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TOWN CLERK.

EDWARD D. BIGELOW.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

*SILAS D. HARRINGTON, WILLIAM BROWN,
HENRY H. PIKE.

ASSESSORS.

T. B. ROBINSON, C. A. STREETER,
DAVID BRYANT.

TREASURER.

P. M. HOWE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

†F. J. FAIRBANKS, LEVI SMITH,
H. H. BRYANT, LEDYARD BILL.

*Deceased Dec. 15, 1877.

†Resigned.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Town grant for repairs of Highways, \$800, which was appropriated to the several Surveyors, as follows,

Names of Surveyors.	Proportioned.	Paid.
Thomas B. Robinson,	\$150 00	\$117 00
Charles Dodd,	100 00	102 70
Wm. H. Barr,	95 00	91 45
Hiram P. Bemis,	60 00	43 20
William Comins,	85 00	87 67
Charles S. Flint,	45 00	45 00
Lewis Freeman,	105 00	133 35
David Bryant,	80 00	42 95
Wm. H. Harrington,	80 00	82 20
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	\$800 00	\$745 93

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Granted,	\$1250 00
Paid Fred. A. Newton, care of school-houses,	\$6 00
Geo. W. Partridge, for wood,	13 75
George Henry Harrington, care of house,	3 25
George W. Partridge for wood,	3 65
Wesley E. Brown, teaching school,	120 00
Mary E. Clark, teaching,	84 00
Julia G. Allen, " "	96 00
Fannie Dodd, " "	72 00
Phronie Lakin, " "	72 00
Emogene E. Harrington, teaching,	72 00
Ernest Fairbanks, care of house,	3 00
Frank W. Clapp, " "	3 00
Horace R. Perry, " "	3 00
Julia G. Allen, " "	3 00
Charles B. Kilbourne, " "	3 00
John R. Howe, " "	2 75
John Thomas, sawing wood,	3 00
William Comins, for wood,	4 00
Wesley E. Brown, teaching school,	100 00
Frank W. Clapp, care of house,	5 50
Charles Dodd, for wood,	9 65

Paid Jotham Parker, for wood,	14 42
Linnie Daniels, teaching,	84 00
Phronie Lakin, " "	90 00
Emogene E. Harrington, teaching,	90 00
Julia G. Allen, teaching,	120 00
Julia G. Allen, care of house,	3 75
Sumner F. Howe, care of house,	3 75
Ida Snow, " "	3 75
David Harrington, for wood,	10 83
Horace H. Bryant, " "	10 50
Fred. A. Newton, care of School-house, District No. 1,	5 75
Wesley E. Brown, teaching,	100 00
Fannie Dodd, teaching,	90 00
	<hr/> \$1309 30

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Paid Wm. Brown, repairing houses in Nos. 1, 3 & 5,	\$30 64
John Wheelock, locks and keys,	2 10
T. B. Robinson, carting gravel, Dist. No. 1,	3 00
Kinnicutt & Co., 2 brass keys,	50
S. W. Bradley, repairing pump,	7 30
D. R. Boynton, repairs,	6 34
F. S. Keep, repairing school buildings,	2 15
Geo. C. Lamonia, repairing school-house,	2 16
Horace H. Bryant, repairing School-house,	2 10
	<hr/> \$56 29

BREAKING-OUT ROADS, 1877-8.

Paid Daniel Combs,	\$1 00	Paid Wm. H. Harrington,	37 80
Charles D. Cowden,	7 10	Hiram Grout,	4 00
A. S. Graton,	10 25	Charles Dodd,	6 40
Oliver Goodnow,	10 10	Charles H. Dodd,	1 80
Geo. B. Newton,	5 60	Clifton Parkhurst,	1 30
Francis Keep,	16 40	T. B. Robinson,	16 20
John Slade,	17 00	David Harrington,	28 80
Geo. W. Partridge,	26 07	John Butler,	4 70
W. H. Barr,	14 66	M. Nugent,	7 20
N. L. Parkhurst,	11 40	Wm. Brown,	3 60
Frederick Parkhurst,	1 55	J. O. Howe,	3 00
Foster T. Merriam,	4 90	Arthur W. Dwyer,	60
S. D. & M. Chickering,	2 49	Anson Williams,	12 80
J. B. Brown,	17 80	Lewis Freeman,	123 20
Peter Daw,	18 90	M. D. Brown,	4 00
Geo. B. Newton,	7 80	John A. Snow,	6 60
E. A. Wood,	6 40	John Foreacre,	7 00
S. Wood,	11 90	Charles H. Dodd,	2 60
Wm. H. Macomber,	4 20	Thomas Wendall,	1 75
J. Parker,	38 34	Frank Pierce,	70

Paid Charles S. Flint,	58 60	Paid John Thomas,	1 20
William Comins,	65 90	Wm. H. Barr,	3 00
D. L. Ware,	34 20	S. D. Harrington,	5 60
Charles P. Howard,	1 60	M. Nugent,	4 40
Farrel Leonard,	6 57	A. S. Graton,	2 90
J. O. Keep,	31 05	Clifton Parkhurst,	65
E. Powers,	23 40	Frank A. Pierce,	3 70
Austin E. Skiff,	3 00	Charles A. Streeter,	2 00
Peter Daw,	1 80	John F. Graton,	40
Wm. Comins,	1 90	H. H. Bryant,	3 25
Hiram P. Bemis,	8 60	J. H. Penniman,	8 75
Charles E. Graton,	5 40	J. B. Brown,	90
Carlo H. Earle,	1 20	W. H. Harrington,	26 20
David Bryant,	20 20	L. Kilbourn,	9 20
Horace Peirce,	11 70	T. S. Penniman,	9 20
A. S. Graton,	90	J. H. Penniman,	4 00
Henry R. Smith,	6 00	C. B. Abbott,	1 70
Horace Daniels,	3 20	Edgar A. Abbott,	2 20
T. B. Robinson,	9 80		
Charles Dodd,	6 90		
Daniel Lakin,	4 40		
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			\$901 48

CONTINGENT EXPENSES FOR 1877.

Granted,	\$500 00
Paid S. D. Harrington, one blank book,	\$1 60
“ “ printing town reports for '77,	39 00
“ “ paying damages to J. H. Snow,	
“ “ on the roads,	8 75
“ “ expenses for bier cloth,	16 15
A. S. Graton, land,	25 00
C. P. Howard, varnishing hearse and biers,	8 00
P. M. Howe, State, County, and Town Taxes,	
for heirs of Sally Goulding for 1875 & 6,	2 15
P. M. Howe, services as Collector and Treasurer,	
for 1876,	45 00
S. D. Harrington, paying Rice & Blackmer,	
in Charles Cummings case,	22 00
F. J. Fairbanks, services as School Committee,	22 00
P. M. Howe, interest on borrowed money,	4 00
“ “ insurance on School-house No. 4,	2 75
E. D. Bigelow, for recording birth, deaths,	
and marriages, expressage, use of room	
for safe and book-case for two years,	20 25
Geo. W. Dodd, copying and posting Town	
Warrants,	3 00
Charles Dodd, repairing bridge,	10 60
Wm. Brown, labor and paying for labor	
repairing bridge,	6 08
T. B. Robinson, work on bridge,	3 00

