\$29,747.72
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Cash on hand, January 31, 1928.....	1,259.38
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Grand Total.....	\$31,007.10
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## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

## Description and Value

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings.....	\$10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment.....	1,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings.....	10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment.....	500.00
Parks, Commons, and Playgrounds.....	3,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings.....	8,000.00
Equipment.....	2,500.00
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Total.....	\$35,000.00

# Budget of the Town of Stratham

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, February 1, 1928 to January 31, 1929, compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year, February 1, 1927, to January 31, 1928.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue Previous year 1927	Estimated Revenue Ensuing year 1928	Increase	Decrease
From State:				
Insurance Tax.....	\$30.00	\$30.00		
Railroad Tax.....	113.80	113.80		
Savings Bank Tax.....	488.61	488.61		
For Fighting Forest Fires.....	21.00	21.00		
For Highways:				
(a) For State Aid Maintenance	100.00	800.00	\$700.00	
(b) For Trunk Line Maintenance	2,000.00	2,500.00	500.00	
Interest and Dividend Tax....	699.12	699.12		
From Local Source except Taxes:				
All Licenses and Permits except Dog Licenses.....	1,476.58	1,476.58		
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings.....	33.50	33.50		
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits.....	52.17	52.17		
Income of Departments: High- ways, Sewers, etc.....	812.21	212.21		\$600.00
From Poll Taxes:				
From other taxes except proper- ty taxes.....	562.00	562.00		
<i>Revenue Applicable only to New Construction and Improvements:</i>				
From State:				
(a) For State Aid Highway Construction.....	847.00	852.00	5.00	
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes.....	5,000.00	4,000.00		1,000.00

*Revenue Which Must be Paid to  
Other Governmental Divisions:*

Dog Licenses . . . . .	141.00	141.00		
School Money . . . . .	7,482.50	7,339.14		143.36

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*Total Revenues from all Sources*

Except Property Taxes . . . . .	\$19,859.49	\$19,321.13	\$1,204.00	\$1,743.36
<i>Amount Raised by Property Taxes</i>	18,721.28	18,721.28		

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TOTAL REVENUES . . . . .	\$38,580.77	\$38,042.41	\$1,204.00	\$1,743.36
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PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual Expenditures Previous year, 1927	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing year, 1928	Increase	Decrease
<i>Current Maintenance Expenses:</i>				
General Government:				
Town Officers' Salaries.....	\$786.03	\$786.03		
Town Officers' Expenses.....	211.77	211.77		
Care and Supplies for Town Hall.....	810.18	410.18		\$400.00
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Fire Department.....	21.00	21.00		
Moth Extermination.....	400.00			400.00
Health:				
Health Department.....	28.17	28.17		
Highways and Bridges:				
State Aid Maintenance:				
State's Contribution.....	100.00	800.00	700.00	
Town's Contribution.....	100.00	800.00	700.00	
Trunk Line Maintenance:				
State's Contribution.....	4,000.00	5,000.00	1,000.00	
Town's Contribution.....	2,000.00	2,500.00	500.00	
Town Maintenance.....	1,425.19	1,425.19		
General Expense of Highway Department.....	3,857.29	3,857.29		
Education:				
Libraries.....	219.12	219.12		
Charities:				
Town Poor.....	145.25	145.25		
Patriotic Purposes:				
Soldiers' Aid and G. A. R. Halls	3.60	3.60		

## Recreation:

Parks and Playgrounds.....	16.75	16.75	
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## Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries.....	214.42	25.00	189.42
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## Interest:

On Temporary Loans.....	206.25	206.25	
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*Outlay for New Construction and  
Permanent Improvements:*

## Highways and Bridges:

Town Construction.....	281.63		281.63
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## State Aid Construction:

State's Contribution.....	847.00	852.00	5.00
Town's Contribution.....	847.00	852.00	5.00

*Payments to Other Governmental  
Divisions:*

State Taxes.....	1,442.35	1,442.35	
County Taxes.....	1,280.97	1,280.97	
Payments to School Districts..	7,482.50	7,339.14	143.36

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TOTAL EXPENDITURES..	\$26,726.47	\$28,222.06	\$2,910.00	\$1,414.41
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## Detailed Expenses

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### TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Paid Chas. H. Chase.....	\$174.21
Geo. M. Hall.....	32.80
Arthur H. Jewell.....	69.95
W. Leslie Dining.....	72.20
Chas. N. Lane.....	156.00
Frank H. Pearson.....	5.00
Jas. E. Stockbridge.....	225.87
Geo. L. Barker.....	50.00
	<hr/> \$786.03

### TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Paid The Baker Agency for Bonds.....	\$33.50
Edmund C. Eastman, supplies.....	14.30
The Whittier Press, town reports.....	137.50
Auto Service Bureau for manual.....	3.14
John Templeton, check lists.....	12.00
	<hr/> \$200.44
Paid Town Hall Expenses, Central Heating & Plumbing.	\$73.63
Exeter & Hampton Electric Co., lights.....	67.20
Chas. H. Chase, wood.....	23.00
Tuning piano.....	3.50
F. S. Hall & Sons, outside repairs.....	500.00
Albert Cottrell, repairs on lower hall.....	11.50
A. H. Jewell, sawing wood.....	11.38
C J. Brewster, sawing wood.....	5.50
Insurance.....	98.60
C. J. Brewster, splitting and housing wood.....	6.75
Brace for stair railing.....	.75
Harry L. Foote, repairs.....	8.37
	<hr/> \$810.18

Paid Exeter Fire Department for Perley Wells fire, and M. D. Stickney fire.....	21.00
Paid Board of Health:	
C. W. Colby, vaccinating school children.....	\$10.00
F. N. Edmunds.....	18.17
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	\$28.17

### LIBRARY EXPENSE

Paid E. & H. Electric Co., for lights.....	\$12.72
Chas. H. Chase, wood.....	24.00
S. F. Hall & Sons, repairs.....	15.00
Elizabeth Doloff, Librarian.....	100.00
A. H. Jewell, sawing wood.....	3.50
C. J. Brewster, sawing wood.....	2.00
R. E. Doughenbough, wood.....	12.00
Harry E. Foote, repairs.....	3.55
Geo. W. Dixon, insurance.....	18.75
Geo. L. Barker, Library app.....	27.60
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	\$219.12