Paid C. H. Earle, watching fire at Partridge estate,	1 00
Arthur W. Dwyer, " " "	1 00
David Bryant, assessing taxes,	12 00
Horace Pierce, labor on bridge,	2 00
D. L. Ware, gravel for Town roads,	9 00
D. Lakin, labor on bridge,	4 00
Bacon, Hopkins, & Bacon, for counsel employed by S. D. Harrington,	14 00
P. M. Howe, interest on borrowed money,	9 75
" " abatement of taxes for 1876-7,	19 26
J. A. Cummings, ringing bell,	21 84
Estate of S. D. Harrington, three journeys to Worcester, on Swan & Garfield case,	7 00
Estate of S. D. Harrington, services as Select- man, Overseer of Poor, Sealer of weights and measurers,	21 70
Estate of S. D. Harrington, expenses of memorial services,	10 42
William Comins, lumber for bridge,	21 26
Horace H. Bryant, attending 12 extra meetings of School Board,	6 00
Horace H. Bryant, expressage, thermometers, pointers, stamps, etc.,	5 60
F. J. Fairbanks, school books,	8 88
" " crayons, and globes,	28 93
" " school fixtures,	4 80
School Board, for school blanks,	5 00
T. B. Robinson, services as Assessor for past year, expressage and postage,	26 08
J. D. Whitney, labor on bridge,	5 30
C. A. Streeter, for assessing taxes the past year, and copying Tax List,	21 00
N. Clark & Co., school sundries,	18 53
P. M. Howe, interest on borrowed money,	7 50
Henry H. Pike, expenses in case of Warren Frink, paper and postage,	4 60
William Brown, expenses to Sutton and Upton, in case of Marshall Pond,	6 10
Overseers of Poor, counsel and expenses to Sutton in Pond case,	11 00
Wm. Brown for services as Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	25 00
H. H. Pike, for services as Selectman, and Overseer of Poor,	25 00
Wm. Brown, moving J. Butler's family,	3 00
" " cutting lumber,	12 00
Charles P. Howard, measuring lumber,	1 00
Charles S. Flint, drawing lumber,	32 00
Levi Smith, services as School Committee,	18 00

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Granted,	\$600 00
Paid Jotham Parker, wood furnished Mrs. Mary Swan,	\$2 50
Wm. H. Barr, in part for his salary for 1877,	60 00
Wm. Comins, for flour, meal, and grain,	71 96
Wm. H. Barr, in part for his salary for 1878,	75 00
Wm. H. Barr, for almshouse purposes,	30 00
Wm. Brown, for pump for Town farm,	8 00
Wm. Comins, for flour, meal, and grain, for Town farm,	60 31
S. D. Harrington, for paying the City of Worcester, for provisions furnished John Butler's family,	2 00
Wm. Comins, for grain, meal, and grinding for Town farm,	58 08
N. Clark & Co., for groceries and coal,	151 81
S. D. Harrington, for cow,	22 00
" " for meat, potatoes, and repairing mowing machine,	60 48
M. B. Olmstead's blacksmith's bill for Town farm, 5 70	
	<hr/> \$607 84

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Wm. Brown, for paying Town of Athol, for support of Delilah Goodnow,	\$18 00
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LIBRARY REPORT.

Town Grant,	\$313 65
Paid Henry H. Pike,	\$63 65
" "	250 00
	<hr/> \$313 65

STATE AID TO MARCH 1, 1878.

Paid Mrs. Geo. F. Cheney,	\$12 00
L. T. Kirby,	6 00—\$18 00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance due the Town in the hands of Treasurer,	\$918 28
Due for State aid,	18 00
Due from Wm. Comins, for lumber,	173 70
School Books on hand,	34 05
Cash in hands of Warden,	6 20
	<hr/> \$1150 23

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Warden's salary,	\$75 00
Ringin the bell,	13 16
Outstanding orders,	369 14
Other liabilities,	250 00
	<hr/> \$707 30
	<hr/> \$442 93

WILLIAM BROWN, } *Selectmen of*
 HENRY H. PIKE, } *Paxton.*

Treasurer's Account.

The Committee chosen to settle with the Town Treasurer submit the following report :

The Treasurer stands charged at last settlement

with	\$1424 56
Tax bills committed to him for 1877,	4380 67
Received of Selectmen,	191 37
" John N. Sargent for tuition,	18 00
" School Board,	1 00
" City of Worcester on acc't of Garfield,	6 00
" Treasurer of Commonwealth,	
" Corporation tax,	2 16
" National Bank tax,	154 51
" State aid,	48 00
" School fund for 1877,	213 56
Received of County Treasurer, dog fund,	59 55
" H. P. Bemis from Paxton, fishing club,	5 00—\$6504 38

The Treasurer has paid out as follows :

Paid State tax,	\$270 00
" County tax,	349 22
" Town orders,	4966 88—\$5586 10
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Balance due the town,	\$918 28

WILLIAM BROWN, } *Committee.*
 HENRY H. PIKE, }
 PHINEAS M. HOWE, *Treasurer.*

Report of Overseers of Poor.

INVENTORY AS MADE FEBRUARY 15, 1878.

REAL ESTATE.

Farm, 100 acres,	\$2100 00	
Pasture, 40 acres,	700 00—	\$2800 00
Farming tools,	175 00	
Household furniture,	240 00	
Wagons, sleigh and harness,	225 00—	640 00

STOCK.

One horse,	175 00	
3 cows,	140 00	
1 fat cow,	40 00	
2 two-years old heifers,	55 00	
1 swine,	25 00	
22 fowls,	16 50—	451 50

HAY, GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

7 tons English hay,	130 00	
800 lbs. straw,	4 00	
3 tons meadow hay,	30 00	
1000 feet lumber,	18 00	
Stone boat plank,	2 50	
3 bags meal,	3 90	
100 lbs. shorts,	1 25	
1 bushel corn,	75	
2 bushels salt,	1 20	
2 bushels barley,	2 40	
2½ tons coal,	18 75	
½ bushel beans,	1 20	
½ bushel sweet corn,	75	
½ barrel apples,	2 50	
65 bushels potatoes,	45 50	
3 bushels planting potatoes,	1 50	
140 bushels mangolds,	56 00	
1 bushel beets,	75	
1 bushel carrots,	50	
Soap,	2 30	
15 lbs. candles,	2 40	
396 lbs. salt ork,	39 60	

36 lbs. fresh pork,	4 51
71 lbs. ham,	8 52
3 gallons vinegar,	1 20
3 gallons sweet pickle,	1 50
Mackerel,	30
Pumpkins,	25
11 lbs. butter,	3 30
2 lbs. sugar,	21
Saleratus,	20
Soda,	10
3 gallons molasses,	1 65
Pepper,	25
Nutmeg,	30
Crackers,	25
1 lb. coffee,	40
2 lbs. tea,	80
2 gallons boiled cider,	1 00
Medicine,	2 50
8 lbs. beef,	80
$\frac{1}{2}$ barrel flour,	5 00
20 lbs. rye meal,	50
$11\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. tobacco,	6 32
Tapioca,	30
5 lbs. tallow,	70
$61\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. lard,	7 99
10 gallons cider,	2 00
Garden seeds,	1 00

Whole amount of invoice,

\$1509 10

INCOME OF FARM.

138 lbs. butter sold,	\$37 75
Pigs sold,	53 20
Chickens sold,	9 16
Eggs sold,	7 97
Veal and pork sold,	34 40
Oxen sold,	190 00
Boat plank sold,	3 75
Old Iron sold,	2 50
Sweet corn sold,	2 25
Rags sold,	75
Pasturing cattle,	36 40
Feeding cattle,	50
Keeping peddlers,	3 00
Use of cart,	20
Keeping traveler over night,	1 50
Work on highway,	43 85
Cash on hand,	6 20— \$433 38
Increase of invoice,	18 67

\$452 05

EXPENSES OF FARM.

Interest on town farm as appraised last year,	\$174 00
Warden's salary,	150 00
7 barrels flour,	72 00
46 bags meal,	64 70
24 bags corn,	36 30
Shorts,	20 76
Rye meal,	8 00
6 bushels seed oats,	4 20
5 bushels barley,	4 90
Grinding,	2 59
Soap,	9 81
House labor,	24 00
Molasses,	20 30
Sugar,	24 39
Tea,	13 33
Coffee,	6 40
Cardigans,	3 00
Dry goods,	26 73
Window glass,	55
Bread,	18 00
Matches,	60
Shoes,	7 25
Saleratus,	1 80
Washing soda,	1 00
Oil,	2 31
H. Penniman, examining horse,	1 50
Cheese,	6 81
Paper,	13
Thread,	90
Medicine,	2 24
Brick,	20
Pepper,	25
Starch,	22
Braid,	24
Raisins,	24
Horse powder,	55
Spool silk,	08
Harness blacking,	50
Hoe,	60
Comb,	12
Gargling oil,	2 50
Salt,	4 00
Nails,	1 29
Yeast,	3 49
Sundries,	5 03
Saltpetre,	06
Whip,	1 00

Tapioca,	50
2 balls cotton,	16
Paint oil,	35
Shoe strings,	10
Almanac,	08
2 chimneys,	16
Lamp wicks,	06
Buttons,	16
1 lb. putty,	05
Linseed oil,	18
Castor,	25
Ginger,	20
Snuff,	75
Stove polish.	32
Millet seed,	2 00
Phosphate,	8 75
Grass seed,	8 80
Wall paper,	96
Lime,	20
Papering and whitewashing,	3 00
Knitting,	70
Fish,	6 60
Mending harness,	3 00
Hold back straps,	1 30
Cash to Mr. Bigelow,	1 20
Stove,	20 00
Flannel,	2 25
Sundries,	1 40
Tea-pot,	50
Stove back,	1 25
Horse feeding,	40
2 gallons vinegar,	80
Brooms,	1 00
Use of ox yoke,	50
Reins,	1 35
6 bushels potatoes,	6 00
Tin ware,	5 21
Filing saws,	50
Sink,	2 25
Apples,	4 50
Meat,	15 49
Chickens bought,	1 50
Sawing boat plank,	2 00
Snuff,	90
Labor on farm,	4 00
Horse bitts,	60
Doing chores,	30
Tobacco,	20 70
Mangold beet seed,	48

Work on farm,	25 00	
N. Clark & Co., bill,	151 81	
One cow,	22 00	
Paid for farm labor,	7 30	
Blacksmith bill,	5 70	
Outside windows,	4 70	
S. D. Harrington's meat bill,	58 23	
Seed potatoes,	1 50	
Repairing mowing machine,	75	
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Whole amount of expenses,		\$1139 57
Deduct receipts of farm,		452 05
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Balance against the farm,		\$687 52

Whole number of weeks' board at Almshouse, 303 weeks.
 Cost of each person per week. \$2 27

The following persons have been supported at the Almshouse the past year :

Name.	Age.	Weeks.
Mary Pierce,	77	52
Harriet Allen,	55	52
Jason Bigelow,	73	52
Rebecca Bigelow,	80	52
John P. Metcalf,	86	52
Delilah Goodnow,	75	28
Mary Butler,	27	4
John F. Butler,	4	4
Traveling poor,		7
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		303

Cost of support poor out of Almshouse, \$18 00

WILLIAM BROWN, } *Overseers of*
 HENRY H. PIKE, } *the Poor.*

PAXTON, Feb. 15, 1878.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1877.

Date.	Name of child.	Parents' name.
Feb. 16.	Ethel Johnson,	Lewis and Jemima Freeman.
Sept. 17.	Bertrand Parker,	Wm. H. and Clara J. Macomber.
Nov. 19.	Minnie Allison,	James D. and Mary Ella Taitt.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1877.

Date.	
Jan. 1.	Leonard W. Davis of Rutland and Mary H. Allen of Berlin.
Jan. 8.	Herbert Eager of Worcester and Laura A. Stowe of Paxton.
Jan. 25.	David Davis of Worcester and Mary A. Sherman of Paxton.
Feb. 15.	Simon Allen of Paxton and Emily Rice of Rutland.
May 26.	Jonathan Webb and Ida F. Hodgkins, both of Worcester.
July 11.	Josiah Keep of Paxton and Amelia C. Holman of Leicester.
Dec. 4.	Clinton B. Scott of Rutland and Clara A. Marsh of Paxton.
Dec. 8.	John A. Cummings and Elizabeth A. Stevens, both of Paxton.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1877.

Date.		Age.		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Jan. 27.	Lavira Cummings,	50,	3,	24.
Feb. 9.	Emma G. Chase,	17,	3,	18.
Feb. 14.	Thomas C. Bancroft,	80,	1,	17.
Feb. 20.	Jonathan A. Henry,	87,	8,	
Apr. 8.	Anna M. Partridge,	13,	10,	13.
June 9.	Emma E. Clark,	19,	6,	10.
July 4.	Mary F. Bryant,	55,	8,	8.
July 18.	Elmer T. Graton,		3,	3.
Dec. 15.	Silas D. Harrington,	70,	9,	2.

VALUATION and TAX, 1877.

Polls.	Names.	Description of Property.	Tax.
1	Abbott Simon C.,	house and barn 1200, house lot 1 acre 200,	
		Sprout land $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres 15,	21 10
1	Abbott Charles B.,		2 00
1	Abbott Alvord E.,		2 00
1	Allen Simon, 1 horse 50, 2 cows 90, 1 swine 10, house and		
		barn 500, farm 23 acres 500,	17 39
1	Aharn Thomas, 8 horses 175, 5 cows 100, 1 2 yrs. old 15, 3		
		swine 20, house, barn and shed 600, farm 90 a. 1200,	30 55
1	Aharn James,		2 00
1	Anthony George W.,		2 00
1	Bigelow Lewis, 1 cow 35, 1 swine 10, house and barn 1200,		
		house lot 4 acres 300,	22 86
1	Bigelow Edward D., 1 horse 75, 1 carriage 40,		3 55
1	Brown Marshall D., 1 horse 40, 2 cows 65, 1 yearling 20,		
		1 swine 17, house and barn 300, farm 51 acres 700,	17 42
2	Brown William, 1 horse 100, 1 swine 10, 1 carriage 50,		
		house, barn and shop 700, house lot 3 acres 250,	18 99
1	Brown John B., 1 horse 65, 2 two years old 50, house and		
		barn 700, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 100, Pike land $3\frac{3}{4}$ acres 225,	
		Town lot $1\frac{3}{4}$ acres 100,	18 74
1	Brown John A.,		2 00
1	Bemis Hiram P., 1 horse 125, 1 cow 50, 1 carriage 75,		
		house and barn 600, farm 8 acres 250,	16 86
1	Burnett Edward,		2 00
1	Burnett Edgar H.,		2 00
	Brown Sylvester, Heirs of, house 250, house lot $\frac{1}{4}$ acre 50,		
		wood and pasture land 40 acres 1000, meadow $3\frac{1}{2}$ a. 20,	17 82
1	Bill Ledyard, money 600, 1 horse 150, 1 swine 10, 2 car-		
		riages 175, furniture 400, house and barn 1700, house	
		lot and mowing land 650,	51 75
1	Baker John E.,		2 00
1	Boynton Darwin R., house and barn 1100, house lot 1 a.		
		150,	18 88
1	Boynton Charles D., 1 horse 65, 2 oxen 150, 4 cows 140, 4		
		swine 40, house and barn 750, farm 87 acres 1950,	43 78
1	Barr William H.,		2 00
1	Bryant David, 1 horse 100, 5 cows 160, 2 two years old 33,		
		1 swine 15, 1 carriage 100, $\frac{1}{2}$ house 600, $\frac{1}{2}$ farm 41 a.	
		700,	25 06

1	Bryant Horace H., money 1500, 1 horse 100, 5 cows 190, 3 two years old 50, 3 yearlings 35, 1 swine 20, 1 carriage 100, $\frac{1}{2}$ house 600, $\frac{1}{2}$ farm 41 acres 700, Sprout land 21 acres 126,	48 18
1	Bryant Francis E., 1 horse 150, 6 cows 215, 1 yearling 13, house, barn and shop 550, farm 15 a. 350, 1 carriage 50,	19 94
1	Bryant Edward,	2 00
1	Burns John, 2 horses 200, 4 cows 120, 2 two years old 35, 5 yearlings 60, 1 swine 15, house, barn and shop 600, farm 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres 1000, Thomson lot 57 acres 650,	38 19
1	Butler Daniel, 1 horse 60, 2 cows 80, 1 swine 20, house and barn 400, farm 34 acres 400,	14 96
1	Bidwell Thomas,	2 00
2	Bellows J. & Z., money 2000, 2 horses 175, 2 oxen 190, 5 cows 170, 2 two years old 75, 1 carriage 60, house, barn and granary 1800, farm 171 acres 2500, Daniel's pasture 47 acres 600,	106 20
1	Bullard Sereno, 1 cow 50, house and barn 650, farm 23 a. 600,	19 56
1	Burno Levi, 1 horse 125, 1 cow 40, house, barn und shop 350, farm 51 acres 400,	14 36
1	Brown J. G.,	2 00
1	Bonner John,	2 00
	Bigelow Mulligan & Co., stock in trade 9000, machinery 300, boot shop 600, shop lot 100,	135 00
1	Comins William, stock in trade 2000, 5 horses 450, 4 oxen 380, 6 cows 255, 2 two years old 70, 3 yearlings 45, 7 swine 130, 1 carriage 100, house, barn, carriage-house, saw-mill, grist-mill, blacksmith shop, shed, water power and dam 5500, house and shed, Brown place 300, farm 106 acres 1500, Brown farm 90 acres 1000, Barr pasture 23 acres 200.	163 06
	Comins Mary E., Pierce pasture 54 acres 400, exempt.	
	Comins Ella A., Maynard pasture 50 acres 400, exempt.	
1	Clapp Hiram B., 1 two years old 25, 1 yearling 13, house and barn 400, farm 16 acres 300,	11 96
1	Cummings John A., house 500, house lot $\frac{1}{3}$ acre 50,	9 43
1	Cheney George F., 2 horses 150, 1 swine 15, 1 carriage 40,	4 77
	Cheney Harriet, house 600, house lot $\frac{1}{3}$ acre 100,	9 45
1	Cheney Herbert L., 1 swine 10,	2 14
2	Clark N. & W. H., money 650, 1 horse 100, 2 carriages 150, store, house and barn 1200, house lot $\frac{1}{4}$ acre 100,	87 70
	Clark William H., money 500, house and barn 1100, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 200, mowing and wood land 10 acres 300, Slade lot 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres 30,	28 76
1	Chase John S., house 550. house lot $\frac{1}{4}$ acre 50,	10 10
1	Cowden Charles L.,	2 00
1	Cooper Robert, 1 horse 50, 5 cows 160, 1 yearling 10, house and barn 400, farm 165 acres 1650,	32 65