### Paid Town Poor:

Chas. N. Lane, supplies George Chapman.....	\$25.00
F. N. Edmunds, supplies for Paces.....	28.81
C. N. Lane, supplies for Paces.....	11.44
Edward Cooper, care of Mrs. Cooper.....	80.00
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	\$145.25

### Paid County Poor:

Louise Brewster, care of Mrs. Bunker.....	\$10.00
Samuel Rand, rent Mrs. Wentworth.....	48.00
Chas. N. Lane, supplies Mrs. Wentworth.....	67.50
Geo. W. Dixon, wood Mrs. Wentworth.....	73.50
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	\$199.00

Paid Flags for Soldiers.....	\$3.60
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## PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Paid C. R. Brown, cleaning up Park.....	\$9.25
Geo. W. Dixon, Insurance on flag pole.....	7.50
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	\$16.75

## Paid Cemeteries:

J. F. Emery, beautifying cemetery .....	\$98.70
J. F. Emery, mowing cemetery .....	10.00
Chas. J. Brewster, mowing cemetery.....	13.25
Irving W. Brown, fixing wall.....	92.47
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	\$214.42

## Paid Abatements:

Baker & Leonard.....	\$47.25
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# Report of Trust Funds

Town of Stratham

For Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1928

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## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date, January 14, 1928.

FRANK H. PEARSON,  
• WALTER A. SCAMMON,  
FRED L. JEWELL,

*Trustees.*

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The Trustees sold the Liberty Bonds in March at a premium, and as they were purchased at a time when they were selling below par, the appreciation in value was per rated and included in the report of income during the year.

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Stratham, N. H., February 1, 1928.

We have this day examined the account of the Trustees of the Trust Funds and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

G. A. THOMPSON,  
JOHN F. EMERY,

*Auditors.*

# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, ON JANUARY 31, 1928.

Date of Creation	TRUST FUNDS—Purpose of Creation	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income on Hand at End of Year
						\$70.15	\$70.15	10.16
	Amanda Lane, Library Fund.....	Portsmouth Sav. Bnk	\$700.00	4%	2.12	11.04	3.00	6.92
	Andrew Wiggin, care of Cemetery Lot.....	Portsmouth Sav. Bnk	100.00	4%	1.68	8.24	3.00	13.04
	James W. Foss, care of Cemetery Lot.....	Portsmouth Sav. Bnk	75.00	4%	8.27	5.77	1.00	11.78
April 18, 1919	Sarah Downes, care of Cemetery Lot.....	Portsmouth Sav. Bnk	50.00	4%	2.95	12.33	3.50	18.25
Oct. 30, 1920	Frank P. Leavitt, care of Cemetery Lot...	Portsmouth Sav. Bnk	100.00	4%	6.08	16.67	4.50	
Jan. 14, 1922	Elizabeth Wood, care of Cemetery Lot....	Portsmouth Sav. Bnk	150.00	4%				
	John Scammon, care of Lot in Upper Cemetery in which John Scammon and John J. Scammon are buried.....	Portsmouth Sav. Bnk	100.00	4%	8.25	11.26	7.50	12.01
Jan. 28, 1924	Mary J. Roberts, care of Cemetery Lot....	Piscataqua Sav. Bank	100.00	4½%	7.30	4.86	2.50	9.66
Jan. 28, 1924	Mary J. Roberts, Library Fund.....	Piscataqua Sav. Bank	200.00	4½%		9.11	9.11	
Nov. 11, 1925	Edmund B. Lane, Library Fund.....	Amoskeag Sav. Bank	1,000.00	4½%		45.58	45.58	

# Treasurer's Report

## Receipts 1927—1928

Balance on hand . . . . .	\$380.13
County Treasurer . . . . .	228.50
C. N. Lane, Automobile Permits . . . . .	911.21
C. N. Lane, Automobile Permits, 1928 . . . . .	565.37
C. N. Lane, Dog Licenses . . . . .	141.00
F. N. Edmunds, Old Lighting Fixtures . . . . .	.55
C. E. Pickering, Breaking Driveway . . . . .	2.50
J. E. Stockbridge, Breaking Driveway . . . . .	5.00
F. H. Pearson, Breaking Driveway . . . . .	5.00
Baker Farm, Breaking Driveway . . . . .	5.00
Exeter Banking Co., Notes . . . . .	5,000.00
State Treasurer, Snow Paths . . . . .	240.10
State Treasurer, Highway Department . . . . .	3,283.62
State Treasurer, Insurance, Railroad and Savings Bank Tax . . . . .	632.41
State Treasurer, Interest and Dividend Tax . . . . .	699.12
State Treasurer, Use of Loading Machine . . . . .	144.00
The Baker Agency, Return Premium of C. R. Brown . . . . .	10.00
Town of Greenland, Road Work . . . . .	493.48
Chas. R. Brown, Use of Tractor . . . . .	120.58
Chas. R. Brown, Coal used on Greenland Road . . . . .	3.10
Gowen Bros., Use of Concrete Mixer . . . . .	33.00
Jr. O. U. A. M., Rent of Room . . . . .	9.00
C. J. Brewster, Town Hall . . . . .	24.50
J. E. Stockbridge, Collector . . . . .	18,069.93
Total Receipts . . . . .	\$31,007.10
Paid on Selectmen's Orders . . . . .	29,747.72
Balance on Hand . . . . .	\$1,259.38

Stratham, N. H., February 1, 1928.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Town



Treasurer, George L. Barker, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched, with a balance on hand of twelve hundred and fifty nine dollars and thirty eight cents, (\$1,259.38).

G. A. THOMPSON,  
J. F. EMERY,

*Auditors.*

Stratham, N. H., January 31, 1928.

TOWN OF STRATHAM TO CHARLES H. CHASE, Dr.