1	Dodd George W., house 850, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 100,	14	83
	Dodd Wm. W., Estate of, money 1000, 1 horse 125, 1 carriage 120, house, barn and shed 2500, house and barn 1500, house lot $\frac{3}{4}$ acre 300, Snow pasture 20 acres 400, house lot 200,	82	96
1	Dodd Charles, 1 horse 50, 4 cows 150, 2 two yr. olds 45, house, barn and carriage-house 600, farm 78 a. 1500,	33	66
1	Dodd Charles H.,	2	00
1	Daniels Horace, 4 horses 175, 5 cows 190, 1 two yr. old 20, 4 yearlings 70, 1 carriage 125, house, barn and shed 1400, farm 246 acres 3000, Bellows land 50 acres 500,	75	98
1	Daw Peter, 1 horse 25, 2 oxen 130, 3 cows 120, 2 two yrs. old 36, 1 yearling 12, house and barn 500, farm 48 a. 700,	22	70
1	Donnelly Peter,	2	00
1	Davenport George,	2	00
1	Estabrook Daniel, 1 cow 45, 1 swine 10, house, barn and shop 675, house lot $1\frac{1}{4}$ acres 125, Howe land 13 a. 250,	16	93
1	Estabrook Dwight, 1 two yr. old 20, house, barn and wood-house 1050, farm $37\frac{1}{2}$ acres 960, Abbott wood lot 6 a. 100, pasture land 20 acres 200, Sprout land 5 acres 25,	33	80
1	Earle Ralph, house and barn 800, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 100,	14	15
1	Earle Carlo H., meadow land 3 acres 24,	2	32
1	Freeman Lewis, 10 horses 1100, 12 cows 420, 1 two yrs. old 25, 2 yearlings 25, 4 swine 65, house and 2 barns 800, farm 160 acres 2352,	66	63
1	Freeman Robie,	2	00
2	Flint Charles S., 1 horse 100, 2 oxen 150, 3 cows 105, 1 swine 15, 14 sheep 60, 1 carriage 40, house and barn 600, farm 46 acres 900, Ware pasture 24 acres 275,	34	32
1	Foley James, 1 horse 100, 1 cow 30,	3	76
1	Fairbanks Francis J.,	2	00
1	Fouracre John, 2 horses 75, 4 cows 140, 1 yearling 12,	4	96
1	Fouracre James,	2	00
1	Finnegan Owen,	2	00
1	Foster William W.,	2	00
1	Fitzgerald Richard,	2	00
	Frink John A., Heirs of, 1 horse 20, house and barn 300, farm 24 acres 300, Slade lot 6 acres 60, meadow land 2 acres 30,	9	59
1	Goodnow Oliver, 3 cows 115, house and barn 800, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 100, Penniman lot 18 acres 400, Fox hill lot 11 acres 550,	28	53
	Goddard Asenath, house and barn 500, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 150, mowing land $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres 150, exempt 500,	4	05
1	Graton Alwin S., 2 cows 80, house and barn 600, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 50, Goulding land 15 acres 250,	15	23
1	Graton Charles A., 1 horse 50, 2 cows 55, house and barn 400, house lot 3 acres 125,	10	51

1	Graton John F.,	2 00
	Goulding Sally, Heirs of, woodland 4 acres 100,	1 35
1	Harrington Silas D., stock in trade 100, money 700, 2 horses 200, 4 cows 165, 3 swine 60, house, barn, wood-house and shop 1200, Brewer barn 100, Kinney house 175, Tracy house 75, house lot $\frac{3}{4}$ acre 200, Brewer land $37\frac{1}{2}$ acres 625, Brown mowing land $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 360, Crocker land $29\frac{1}{2}$ acres 430, Howe land 5 acres 25, Abbott land 37 acres 800, Cunningham land $59\frac{1}{4}$ acres 1500,	92 66
1	Harrington David, 1 horse 40, 2 oxen 140, 3 cows 125, 5 three year olds 135, 5 two year olds 130, 3 yearlings 36, 2 swine 30, house and 3 barns 1200, farm 258 a. 4050,	81 47
1	Harrington William H., stock in trade 400, 3 horses 250, 2 cows 90, 2 swine 15, house, barn, grist-mill, saw-mill and water power 1800, Howard mill and water power 600, farm 16 acres 250, mill-yard and flowage land 28 acres 200, Kilbourn land 30 acres 500,	57 42
1	Harrington Simon G., 3 horses 300, 4 oxen 250, 4 cows 140, 2 three year olds 75, 4 two year olds 95, 1 swine 15, 6 sheep 36, house, barn and shop 800, farm 158 a. 1600, Sprout land 25 acres 140,	48 59
1	Harrington Addison, 1 horse 50, 3 cows 85, 1 three year old 35, 3 two years old 50,	4 97
1	Harrington Lewellyn,	2 00
1	Howe Phineas M., 1 horse 65, 1 cow 45, 1 carriage 35, house and barn 1000, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 150, farm $31\frac{1}{4}$ a. 400,	24 89
	Howe Phineas M., guardian for Alfred W. Snow, wood and pasture land 18 acres 200,	2 70
1	Howe Artemas, 1 horse 70, 1 cow 40, 1 swine 10, house, barn and shop 850, house lot $1\frac{3}{4}$ acres 150, Goddard lot 10 acres 200,	19 82
1	Howe Z. S. M., 1 cow 40, house and barn 1275, house lot 1 acre 200,	22 46
1	Howe Willard, money 2000, 1 horse 75, 1 cow 45, house and barn 800, farm $14\frac{1}{2}$ acres 700,	50 87
1	Howe John O., 1 horse 65, 1 ox 65, 3 cows 110, 3 three years old 105, 1 two years old 18, 3 yearlings 35, 1 swine 18, house, barn and shop 550, farm 115 a. 1700,	38 00
1	Howe Elbridge G.,	2 00
	Howe Elizabeth, house and barn 400, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 50,	6 08
2	Henry George G. & James E., 3 horses 300, 7 cows 155, 2 two years old 40, house and barn 400, farm 200 a. 2000,	43 08
1	Howard Charles P., 1 horse 125, 3 cows 135, 1 swine 16, house, barn and shop 800, farm 22 acres 700, Slade meadow 4 acres 30, Davis land 18 acres 500,	33 14
1	Howard Herbert L., stock in trade 100,	3 35
1	Holmes John, 1 swine 15, house and barn 650, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 100,	12 33
1	Hoyle O. F., 1 horse 100, 1 cow 45,	3 96