Mar.	12	County Commission Meeting.....	\$3.50
	14	To Winnicutt Bridge.....	1.50
	15	Adjourned Meeting.....	1.50
April	2	Town Business.....	2.00
April	15-16	In Session.....	6.00
		Posting Highway.....	2.00
		To Portsmouth.....	2.00
		Viewing woodlot.....	1.50
		To County Farm.....	5.00
		Town Business.....	2.00
May		R. R. Stock Returns.....	2.00
		Making Taxes.....	25.00
		Copying Tax Book.....	4.00
		Copying Invoice Book.....	6.00
		Town Business.....	2.00
		Return State Board of Charities.....	2.00
June		County Farm.....	5.00
Aug.	5	Town Business.....	2.00
	18-19	Locating Gravel Pit.....	4.00
Sept.	2	Town Business.....	3.00
	9	Locating Poles.....	1.00
	16	Locating Poles.....	1.00
	19	Town Business.....	4.00
	27	Cemetery.....	.50
	29	Portsmouth.....	1.50
Oct.	8	Town Business.....	4.00
	14	Town Business.....	1.50

Oct.	19	Concord.....	12.70
	20	Town Business.....	1.50
	22	Locating Polls.....	1.00
	28	Cemetery.....	.50
Dec.	2	Town Business.....	4.00
	13	Town Business.....	1.00
	18	Locating Polls.....	.75
	18	Town Business.....	2.00
Jan.	23	.....	1.50
	30-31	In session.....	6.00
	31	To Exeter.....	1.00
		22 Evening Meetings.....	22.00
		Postage.....	4.78
		Telephone.....	1.15
		Posting Book.....	5.00
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			\$160.38
Sept.	22	Town Business.....	3.00
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			\$163.38

Received Payment,

CHARLES H. CHASE.

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Stratham, N. H., January 31, 1928.

TOWN OF STRATHAM, TO A. H. JEWELL, Dr.

March	Portsmouth, to meet Tax Commission.....	\$3.50
	To see about Bridge.....	1.50
	At Town Hall.....	1.50
	Writing Inventory.....	3.00
April 1-2-4	Taking Inventory.....	15.00
	15-16 In session.....	6.00
	Viewing Woodlot.....	1.50
Aug.	18-19 Locating Gravel Pit.....	4.00
Oct.	To Concord.....	3.70
Dec.	Locating Poles.....	.75

Jan.	Viewing Woodlot .....	1.50
30-31	In session .....	6.00
	22 Evening Sessions .....	22.00

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\$69.95

Received Payment,

A. H. JEWELL.

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TOWN OF STRATHAM TO W. LESLIE DINING, Dr.

March	To Portsmouth, to meet Tax Commission ..	\$3.50
	To see about Bridge .....	1.50
	At Town Hall .....	1.50
	Writing Inventory .....	3.00
April 1-2-4	Taking Inventory .....	15.00
April 15-16	In Session .....	6.00
	Inspection Woodlots .....	1.50
Aug. 19	Locating Gravel Pit .....	2.00
Oct.	To Concord .....	3.70
Dec.	Running Town Line .....	2.00
Jan.	Inspecting Woodlot .....	1.50
Jan. 30-31	In Session .....	6.00
	20 Evening Sessions .....	20.00

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\$67.20

Received Payment,

W. LESLIE DINING.

# REPORT OF CHARLES R. BROWN, HIGHWAY AGENT

	Heights	Winnicutt	Repair- Railing	So. Side and D. C.	Snow	Cross Roads	Winnicutt Bridge	Scouring in Greenl'd	Clean. up Park	Town Items	Total
Edward Alexander, labor.....						\$7.00					\$7.00
Chester, Barker, labor.....		\$14.00									\$14.00
Levi Barker, labor.....		3.50									3.50
Nelson Barker, team and labor...		56.00			\$12.75	1.13	\$3.50				73.38
M. Butler, Sr., labor.....	\$7.00	58.63		\$36.75	14.75	24.00					126.38
Charles Brewster, labor.....											14.75
M. Butler, Jr., labor.....				7.00							7.00
Harry Brierly, sand.....				10.65							10.65
Milton Brown, welding.....					1.00						1.00
C. J. Brewster, team, labor.....		10.50		70.00		3.00	3.50				87.00
Boston & Maine Railroad, patch- ing oil.....				39.51	4.00						39.51
Earl Barnaby, labor.....											4.00
Arthur Brewster, labor.....		3.50									3.50
Chester Brown, labor.....				156.00				36.00			192.00
Charles R. Brown, gas, oil, labor, trucks.....	48.00	485.04	\$20.00	1,639.92	294.74	473.95	20.50	121.00	\$4.00	\$261.74	3,368.89
James Butler, labor.....	10.50	99.32	10.00	319.39	28.00	75.00	7.00		1.75		550.96
Carmen Barker, labor.....	10.50	111.94		245.51	12.75	74.63	7.00	21.00	1.75		485.08



REPORT OF CHARLES R. BROWN, HIGHWAY AGENT—(Continued)

Heights	Winnicutt Repair- Railing	So. Side and D. C.	Snow	Cross Roads	Winnicutt Bridge	Scurry- ing in Green'd	Clean. up Park	Town Items	Total
Chas. Batchelder, 6 stringers at \$15.00.....					90.00				90.00
George Chapman, team.....	49.00								49.00
James Cooper, labor.....		10.50							10.50
Everett Chick, labor.....	30.00								30.00
George Cammett, labor.....		21.00		3.00					24.00
C. H. Chase, team and posts.....	28.20	60.60							90.00
D. Chapman, labor.....	71.32	61.25		2.25					134.82
W. J. Chisholm, sand.....		15.00							15.00
E. Cooper, labor.....		5.25							5.25
C. H. Craig, repairs.....			6.22			5.30			11.52
Joseph V. Carossi, gravel.....				32.25					49.00
Harvey Crawford, truck, labor....		259.63		138.00	4.75				538.01
R. Daughenbaugh, labor.....	135.63	55.80	25.35	55.80					136.95
George Dunton, labor.....			1.75						1.75
Leslie Dining, gas.....		3.30							3.30
John Chase, team.....				14.00					14.00
Marshall Chase, team.....				10.06					10.06
George R. Brewster, team.....				22.75					22.75