1	Jerome Peter,	2 00
1	Joslyn Herbert,	2 00
1	Kilbourn Lewis S., 2 horses 150, 9 cows 325, 1 two years old 15, 1 carriage 40, house, barn and carriage-house 1000, farm 160 acres 2250,	53 04
1	Keep Josiah O., 1 horse 125, 2 oxen 125, 5 cows 175, 1 two years old 20, 2 swine 30, 2 sheep 14, house, barn and shop 800, farm 102 acres 1500,	39 65
1	Keep Francis E., 3 horses 250, 1 carriage 75, house and barn 1100, farm 164 acres 2300,	52 29
1	Keep Frank S., house and barn 300, farm 28 acres 300,	10 10
1	Kirby Leander T., 1 cow 40,	2 54
1	Kane Morris, 1 horse 25, 2 cows 50, house and barn 150, farm 85½ acres 800,	15 85
1	Karle Jacob, 1 horse 50, 1 cow 45, house and barn 700, farm 31 acres 300,	16 78
1	Lakin Daniel, 1 horse 40, 2 oxen 160, 5 cows 160, 2 houses and 2 barns 1500, farm 239 acres 3100,	68 96
1	Leonard Farrell, 1 horse 85, 1 cow 45, house and shop 250, farm 20 acres 400,	12 54
1	Le Monier George C., 3 horses 250, 3 cows 90, 1 carriage 50, barn 150, farm 7½ acres 250,	12 67
1	Lawrence William, 1 horse 125, 1 cow 45, 1 carriage 35,	4 77
1	Lyon John B.,	2 00
1	Maynard Benjamin, 2 oxen 125, 2 cows 85, house and barn 300, farm 78 acres 1200,	25 09
1	Mulligan William, Day lot 16 acres 175,	4 37
1	Maynard Almer E.,	2 00
1	Marsh Luther,	2 00
1	Macomber William,	2 00
1	Merriam Foster T., 1 horse 50, 1 cow 30, 1 swine 13, house and barn 200, farm 37 acres 350,	10 69
1	McCann Thomas, money 500,	8 75
1	McClough Kenney,	2 00
1	Nugent Michael, 2 horses 75, 2 cows 80, house and barn 550, house lot ½ acre 200, Flagg lot 3 acres 100,	15 58
1	Newton George B.,	2 00
1	Newton M. C. H., house and barn 500, house lot 1¼ a. 150,	8 78
1	Newton Samuel A., house and shop 600, house lot ½ a. 100,	11 45
1	Newton William H.,	2 00
1	Newton Albert G.,	2 00
	Newton Catherine B., land ½ acre 150, exempt.	
1	Naughton Patrick, 1 horse 100, 2 cows 60, 2 swine 25, house, barn and carriage-house 400, farm 52¼ acres 500,	16 65
1	Naughton James Jr., 1 horse 50, 3 cows 75, 4 swine 25, house and barn 400, farm 78 acres 650,	18 21
1	Olmstead Martin B., stock in trade 100, blacksmith shop 250, shop lot ¼ acre 50,	7 40
1	Parkhurst Nathaniel, 3 cows 105, 1 yearling 13, 1 carriage 25, house and barn 600, farm 44 acres 500,	18 78

	Parkhurst Moses, Estate of, Carruth land 40 acres 400,	5 40
1	Parkhurst Clifton, 1 horse 100,	3 35
1	Partridge George W., stock in trade 125, 1 cow 40, 2 two years old 50, 4 swine 40, 1 carriage 100, house and barn 1200, stage barn 200, house, Peirce place 600, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 200, mowing land 4 acres 200, mowing land $10\frac{3}{4}$ acres 600, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 200,	50 00
	Partridge John, Heirs of, house, barn and 2 shops 2400, farm $33\frac{3}{8}$ acres 1100,	47 25
1	Parker Jotham, stock in trade 20, 1 horse 65, house and barn 850, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 100,	15 98
	Peirce Samuel, Estate of, house and barn 600, farm 59 a. 1500,	28 35
1	Peirce Tyler D., 1 horse 35, 4 cows 150, house and barn 800, farm 93 acres 1200,	31 50
1	Peirce Horace, 6 horses 425, 2 oxen 180, 4 cows 140, house and barn 1000, farm 107 acres 1500,	45 81
1	Peirce Frank W., 1 horse 100, 1 carriage 100,	4 70
1	Peirce Frank A., 1 horse 125, 1 cow 40, 1 carriage 35, $\frac{1}{2}$ house and barn 300, $\frac{1}{2}$ house lot $\frac{1}{4}$ acre 50, Penniman land 50 acres 800,	4 70
	Peirce Eliza, $\frac{1}{2}$ house and barn 300, $\frac{1}{2}$ house lot $\frac{1}{4}$ acre 50, exempt.	20 23
1	Pike Henry H., house, barn and shop 850, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 100,	14 83
	Pike Henry H., parsonage house and barn 750, house lot 1 acre 150,	12 15
1	Pike William F., 1 horse 50, 1 cow 35, house, barn and shop 500, farm $79\frac{1}{4}$ acres 1000, Polly Pike place, house, barn and shop 500, farm 55 acres 600, wood lot 4 a. 160,	40 41
	Pike Susan, 2 oxen 110, house and 2 barns 500, farm 94 acres 1000,	21 74
1	Penniman Joseph H., 5 horses 500, 8 cows 255, 2 two yrs. old 36, 4 yearlings 48, 4 swine 40, 2 carriages 200, house, 2 barns and shed 1000, farm 60 acres 1100, Grosvenor lot 75 acres 700,	54 37
1	Penniman Tyler S., 1 horse 100, 2 oxen 150, 3 cows 100, house and barn 600, farm $44\frac{1}{2}$ acres 1010, woodland 10 acres 150, house and barn, Barr place 300, house lot $\frac{3}{4}$ acre 75,	35 55
1	Penniman Frank,	2 00
1	Powers Edward, 1 horse 125, 4 oxen 325, 12 cows 450, 2 two years old 45, 1 yearling 13, 3 swine 35, 3 sheep 18, house, 2 barns and shop 1300, farm 243 acres 5000, Damon meadow 16 acres 128,	102 44
1	Perry Benoni E., 1 cow 40,	2 54
1	Pierce Cyrus,	2 00
1	Rogers William B., house 1000, house lot 3-10 acre 100, Chickering lot 9 acres 50,	17 53

1	Rowell George, stock in trade 150, shop 50,	4 70
1	Robinson Thomas B., 1 horse 40, 1 cow 50, 1 swine 10, house, barn and shop 1100, farm 6 acres 500,	24 95
1	Robinson Albert M.,	2 00
1	Robinson Frank H.,	2 00
1	Richardson J. H., 1 horse 125, house and barn 450, farm 12 acres 200,	12 49
	Reed Adeline, house and shop 500, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 125,	8 44
1	Smith S.,	2 00
1	Streeter Charles A., 2 horses 125, 2 oxen 125, 3 cows 115, 1 two years old 25, 2 yearlings 25, 1 swine 15, 2 houses and 3 barns 950, farm 89 acres 1450,	40 21
1	Sweetser Isaac H., 1 cow 40, house and barn 150, farm 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres 465,	10 85
1	Slade Henry, 1 horse 80, 2 oxen 190, 8 cows 300, 8 two years old 128, 2 yearlings 30, 2 houses and 2 barns 1200, farm 78 acres 1425, Belcher pasture 70 acres 750,	57 40
2	Slade John, money 500, 1 horse 60, 2 oxen 115, 7 cows 230, 1 two years old 20, 1 yearling 15, 2 swine 24, house and barn 500, farm 76 $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 1500, Black hill pasture 28 a. 500,	50 76
2	Stratton Luke, house 700, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 125,	15 14
1	Sherman Warren, stock in trade 20, house and barn 850, house lot 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres 250,	17 12
1	Smith Henry R. 1 two years old 18, 1 swine 10, house and barn 700, house lot 1 acre 150, Pike lot 3 acres 50,	14 53
1	Smith Levi, 3 horses 400, 3 cows 150, 1 carriage 35, house and barn 400, farm 35 acres 500,	22 05
1	Smith William D., 1 horse 40,	2 54
1	Skiff Cyrus M.,	2 00
1	Skiff Austin E., 1 horse 100, 3 cows 115, house and barn 950, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 100, Day lot 25 acres 500, Earle lot 4 acres 50,	26 51
1	Snow John H., 1 cow 30,	2 41
	Snow Mary P., 1 horse 100, 1 cow 25,	1 69
	Southwick Rebecca, money 1600, house and barn 800, farm 27 acres 1000,	45 90
	Swan Mary, house 150, farm 31 acres 325,	6 42
	Snow Mary, house and barn 600, farm 11 acres 300, ex- empt 500,	5 40
1	Taitt James D., money 1500,	22 25
1	Underwood William, 1 horse 50,	2 68
1	Ward Henry C., house 800, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 100,	14 15
1	Ward Charles H.,	2 00
1	Wood Smyrna, 1 horse 50, 1 cow 40, house and barn 800, house lot $\frac{1}{4}$ acre 100, farm 57 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres 550, Pike lot 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 60, Parker lot 9 acres 50,	24 28
1	Wood Edward A.,	2 00
1	Williams Anson, 1 horse 40, 5 cows 190, house, barn and shop 800, farm 42 acres 800,	26 71