## REPORT OF CHARLES R. BROWN, HIGHWAY AGENT—(Continued)

Heights	Winnicutt Railing	So. Side and D. C.	Snow	Cross Roads	Winnicutt Bridge	Scurrying in Green'd	Clean. up Park	Town Items	Total
George Bowley, team.....				10.00					10.00
Benjamin Devine, labor.....	10.50	49.00		33.00					92.50
Exeter Machine Works, repairs...			40.11						40.11
Exeter Lumber Co., lumber.....		8.61			84.38				92.99
Eastern Tractor Co.....		13.60							13.60
Wilson Fisk, labor.....	14.00			3.00					17.00
Harry Foot, labor.....	3.50	3.50			7.00				14.00
Henry Foot, team.....				2.19					2.19
Leonard Hill, tractor, labor.....	4.00	190.83	16.75	59.00					270.58
P. Hopper, team.....		22.75	17.50	5.25					45.50
John Hartnett, steam roller rent...		86.00				48.00			134.00
Hilliard & Kimball, dynamite and metal.....	7.50								7.50
H. Roby Jewell, labor.....			4.00						4.00
A. H. Jewell, team.....	49.00	35.00		3.94					87.94
Fred L. Jewell, team.....	49.00	7.00		83.27	5.25				144.52
F. Wilbur Jewell, labor.....		28.30	40.05						68.35
E. B. Jewell, labor.....			1.75						1.75
George Jewell, labor.....	3.50	22.75	21.50	14.63					62.38

REPORT OF CHARLES R. BROWN, HIGHWAY AGENT—(Continued)

	Heights	Winnicutt	Repair- Railing	So. Side and D. C.	Snow	Cross Roads	Winnicutt Bridge	Scurry- ing in Green'd	Clean. up Park	Town Items	Total
Henry Jewell, team.....				42.00	52.69						42.00
Fred Knight, repairs.....		18.38				4.50					52.69
Maurice Lane, labor.....		7.00		3.50							22.88
William Lane, labor.....				.35		1.00					10.50
C. N. Lane, tools.....						8.40				39.99	41.34
G. W. & C. A. Lane, repairs.....		11.03				42.00					19.43
Nelson Lane, labor.....	7.00	118.13		33.25	3.00						203.38
Roy Mayo, labor.....					20.75						20.75
W. A. Marston, labor.....		3.94		101.07		8.25					113.26
Ella Morrill, truck.....				133.00							133.00
Newmarket Mfg. Co.....				16.00							16.00
Town of No. Hampton, road ma- chine rent.....				72.00				48.00			120.00
No. East Metal Culvert Co., cul- vert.....		56.45				101.14					157.59
New England Road Mach. Co....		57.50									57.50
Allen Odell, labor.....				37.00							37.00
J. O'Connell, labor.....	7.00			10.50							17.50
D. J. O'Connell, labor and truck..	16.00			11.50							27.50

REPORT OF CHARLES R. BROWN, HIGHWAY AGENT—(Continued)

Heights	Winnicutt	Repair- Railing	So. Side and D. C.	Snow	Cross Roads	Winnicutt Bridge	Scurry- ing in Green'l'd	Clean. up Park	Town Items	Total
Winthrop Pike, labor and tractor.			6.00	4.50	18.50					29.00
James Pearson, labor . . . . .			2.19							2.19
D. J. Place, labor . . . . .	64.75		61.05		27.00					159.80
Pratt Coal Co., coal . . . . .	16.05		58.34							74.39
Edward Roberts, labor . . . . .			3.50							3.50
William Rawson, labor . . . . .	90.93	10.00	153.13		36.00					297.06
N. Sherman Rand, steam roller . .	32.00									32.00
Leslie Scammon, labor . . . . .			28.00	66.25	16.50					110.75
Standard Oil Co., of N. Y., tank . .	20.00									20.00
Carl Stockbridge, labor and labor on tractor . . . . .			4.95	16.00					85.05	106.00
Jesse Sleeper . . . . .			64.75				21.00			85.75
Alfred St. Denis, gravel . . . . .					2.63					8.63
William Summerfield, labor . . . .			7.00							7.00
Chris Pollard, gravel . . . . .			24.60							24.60
Alfred Higgins, Highway Agent, tractor snow plow . . . . .				90.00						90.00
James Snell, labor . . . . .	93.99		241.50	33.25	62.25	7.00	21.00	1.75		467.74
Frank Tuck, labor . . . . .			26.25	37.00	15.00					78.25

# REPORT OF CHARLES R. BROWN, HIGHWAY AGENT—(Concluded)

	Heights	Winnicutt	Repair- Railing	So. Side and D. C.	Snow	Cross Roads	Winnicutt Bridge	Scurry- ing in Green'd	Clean. up Park	Town Items	Total
Harry Wiggin, team.....		28.00									28.00
Folger Wentworth, labor.....				2.63							2.63
Marion Wiggin, Executrix, sand..		19.05		22.05							41.10
Melvin Wells, labor.....				21.00							21.00
G. T. Whitten, gas.....				6.60							6.60
W. A. Young, hardware.....				5.25	6.49	28.31	3.75			1.75	45.55
Olaf Hanson, blacksmith.....				20.72	13.50			1.50		9.00	34.22
C. Trafton, repairs.....					3.00			47.00			13.50
Stratham Center Garage.....											47.00
Town of Stratham, tractor and coal.....								123.68			123.68
Wetherell's Garage, labor.....										4.80	4.80
	\$154.95	\$1,930.78	\$49.00	\$4,704.08	\$889.40	\$1,522.58	\$243.63	\$493.48	\$9.25	\$402.33	\$10,390.48



Expended as per itemized account...	\$10,341.85	
Received from Town Treasurer.....		\$10,793.97
Received from John Hartnett, rent on loader.....		200.00
Paid Eastern Tractor Co., Snow Fence, part payment on.....	200.00	
Paid C. R. Brown, balance due him from 1926.....	395.00	
Balance on hand, February 1, 1928....	57.12	
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	\$10,993.97	\$10,993.97

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Stratham, N. H., February 1, 1928.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Highway Agent Charles R. Brown and find them correctly cast and properly vouched and a balance on hand of Fifty-seven Dollars and Twelve Cents, (\$57.12.)

G. A. THOMPSON,  
J. F. EMERY,

*Auditors.*

# Town Clerk's Report

## ACCOUNT DOG LICENSES

Whole number of dogs submitted for collection:

Males.....	64	
Females.....	18	
		82
		82

Mr. Lanes Discharge

### *Tax Collected*

On Males, 49.....	\$98.00	
On Females, 11.....	55.00	60
	\$153.00	
Less Fees.....	12.00	
	\$141.00	
Uncollected:		
Males, .....	15	
Females, .....	7	22
		82

We have this day examined the account of Charles N. Lane Town Clerk in that part that applies to the foregoing account and find them correctly cast and properly vouched and that he has paid to George L. Barker, Town Treasurer, the sum of one hundred and forty-one dollars (\$141.00).

G. A. THOMPSON,  
J. F. EMERY,

*Auditors.*

Stratham, N. H., February 1st, 1928.

We have this day examined the account of Charles N. Lane, Town Clerk, from January 1st, 1927, to Jan. 31st, 1928 inclusive, in relation to the Automobile Tax collected by him and find that he has collected fourteen hundred seventy-six dollars and fifty eight cents (\$1,476.58) and has paid the same to George L. Barker, Town Treasurer, for which he holds receipts.

G. A. THOMPSON,  
J. F. EMERY,

*Auditors.*

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## TOWN HALL

### Report of C. J. Brewster, Town Hall

Entertainments.....	\$35.50
Dance and Whist Party.....	16.00
Out of Town Entertainment.....	10.00
Grange.....	16.50
Junior Order.....	9.00
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	\$87.00

### *Expense*

C. J. Brewster, Janitor.....	\$30.50
Free Meetings.....	18.00
Paid out for Bulbs, Broom, etc.....	5.00
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	\$53.50
Paid Treasurer Barker.....	33.50
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	\$87.00

# Report of Tax Collector

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1925

To collect.....	\$32.99
Interest.....	6.58
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	\$39.57
Paid Treasurer.....	\$39.57

JAMES E. STOCKBRIDGE,

*Collector.*

Stratham, January 30, 1928.

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 Stratham, February 1, 1928.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of James E. Stockbridge, Collector of taxes for the year 1925, and find thirty nine dollars and fifty seven cents (\$39.57) of which he was charged with interest, has been collected and paid to Treasurer Barker and Mr. Stockbridge is hereby discharged.

G. A. THOMPSON,

J. F. EMERY,

*Auditors.*

1926

To collect.....	\$1,208.32
Interest.....	45.59
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	\$1,253.91

Paid Treasurer.....	\$1,241.17
Abatements.....	2.00
Uncollected.....	10.74
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	\$1,253.91

JAMES E. STOCKBRIDGE,

*Collector.*

January 30, 1928.

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Stratham, February, 1st, 1928.

We have this day examined the account of Jas. E. Stockbridge, Collector of Taxes for the year 1926, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched with uncollected taxes of ten dollars and seventy four cents, (\$10.74).

G. A. THOMPSON,  
J. F. EMERY,

*Auditors.*

1927

To collect.....	\$18,707.62
Interest.....	13.66
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	\$18,721.28
Paid Treasurer.....	\$16,789.19
Disbursements.....	317.40
Abatements.....	2.00
Uncollected.....	1,612.69
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	\$18,721.28

JAMES E. STOCKBRIDGE,

*Collector.*

January 30, 1928.



Stratham, February 1, 1928.

We have this day examined the account of James E. Stockbridge, Collector of Taxes for the year 1927, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched and a balance of uncollected taxes of sixteen hundred and twelve dollars and sixty nine cents, (\$1,612.69).

G. A. THOMPSON,  
J. A. EMERY,

*Auditors.*

# Wiggin Memorial Library

## Treasurer's Report

Feb.	1, 1927	Balance on Hand.....		\$58.84
July	2,	F. H. Pearson, from E. B. Lane Fund.....		45.58
Jan.	14, 1928	F. H. Pearson, from Amanda Lane Fund.....		70.15
		F. H. Pearson from Mary J. Roberts Fund.....		9.11
	31,	Fines.....	\$4.76	
		Less Expenses.....	3.64	
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			\$1.12	1.12
		Annual Appropriation.....		27.60
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				\$212.40

## Payments

Aug.	15, 1927	W. P. Goodman.....		\$62.51
Nov.	28,	W. P. Goodman.....		14.85
Jan.	16, 1928	W. P. Goodman.....		19.13
	26,	W. P. Goodman.....		9.00
	31,	Balance on Hand.....		106.91
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				\$212.40

Stratham, N. H., February 1, 1928

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Library Trustee Geo. L. Barker and find it correctly cast, and properly

vouched with an unexpended balance of \$106.91 (one hundred and six dollars and ninety one cents), in his possession.

G. A. THOMPSON,  
J. F. EMERY,

*Auditors.*

Fines.....	\$4.76
Less expenses.....	3.64
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	\$1.12
Number books lent.....	660
Number Juvenile fiction.....	90
Number non-fiction.....	36
Number adult fiction.....	534

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#### NEW BOOKS, 1927

The Promised Land.....	Antin, Mary
Wallflowers.....	Bailey, Temple
The Book Nobody Knows.....	Barton, Bruce
Handmade Rugs.....	Bowles, Ella Shannon
A Good Woman.....	Bromfield, Louis
Dear Old Templeton.....	Brown, Alice
The Big Four.....	Christie, Agatha
Ladies and Gentlemen.....	Cobb, Irvin S.
The Murder at Crowe House.....	Cole, G. D. H. & Margaret
Where the Laborers are Few.....	Deland, Margaret
The Story of Philosophy.....	Durant, Will
Now East, Now West.....	Ertz, Susan
Little Essays About Everything.....	Flanders, Louis W.
Castle Rock Mystery.....	Gibbs, George
The Geology of New Hampshire.....	Goldthwart, James
Horses.....	Grey, Charles
Under the Tonto Rim.....	Grey, Zane
The Glorious Adventure.....	Halliburton, Richard
The Exile.....	Johnston, Mary
They Also Serve.....	Kyne, Peter B.

Jalna.....	LaRoche, Mayo I.
The Aristocratic Miss Brewster.....	Lincoln, Joseph C.
We.....	Lindbergh, Charles
Forever Free.....	Morrow, Honore Willsie
John Halifax, Gentleman.....	Mulock
Barberry Bush.....	Norris, Kathleen
Gentlemen March.....	Pertwee, Roland
Rivers to Cross.....	Pertwee, Roland
The Jury.....	Phillpots, Eden
The Magic Garden.....	Porter, Gene Stratton
Lights Up.....	Richmond, Grace
East of the Sun, West of the Moon..	Roosevelt, Theodore and Kermit
A Reporter for Lincoln.....	Tarbell, Ida
Lovers Staff.....	Vansittart, Sibell
The Door With Seven Locks.....	Wallace, Edgar
Philopena.....	Webster, Henry K.
All at Sea.....	Wells, Carolyn
The Grandmothers.....	Westcott, Glenway
God and the Grocery Man.....	Wright, Harold Bell

## Report of Infirmary and Maternity Nurse

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At the Child Health Conference held in Stratham, in 1926, twenty children attended. There were twenty-two defects found. During the year twelve corrections have been made. Six defects are under observation. The corrections made are as follows: Skin 2; Intestinal Indigestion 1; Flabby Flesh 1; Diet 2; Richets 1; Glands 1; Flat Feet 2; Bowlegs 1; Teeth 1.