1	Warren William M., 2 horses 165, 2 cows 65, 1 swine 18, house and barn 800, farm 44 acres 1100,	31 00
1	Ware Daniel L., 1 horse 45, 2 oxen 150, 3 cows 120, 1 two years old 25, 1 swine 20, house and barn 900, farm 65 acres 1200,	35 21
1	Wendell Thomas, 2 cows 70, house and barn 400, farm 40 acres 400,	13 75
1	Wheelock John, 1 horse 50, 1 carriage 50, house, barn and carriage-house 1400, farm 21 acres 1100,	37 10
1	Woodruff William W., 1 horse 35, 2 cows 70, house and barn 450, farm 26 acres 470,	15 84
1	Whitney Joseph,	2 00
	Wilson Oliver, Heirs of, land 10 acres 200,	2 70
1	Woodward Albert E., 2 horses 150, 6 cows 230, 7 two years old 135, 4 yearlings 50,	9 63
1	Whiting E. W., 1 horse 25, 3 cows 75, house, barn and shop 500, farm 63 acres 700, Bellows pasture 36 acres 400,	24 95
1	Wood William, 1 horse 40, house and shop 225, house lot $\frac{1}{4}$ acre 25,	5 92
1	Wesson George,	2 00
1	Wesson James, 1 horse 100,	3 35

NON-RESIDENTS.

Names.	Residence.	Tax.
Arnold Elisha,	Worcester, house and barn 1200, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 100,	17 55
Anthony Simeon,	Hornellsville, N. Y., sprout land 30 a. 240,	3 24
Allen Willard,	Worcester, pasture land 19 acres 150,	2 03
Abbott F. E.,	Worcester, wood and pasture land 33 acres 300,	4 05
Black George,	Leicester, house and barn 700, farm 60 a. 2000,	36 45
Bottomly & Hodges,	Leicester, flowage land 100 acres 2000,	27 00
Bottomly & Smith,	Leicester, flowage land 58 acres 1160,	15 66
Bancroft J. A.,	Worcester, sprout land 5 acres 50,	68
Buttrick Samuel D.,	Worcester, mowing land 10 acres 200, wood land 12 acres 200,	5 40
Bisco Roswell,	Spencer, pasture 5 acres 50,	68
Clark J. H.,	Worcester, swamp land 48 acres 250,	3 38
Cutler Aaron T.,	Worcester, wood and sprout land 18 a. 325,	4 39
Child Linus M.,	Boston, pasture land 12 acres 150,	2 03
Chickering Brothers,	Rutland, mowing, pasture and wood land 6 acres 120, meadow and sprout land 10 acres 50,	2 30
Drury William H.,	Holden, house 600, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ acre 100,	9 45
Dee James,	Leicester, mowing and pasture 41 acres 320,	4 32
Davis David G.,	Worcester, sprout land 5 acres 25,	34
Flagg Austin,	Estate of, sprout land 2 acres 30,	41
Hoppin George S.,	Worcester, 3 horses 160, 2 oxen 200, 16 cows 600, 1 three years old 75, 6 yearlings 90, 10 swine 150, house and barn 1000, farm 250 acres 3000,	71 22

Howard Luther G., Worcester, 1 horse 75, 1 three years old 30, house and barn 800, Waite farm 250 acres 2800, house 150, house lot $\frac{1}{4}$ acre 25, house and barn 250, Boynton and Howard land 82 acres 1050, Blair pasture 17 acres 100, Frost land 26 acres 400, sprout and mead- ow land 80 acres 900,	88 84
Henry Bridget, Worcester, pasture land 15 acres 150,	2 03
Hazell Charles, Holden, mowing and pasture 40 acres 900,	12 15
Haggett Lydia, Holden, house and barn 100, farm 46 a. 900,	13 50
Hall David G., Providence, R. I., farm 125 acres 2000,	27 00
Holbrook Phineas, Leicester, mowing and wood land 60 a. 600,	8 10
Harris John A., Rutland, house, barn and shop 950, house lot $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres 250,	16 20
Hill E. H., Heirs of, Boston, pasture land 5 acres 50,	68
Johnson Nathaniel, Estate of, Worcester, mowing and wood land 7 acres 150,	2 03
Kane Patrick, Leicester, pasture 56 acres 450,	6 08
Lamb John, Spencer, meadow 3 acres 50,	68
Leicester, Town of, pasture and wood land 64 acres 900,	12 15
Muzzy E. A., Worcester, mowing land 13 acres 300,	4 05
McNamara Patrick, Leicester, swamp land $5\frac{3}{4}$ acres 50,	68
Mulcahy Thomas, Leicester, pasture and wood land 23 a. 230,	3 11
Nash Charles, Worcester, house and barn 300, farm 17 a. 600,	12 15
Nugent Charles, Worcester, $\frac{1}{2}$ house 125, $\frac{1}{2}$ farm 38 a. 225,	4 73
Newell Ann Maria, Shrewsbury, house and barn 700, house lot $\frac{3}{4}$ acre 100,	10 80
Osland Horace F., Osland lot 15 acres 100,	1 35
Pryor Patrick, Leicester, barn and $\frac{1}{2}$ rope-walk 300, mowing land 12 acres 200,	6 75
Pryor James, Leicester, house 500, farm 54 acres 550, buildings, Pike place, 1200, farm 102 acres 1150,	45 90
Southwick Elizabeth, Leicester, mowing land 21 acres 210,	2 84
Southwick Thomas, Leicester, house 200, farm 10 acres 200,	5 40
Sprague & Lamb, Leicester, sprout land 12 acres 120,	1 62
Sullivan Dennis, Leicester, mowing 5 acres 60,	81
Sargent John N., Rutland, pasture 3 acres 60,	81
Stone Uriah, Worcester, wood land 20 acres 1000,	13 50
Smith Austin, Barre, 7 horses 700,	9 45
Trainor Sarah, Leicester, house and barn 450, farm $11\frac{1}{2}$ a. 250, exempt 500,	2 70
Woodbury Calvin, Spencer, mowing and pasture 19 acres 450,	6 08
Walker Benjamin, Worcester, $\frac{1}{2}$ house 125, $\frac{1}{2}$ farm 38 a. 225, sprout land 50 acres 450, Arnold pasture 20 a. 250,	14 18
Watson Aaron, Spencer, pasture 36 acres 300,	4 05
Wood J. H., Grafton, pasture 54 acres 500,	6 75
Watts Henry B., Leicester, tillage land 2 acres 50,	68

SUMMARY.

Valuation of real estate,	\$241,145 00	
" personal estate,	60,388 00	
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Total,		\$301,533 00
Tax on real estate,	\$3,217 33	
" personal estate,	815 34	
" polls,	346 00	
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Total,		\$4,378 67
Town grants,	\$3,700 00	
State tax,	270 00	
County tax,	349 22	
Overlay,	59 45	
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Total,		\$4,378 67
Number of polls, 173.		
Rate per cent., \$13.50 on \$ 1000.		
Number of dwelling-houses, 140.		
" horses, 131.		
" cows, 253.		
" sheep, 25.		
" acres of land taxed, 8445.		

THOMAS B. ROBINSON,	} Assessors of Paxton.
CHAS. A. STREETER,	
DAVID BRYANT,	

REPORTS

— OF THE —

TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

— AND OF THE —

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF PAXTON,

FEBRUARY, 1878.