Home visits have been made to the children during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

EUNICE I. HARDY, *R. N.*



# School Report

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

For Year Ending June 30, 1927

### *Receipts*

Balance on hand as per audit.....	\$971.86
Received from Geo. L. Barker, appropriations as voted.....	5,774.80
Received from H. E. Chamberlain, State Treasurer, Equalization Fund.....	833.70
Received from Geo. L. Barker, dog license fees.....	125.25
June 18, Received from Geo. L. Barker, from appropriation for 1928.....	150.00
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	\$7,855.61

### *Expenditures*

#### Salaries of District Officers:

M. S. Chase, School Board.....	\$30.00
W. A. Scammon, School Board.....	10.00
Hester A. Jewell, School Board.....	10.00
F. H. Pearson, Clerk and Treasurer.....	33.00
M. S. Chase, Truant Officer.....	10.00
Alice S. Jewell, Auditor.....	1.50
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\$94.50

#### Teachers:

Div. 1—Miss Edna M. Crane.....	\$900.00
Div. 2—Miss L. Gwendolene Woods....	900.00
Div. 3—Miss Mildred Hannaford.....	900.00

Div. 4—Miss Marjorie Whytock.....	900.00
Music—Mrs. Esther Coombs.....	180.00

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\$3,780.00

Clifton A. Towle, Excess Salary Supt.....	\$217.50
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Janitors:

Div. 1—Octoave Carbonneau .....	\$36.00
Div. 2—Ralph Barnaby.....	36.00
Div. 3—Douglas Scamman.....	21.00
Div. Alice Grant.....	45.00
Div. 4—Florence O. Chase.....	36.00

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\$174.00

Fuel:

G. W. Dixon.....	\$12.00
M. S. Chase.....	43.50
R. E. Daughenbaugh.....	114.00
W. A. Scamman.....	198.00

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\$367.50

Flags and Appurtenances.....	5.16
Text Books.....	124.24
Supplies.....	87.79
Janitors Supplies.....	17.58
Minor Repairs.....	172.39
Medical Inspection.....	25.00
Per Capita Tax.....	214.00

Tuition:

Robinson Seminary.....	\$1,140.00
Tuck High School.....	1,363.00
Portsmouth High School.....	30.00

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\$2,533.00

Expenses of Administration.....	24.00
Balance on Hand as per audit.....	18.95

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\$7,855.61

July 18, 1927.

I have this day examined the accounts of School Treasurer, F. H. Pearson, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched with a balance on hand of eighteen dollars and ninety five cents, (\$18.95).

ALICE S. JEWELL,

*Auditor.*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

*To the School Board of Stratham, New Hampshire:*

I herewith submit my annual report as Superintendent of the Stratham schools, the ninth in the series.

The arrangement of statistical tables in last year's report seemed to convey needed information in a concise form; it is continued this year. Statistics are often uninteresting but, since several of the tables hereto appended give information on vital factors in school life, punctuality and constant attendance, I commend them to your notice. The year which ended in June, 1927, showed the best percentage of attendance during the last six years, 95.36. This figure has in late years been surpassed only once—in 1920—21—when the percentage was of attendance 96. The year which ended last June also shows the best mark for punctuality in ten years, there being only seventy-one cases of tardiness. Table II shows last year's record for the various schools and is useful in comparing their achievements. The two factors mentioned above, attendance and punctuality depend, of course, on the zeal of parents for school and the interest of the pupils in school. By your careful planning for commodious quarters and by your selection of teachers who make school worth while, you have, I believe, made the schools seem, at least to most parents, to be worth while. Two contributing factors to punctual attendance are found in a common knowledge of child hygiene which prompts parents to keep children well and in the attention which has lately been paid to means of transportation and to good winter roads.

Table VI shows that thought put upon getting the most possible for each dollar of tax may bear fruit. With provision for only one week of vacation at the Christmas season instead of two it will be possible to secure in thirty-seven weeks a minimum of one hundred eighty days.

The situation, with reference to a few pupils who are doing the traditional seventh and eighth grade work in the Stratham schools instead of joining with the majority who go to outside Junior High Schools, remains unchanged. As during several years just passed, we have now in the current enrollment some pupils who are pursuing this course; it should be brought to your

attention again, however, that the course, while fulfilling legal requirements, is not the equivalent of a Junior High School course and that the few pupils who take it cannot share in the richer life of the larger outside school which is the lot of their classmates. In my report last year I said "the whole question concerned with schooling for these two grades (that is, the seventh and eighth), permission to attend or assignment to Junior High Schools, transportation and the like should receive the fairest and most detailed consideration of the district." I then suggested three considerations. This matter is one, of course, which the voter of the district should settle and, it seems to me, is likely to recur each year; it is a matter concerned largely with transportation rather than any other consideration.

There were enrolled in our schools last year a total of sixty-four pupils. The number enrolled at the present time is less than that. Table II shows you the relative size of the schools last year. The relative size still exists, though the numbers are fewer and can only raise a question in the minds of the voters of the district as to the advisability of maintaining four schools in the districts when three could easily care for the needs of the pupils. If some combination of two schools could be made to the satisfaction of all the parents concerned, I feel sure that the added competition of numbers would tend to produce better schools. Three teachers instead of four would do the work. The cost of heating one building would be eliminated and, while it is probable that some transportation would be necessary, there would be a financial gain for the district in such a combination of schools. This as well as the matter of schooling for seventh and eighth grade pupils ought to receive the fairest consideration by the voters of the district.

In addition to the routine supervision of all the subjects and all the work of the schools, we are continuing special emphasis on spelling and handwriting with continued good results. The teachers, two of whom are new to the profession, are, I am sure, faithful in their work in the schools. The various tests given from time to time show that their efforts result in good work and I am glad to report that the actual accomplishment of pupils with their books is up to the standard.