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Library Report.

At the last Annual meeting, the town in its corporate capacity saw fit to establish, agreeably to the laws of the Commonwealth, a Free Public Library for the benefit of all its citizens, and to this end granted the "dog fund," so called, and the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, receiving at the same time a pledge of a donation of the value of one hundred dollars, from a private individual.

We do not need, perhaps in this report, to speak at any length on the value of a free public library, inasmuch as it has become self-evident to all reflecting minds that free libraries constitute one of the invaluable agencies in the education of men.

It may, however, be said that good libraries rank with the church and school in their benign influence, and indeed to a large majority of persons, they form about the only avenue to a broad and liberal culture which otherwise would be closed to them for the most part. Books are the bright links which connect us with the past; destroy them utterly from the face of the earth, and all men would grope in continental darkness. No record would remain of the lives of individuals or races or countries or of their separate or combined achievements but the veriest tradition. It would be a curious problem for the Emersons and Carlyles of such a world, to solve the question as to the problematic character of the earth's inhabitants under such conditions, and the rate of progress they would make towards a higher and a better life. But aside from the incalculable value of books as a means of preserving and handing down to us the wisdom of the fathers, the establishment of a free library can be justified, even on economic grounds. All know that it is the practice of publishers to send men and women into all portions of the country to dispose of every new and popular book. To illustrate; take the "History of the Centennial Exposition," the agent sold in this town between fifty and one hundred dollars worth of that single work, and this is done nearly every year with some new volume, making an average drain of half a hundred dollars

yearly from our citizens, whereas, now, a single copy placed in the library, and at a comparatively trifling cost, supplies in a few weeks, the entire demand.

We feel that we but express the views of all the trustees, as well as the citizens generally, that the action of the town in founding this library is a matter for the heartiest approval, and it is to be trusted that it will be duly nurtured and sustained.

The following trustees were chosen in March last, viz.: Ledyard Bill, Rev. F. J. Fairbanks, H. H. Pike for three years; L. S. Kilbourn, H. H. Bryant, Chas. H. Dodd for two years, and Lewis Freeman for one year, with authority to complete the work contemplated under the grant.

We have to report that full and free assent was given the trustees in writing, by the proper authorities, to appropriate for library uses, a section of the town hall and everything was rapidly made ready for the reception of books, and on Saturday, June 9th, the Library was opened. Only ninety days from the outset! In this time the room had been provided and shelved, books purchased and duly covered, catalogues printed and distributed, and the wheels, so to speak, of the library put in motion. On that first day, *seventy-two* volumes were drawn out. It was thought likely by many that the interest might flag thereafter, but we have, on trial, found that the reverse has been true. Indeed, since the first opening day, the interest has been steadily increasing, which is highly gratifying to all concerned.

Over one hundred volumes have been issued on a single day. The last library day before the annual inspection, *eighty-two* books were taken, though it was known they could be retained but for one week. One family alone has drawn, since the opening, in June last, one hundred and seven volumes. Comment on the interest in the library, in the face of such a fact, seems superfluous.

The total number of books sent out, in the eight months it has been open, amounts to 2876; at which rate we should have issued in a year, over 4000 volumes, in a town whose total population is but about 600 souls. At the annual inspection all the books were found in good order, and none absent from the library. A very gratifying exhibit indeed.

The whole number of volumes in the library at the present date, is 746, of which 706 will be found on your catalogues.

The numerous friends of the institution in and out of town, have from time to time marked their appreciation of the same, by liberal donations, for which the thanks of the trustees have been extended.

It has been our practice to acknowledge the receipt of all donations in the public press, and we would urge that that be the rule of the librarian for the future.

For the first few months, the undersigned acted as librarian, but as soon as the machinery of the library was fairly in working order, we gave way to Mr. A. E. Maynard, one of the assistants, who has since had chief charge, and the thanks of all its patrons are due him, and the two young ladies who have aided the librarians since the first opening, their services having been gratuitous.

In conclusion, we append a list of the names of the donors in the order in which they are found on the records.

NAMES OF DONORS.

Hon. George Bancroft, Ledyard Bill, State of Massachusetts by Chas. L. Flint, T. W. Hammond, Wm. Mulligan, Dea. Wm. B. Rogers, Rev. Samuel May, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Clark, Rev. F. J. Fairbanks, Hon. George F. Hoar, Mrs. J. G. Allen, Miss S. A. Earle, Wesley Brown, Rev. E. G. Howe, A. E. Bigelow, Col. J. E. Russell, Mrs. M. A. P. Humes, A. E. Maynard, Mrs. P. M. Howe, Dr. A. J. Howe, Edward P. Keep, Dr. Geo. O. Warner, Hon. Geo. F. Verry, S. A. Newton, S. R. Heywood, Leicester Public Library by Rev. Samuel May, Town of Leicester by Chas. B. Denny, Willis Smith, Mrs. E. H. Flint, Hon. W. W. Rice.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LEDYARD BILL, *for the Trustees.*

PAXTON, Feb. 15, 1878.

Treasurer's Report

FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 15th, 1878.

Received of Town of Paxton, (grant,)	\$250 00
“ “ “ “ (dog fund,)	63 65
“ Ledyard Bill,* (donation,)	50 00
“ Book purchasing committee,	1 68
“ “ “ “	1 51
“ the Librarians, library fines,	5 10
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	\$371 94
Paid William Brown for alterations in hall, book case and painting, etc., etc. of library room,	\$57 37
Paid Book purchasing Committee,	250 00
“ “ “	35 00
Paid for 2 lamps,	2 50
“ paper, postal cards and postage,	1 03
“ book case No. 2, and incidental expenses,	14 43
“ rules and catalogues,	5 50
“ stove-pipe dampers,	85
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	\$366 68
Total amount received,	\$371.94
“ “ expended,	366.68
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Balance in hands of Treasurer, \$5.26	

HENRY H. PIKE, *Treasurer.*

* In addition to this cash donation the Treasurer received from Mr. Bill in May last, a donation of new books of the value of fifty dollars.

School Report.

To the Citizens of Paxton:

In this brief retrospect of our public schools for the past year, it cannot be expected that details be very much considered, and what the committee have to report is applicable, for the most part, to the schools as a whole. Of course all of the schools have not attained the same degree of perfection, nor have all the public teachers possessed equal skill, qualification, experience or aptness for their work, and results commensurate have necessarily followed, yet, we find, on looking over the whole field, abundant reasons for the congratulation of all interested in the cause of education among us.

The practice which has obtained here for many years past, of employing graduates of our schools to teach, has some drawbacks and at the same time some advantages. One of the former is, that it does not give us teachers with a normal or especial training for their work, such a training having come to be considered, by many, as essential and quite as necessary for teachers, as for ministers, doctors, or even dentists. Again, suppose that public sentiment demanded—which it does not—the employment of this trained class referred to, the added expense for increased salaries would put it out of the power, almost, for a town whose “grand list” was no greater than ours, to secure teachers of this class. Hence, we here, in common with the practice which prevails in like places, have employed home talent, chiefly.

The advantages, both actual and probable, are these: first, we give employment to our towns-people, and thus keep the public funds largely at home, and, in many cases perhaps, enabling them to better fit themselves for future work in their chosen calling, or in other equally valuable and important directions, which otherwise might be closed to them: second, it is a debatable question if teachers be employed beyond any personal knowledge of their general fitness, such as habits and character, whether we might not regret such ventures, and yet perhaps no one rule should govern in these extremely import-

ant matters ; third, by giving such of our young people, as are qualified and desire an opportunity to teach, a trial, it often results in developing just those qualifications most to be desired in a public teacher. At least, the committee feel that, *all things being equal*, home talent may properly have the preference.

In the last annual report, it was suggested that an addition of several weeks be made to the terms of the schools, and the town voted a small increase to the customary grant, for the purpose of this experiment, and your present committee acted on the plan named in that report, and added three weeks to the Fall and Winter terms of all the schools, except those in the center, where an extra term of ten weeks for the Grammar School was instituted in the autumn, thereby filling up the great gap in the school year of this most important school, and by means of it, rendering the usual Winter term more valuable.