The small number of pupils in the schools makes the teaching of music much less effective than it might be and there is a



question in my mind as to whether under the circumstances we ought to continue the special teaching of this subject. It sometimes happens that there is a considerable number of pupils in a school for whom the learning of music seems to be an impossible task. When such a group of pupils is found in a small school it makes the teaching of music very discouraging and the results are meager. In view of these facts and in view also of the fact that now-a-days our normal school teachers are all trained to teach music, I suggest that we discontinue the work of the special supervisor until such time as our numbers increase.

We are faced almost continuously in the cold weather by the problem of janitor service and we are handicapped in the efficiency of our janitor service by two circumstances, one is that the boys of the sixth grade, our highest grade, are not, at the beginning of the year at any rate, always fitted either in size or in experience to build and keep fires or to keep the buildings in the neatest condition. In each of three of our buildings we maintain two fires. The usual method of heating a rural school is by one fire but the entries of these three schools and the school rooms themselves are much larger than is ordinarily the case and the two fires in each building are needed. In these three buildings the janitors have about twice the work to do that janitors have in other rural schools; in addition to that and on account of the size and age of the janitors, all of these teachers are required to do a large amount of janitor work themselves, not only in the morning, but throughout the day. I suggest that we require the teachers to care for all the music, which is a legitimate part of their work, and that we use the money generally appropriated for music to secure additional janitor service by adults, at least during the cold months of the year when fires are a great consideration, or, if this plan seems not feasible, I suggest that we raise an extra sum of money to care for the extra janitor service which I have just suggested. A complete installation of ventilating or jacketed stoves, so-called, would add very much to the ease with which our largest rooms, and some of them are very large, could be heated; especially at the Winnicutt and Stratham Hill Schools is such a plant very desirable. A complete record of temperatures taken several times during the day is being kept this year by all the teachers and up to the present time this record shows that the early morning hours of school are not at all comfortable for the pupils. Two

hundred dollars spent for modern heating plants for these two schools and another one hundred dollars or two hundred dollars spent on extra janitor service would result in much greater comfort and much better health for the pupils.

Portsmouth Avenue is becoming more and more a popular road for automobilists and, while we do all we can to keep the children off the road, it sometimes happens that they are in the road when they should be in the yard. We need large substantial warning signs placed in conspicuous situations at least at the Ridge and Stratham Hill Schools. Metal signs of permanent character and construction can be secured for about ten dollars a piece.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge once more the generous support of parents, school board members, teachers and all who are interested in the vital welfare of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON A. TOWLE,

*Superintendent of Supervisory Union, No. 16*

Exeter, N. H., February 8, 1928.

TABLE I.

Statistics for Nine Years ending June 30, 1927.

School Year	Number Weeks	Boys	Girls	Total Pupils	Average Attendance	Average Absence	Ave. Membership	Percent of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Visits of Superintendent	Visits by School Board	Visits of Others	Average Salary
1918—19	36	51	34	85	61.96	6.76	68.76	90	312		44	260	\$513.00
1919—20	36	44	42	86	60	6	66	91	300	58	14	246	710.00
1920—21	36	30	35	65	51	2	53	96	369	71	18	299	722.00
1921—22	36	32	30	62	48	3	51	94	119	68	7	189	740.00
1922—23	36	36	36	72	48	5	53	90	278	64	0	145	856.00
1923—24	37	39	30	69	54.10	3.65	57.75	94	111	60	0	81	900.00
1924—25	37	35	31	66	50.52	2.97	53.49	95	107	69	1	144	900.00
1925—26	37	33	28	61	50	2.9	52.9	95	116	63	0	96	900.00
1926—27	36	32	32	64	52.64	2.56	55.20	95.36	71	79	1	145	900.00



## TABLE III

## Record of Perfect Attendance

1926—1927

*Three Terms*

Alfred Carbonneau  
Charles Chase

Mary Clark  
John Parkman

Marjorie Parkman

*Two Terms*

Edgar Carbonneau  
Florence D. Chase  
Helen E. Chase  
John French  
Janice Gowen

Dorothy McLane  
Violet McLane  
William McLane  
Doris A. Wiggin  
Ruth E. Wiggin

Harold Blackie

*One Term*

Donald Barker  
Earl Barker  
Priscilla Barnaby  
Ralph Barnaby  
Barbara Berry  
Dorothy Berry  
Robert Berry  
Thomas Berry  
Octave Caronneau  
Duncan Carson

Melvin Carson  
Leslie Dining  
Josephine Jewell  
Hattie McIntyre  
Margaret McLane  
William Rand  
Charles Scamman  
Douglas Scamman  
Norman L. Wiggin  
Robert T. Wiggin

TABLE IV  
TEACHERS

Name	School	Salaries	
		1926-1927	1927-1928
L. Gwendolene Woods	Stratham Hill	\$900.00	
Anna V. Walker	Stratham Hill		\$900.00
Mildred Hannaford	Winnicutt	900.00	900.00
Marjorie Whytock	Plains	900.00	
Marion Lyman	Plains		900.00
Edna M. Crane	Ridge	900.00	900.00
Mrs. Esther Coombs	Music in all schools	180.00	180.00

TABLE V  
MEDICAL INSPECTION

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
Number of pupils examined.....	66	51	48	53	61	51	53	54	52
Number of notices sent to parents..	31	42	75	96	158	22	53	54	52
Number cases found of:									
Malnutrition.....	14	17	16	22	26	31	36	22	30
Defective vision.....	2	4	3	5	7	1	4	2	0
Defective hearing.....	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0
Defective teeth.....	5	4	21	32	46	24	32	30	27
Hypertrophied tonsils.....	10	15	13	14	25	17	23	27	17
Adenoids.....	0	8	5	2	2	2	1	1	2
Defects of breathing.....	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	1	1
Enlarged glands.....	0	0	0	4	22	14	27	25	21
Unvaccinated.....	0	7	16	13	25	0	2	2	0
Cardiac disease.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Skin disease.....	1	3	2	1	0	0	1	1	0
Other diseases or defects.....	0	1	3	0	3	1	0	2	4



TABLE VI.

TOWNS	Weeks in Year	Days Lost	Total Net D'ys	Ave. Salary	Ave. % Attend.	Number Pupils
Stratham.....	36	7.75	172.25	\$900.00	.9536	64
Newfields.....	37	6.	179.	900.00	.9566	45
Kensington.....	37	5.34	179.66	767.00	.94	60
Brentwood.....	36	7.75	172.25	730.00	.9562	96

TABLE VII.

Current Costs per \$1,000 of Equalized Valuation, 1926—1927.

TOWNS	Local District	State Aid	Total Elemen.	High School	Other Current	Total Current
Stratham.....	\$6.19	\$1.32	\$7.51	\$4.00	\$.87	\$12.38
Newfields.....	7.16		7.16	4.32	1.11	12.59
Kensington.....	5.06	2.84	7.90	5.45	1.34	14.69
Brentwood.....	5.84	1.52	7.36	2.05	1.01	10.42

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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*To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Stratham,  
N. H., qualified to vote in District Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said district on the thirteenth (13th) day of March 1928, at 12 o'clock noon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming 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 determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
9. To see what action, if any, the district will take in regard to transporting the children of the seventh and eighth grades, raise and appropriate money for the same.
10. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Stratham, N. H., this 17th day of February, 1928.

M. S. CHASE,  
W. A. SCAMMAN,  
HESTER A. JEWELL,

*School Board of Stratham.*

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

M. S. CHASE,  
W. A. SCAMMAN,  
HESTER A. JEWELL,

*School Board of Stratham.*

## SCHOOL BOARD'S BUDGET FOR 1928—1929

## School District of Stratham

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1928.

*Detailed Statement of Expenditures*

	High Schools	Elementary Schools	Totals
<i>*Support of Schools:</i>			
Teachers' Salaries.....		\$3,780.00	
Text Books.....		75.00	
Scholars' Supplies.....		75.00	
Flags and Appurtenances.....		10.00	
Janitor Service.....		180.00	
Fuel.....		350.00	
Water, Light, Janitors' Supplies.....		20.00	
Minor Repairs and Expenses.....		125.00	
Health Supervision (Medical Inspection).....		25.00	
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		\$4,640.00	\$4,640.00
 <i>Other Statutory Requirements:</i>			
Salaries of District Officers (Fixed by District).....		\$100.00	
Truant Officer and School Census (Fixed by District).....		10.00	
Payment of tuitions in High Schools and Academies (Estimated by Board).....		3,000.00	
Superintendent's Excess Salary (Fixed by Supervisory Union).....		217.50	
Per Capita Tax (Reported by State Treasurer).....		208.00	
Other Obligations.....			\$3,535.50
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Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget.....			\$8,175.50
<i>Estimated Income of District</i>			
State Aid (December 1928 Allotment).....		\$746.36	
Dog Tax (Estimate).....		90.00	
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Deduct Total Estimated Income (Not Raised By Taxation) .....	\$836.36
Assessment Required to Balance School Board's Budget .....	\$7,339.14

M. S. CHASE,  
W. S. SCAMMAN,  
HESTER A. JEWELL,

*School Board*

Stratham, N. H., February 17, 1928.

\*\$3.50 per \$1,000 on taxable inventory is minimum required by law.

†To apply for state aid \$3,417.56 must be raised for *elementary schools*.

## VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1927

Date	Name of Child	No.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Mar.	4 Arthur J. Brewster	1	Arthur C. Brewster	Ruth A. Craft	Stratham	Burlington, Vt.
	26 Rose A. Wentworth	1	F. P. Wentworth	Bernice K. Barnady	Stratham	Greenland, N. H.
July	10 Peggy Rand	4	Samuel L. Rand	Ida B. White	Exeter, N. H.	Stratham
	13 M. L. Barnaby	12	Louis A. Barnaby	Charlotte A. Thompson	Nova Scotia	England
Aug.	4 Austin C. Wiggin	10	A. C. Wiggin	Helen V. Porter	Tuftsboro, N. H.	Chester, N. H.
Nov.	16 M. E. Carbonneau	8	Eugene W.	Laura E. Wentworth	Exeter, N. H.	Newfields
	24 H. F. Rawson	1	Wm. O. Rawson	Faith E. Wentworth	Bradford, Mass.	Stratham
Aug.	25 Carol D. Stickney	1	Geo. M. Stickney	Violet Currier	No. Andover, Mass.	Sunapee, N. H.



MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1927

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	By Whom Married
May	8 Exeter	Verne E. Rowson	22	Bradford, Mass.	Otis F. Rowson Flora A. Raslow	H. W. Hildethwaite
		Florence E. Wentworth	19	Stratham, N. H.	F. H. Wentworth Rose E. Cote	
October	10 Exeter	Fred W. Jewell	26	Stratham, N. H.	Fred L. Jewell Mary A. Roby	Rev. Chas. M. Parker
		Eliz. M. P. Hopkins	26	Anapolis Co., N. S.	Geo. E. Pinkney Edith B. Snell	
November	5 Stratham	Lawrence W. Seammon	21	Stratham	John S. Seammon Lilla B. Brewster	J. Harry LeRoy
		Ora M. Dining	22	Stratham	W. Leslie Dining Myrtle N. Rokes	
Nov.	13 Allston, Mass.	Charles Warren	28	Winslow, Me.	Charles N. Spaulding Charlotte R. Wilbur	P. A. A. Killam
		Myrtle E. Lawson	19	Marblehead, Mass.	Edward Lawson Ina Davis	

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1927

Date	Name and Surname	Age			Place of Birth	Condition	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
		Yrs.	Mos.	D'ys				
Jan. 3	Calista A. Foss.....	93	2		Brentwood, N. H.....	M	Hanson Caverley.....	Lucinda J. Foss
Jan. 9	Shirley M. Wentworth..		9	8	Exeter, N. H.....	S	F. A. Wentworth.....	Florence L. Gamlin
June 3	Mary E. Cooper.....	76	6	7	Nova Scotia.....	M	Andrew Sweeney.....	Charlotte Keene
BROUGHT HERE FOR INTERMENT								
Feb. 17	Martha E. Chapman...	70						
Mar. 17	Mary Rundlett.....	59						
April 18	Emma L. Wiggan.....	77		21				
June 30	Thomas B. Piper.....							
1926								
Oct. 27	Margaret I. Rundlett...	95		14				
1927								
Dec. 3	Arthur J. Brewster.....		8	28		S	Arthur C. Brewster...	Ruth Crafts
Dec. 24	Arthur C. Brewster.....	22	4	22		M	John S. Brewster.....	Blanche Coffrell













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