This extension of the sessions of the schools, by the addition of the three weeks, giving a continuous school term of fifteen, is in our opinion, so undesirable in results, taken all in all, as not to warrant its repetition. It is too long a term for the younger pupils. They get not only tired but nearly jaded out, and the older pupils become restless and careless, and the teacher wearied as well. But it was felt that since the previous committee had given it importance in their report, it would be best to test it, and, having done so, we do not find the result satisfactory.

The other experiment, originating with the present committee, namely, of an extra fall term of ten weeks for the Grammar School, has, in its results and benefits, surely justified the experiment. The only questions that might arise in connection with this extra fall term, would be the expense, and, whether the center district or its pupils were getting more than their due share of the town grant. The latter question might be a fair inference on its face, but when, in connection with this extra term, it is remembered that the committee have thrown open the doors of the *winter* term of the same school to all pupils of the town who have attained a certain grade—the line being drawn on the lowest class in said school, it becomes in a certain sense a town school and for the benefit of all, and the latter objection suggested, falls. The expense of this extra term is not great, being only about one hundred dollars.

It is probable that should this extra term be continued, dissatisfaction, well or ill founded, might arise, which would greatly destroy its usefulness, and hence it may be the best course to return to the ordinary rule of two terms a year, for each of the several schools.

There has been, we are pleased to observe, a full average degree of interest in our schools, on the part of the citizens, both during the daily sessions and at the several closing examinations. Over two hundred and fifty individuals have visited the various schools this year, as shown by the Registers—of this number forty-seven were visits of parents. This latter class of visits form by far too small a percentage of the whole number. We could wish that more of the parents might visit the schools. It seems but a small sacrifice for you to make, while the benefits likely to flow from these visitations are manifold, and they may be briefly stated; first, they serve to encourage your children. The child has in your visit a practical proof of your interest in his studies; second, it likewise encourages the teacher to a more thorough discharge of school duties, and lightens his labors to know that they are kindly appreciated, or, at least, that there is enough of interest in his work to come out and see what he is doing; third, these visits serve to banish many grievances both of pupils and parents; fourth, they greatly aid in the general discipline of the school; and, fifth, they give the parent an enlarged idea of the wants and necessities of the schools, and have the effect also of waking up dull committees to a more full and thorough discharge of their obligations, thus in every way contributing to the success of all the school interests.

In this connection we would mention that at the opening of the school year the use of "Report cards" was introduced into the schools and after a trial of them one term it was decided that they constituted an essential aid in the general advancement of school work. They serve as a weekly medium of communication between teacher and parent; they also act as a decided stimulus to pupils in their studies and recitations, and are likewise very salutary in their influence on the deportment of the same. They are a guard against ordinary truancy, inasmuch as in all these various matters, the cards, if conscientiously made up, indicate the true status of the child at school, and largely in proportion as these weekly reports are valued at home, will they be of increased service to all concerned.

Geography.—The study of Geography is extremely important to the rising generation, and as a study it takes high rank in the list of the prescribed studies under the laws governing our Public schools. It is one in which perhaps more natural interest centers, and its value all through the after life of the scholar is an increasing one. Indeed, without a thorough acquaintance with it, the adult man or woman will be at a constant loss to understand intelligently many of the current

events which are daily, almost hourly, transpiring among the busy populations of our own and other lands. A knowledge of the world and of its inhabitants is so essentially interwoven in these later days with the common life of all, that none can afford to forego the most thorough study in their school days of geography in all its various branches; mathematical, civil, political and physical. We have good reason to compliment a large majority of the classes under this head on their uniform progress throughout the year, and their generally fine recitations. The classes in Physical Geography, while not large in numbers, would, we are confident, compare favorably with scholars of like age anywhere, and they were evidently deeply interested in their work. Of the whole number of pupils in the town about one-half pursued some one branch of this subject.

Map Drawing.—The Committee have required that all classes in Geography should, for the most part, give some attention to map drawing, but have not always insisted that scales be used, or that the systems laid down be strictly followed, but rather that free hand drawing from memory, upon the black board, be practiced. This is regarded as equally or more valuable as an exercise, since the pupil is required to *think* rather than depend on certain arbitrary rules and his scales for the work, together with a constant reference to his map, all consuming considerable time, and the whole system becoming a mere mechanical drill of secondary value; still, some of the more advanced scholars have, during the year, made some very nice and accurate maps by the latter method which could scarcely be expected by the former.

Art Studies.—The law requires that the schools be drilled in the elementary study of art. A year or two since White's art system in its simplest form was introduced, and the younger pupils of many of the schools have spent more or less of time in practicing from the "Art cards" either upon their slates or at the boards. We feel unwilling to give much of praise or even of compliment to any school or scholar under this head. The study of art is undoubtedly very useful to many and especially valuable to such minds as have a natural eye and genius for sketching, but these, however, are very few in the aggregate. The chief hindrance to the successful study of art is the non-familiarity of teachers with it, and until this is overcome, little can be accomplished.

Reading.—For years there has been a decided neglect on the part of all concerned in the matter of reading, judging from the results obtained. The standing of all the schools was very low indeed, and, while some progress has been made the past two years, much remains

to be accomplished. Under the administration of the Rev. Mr. Fairbanks more attention was given to this branch than had been wont hitherto, and the improvement may properly date with the commencement of his services. One of the greatest hindrances to advancement was the want of text-books better adapted to the needs of the schools than the ones in use; those being too difficult, good enough in themselves, but graded too high for our scholars. The Committee at the beginning of the year, and also as reconstituted, were unanimous in the opinion that a change was greatly needed, and after due deliberation accepted the series known as the Franklin Readers, the same as are now in use in Worcester and some other of the adjacent towns. A change in text-books at any time is to be deprecated and should only be made after the most careful consideration, and not even then unless it is plainly evident that an injury is being done the pupils by continued delay.

The Committee proceeded with great caution, not forcing the new readers upon the schools, but voted that they be introduced on the promotion of classes only. The result, on ascertainment, was, that not a single class was entitled to promotion in any of the schools. The Committee, however, gave their consent that any class in which parents and scholars were unanimous, could make the change, and many did so with marked advantage.

Writing.—Good writing is deemed to be both important and useful in the education of all youth, and since the Spencerian system was introduced, a steady advancement has been made, and this is especially true, with reference to the year past. Greater neatness and care as well as improvement have resulted.

Good writing and correct spelling should go hand in hand, but if either were to be neglected, it certainly should not be the latter. To illustrate: we have in mind one of the civil officers of the general government, a fine penman, who in his application for promotion wrote, among other things, that he loved his country with his "hole heart." Now if his spelling had been good, and his penmanship only tolerable he might have attained his object, but he was inevitably doomed, his letter being the evidence of his unfitness.

A few of the schools have had spelling classes in which scholars competed for prizes, and this, with the written method, affords results which cannot be secured as easily nor as quickly in any ordinary way. The spelling and defining the last half of the year was for the most part very satisfactory in nearly all of the schools.

Order.—With a single exception, all of the schools have been carried through their terms in an orderly manner, and were, in this respect, as nearly satisfactory as could reasonably be expected. The exception was the winter term of the Center Grammar. This school, up to within a brief period of its close, was making good progress, when several of the larger boys became involved in some difficulties, which grew into open rebellion, going so far in one instance as to grapple with the teacher, the affair resulting in drawn honors. This case was soon followed, as might have been expected perhaps, in view of its result, by another, though not as flagrant, when an excited parent put in an appearance, and proposed to run the school. At this juncture, the Committee received the resignation of the teacher, and on the following day closed the school. But two weeks were wanting to complete the term.

It is not needful in this report, that we compare this school with itself in previous years in the matter of discipline.

The teacher had carried the Spring and Fall terms through with credit, and the Committee felt justified in securing his services for the winter. We may have erred. But we do not err when we speak in condemnation of supposed aggrieved parties trying to seek redress in an improper manner, as in the instance just mentioned. There is another and a proper way for the settlement of grievances.

Much of the disobedience and nearly all the serious difficulties in schools can be directly traced to the want of a judicious home training and influence. No school can be a complete success where the spirit of co-operation is wanting on the part of the parents. That is fundamental.

The practice in all of the schools of devoting a portion of every Friday afternoon to exercises of a general and miscellaneous character, is a highly desirable one, and, we trust, may be continued. It not only serves as a recreation, but may be made as valuable to the scholar as any portion of his time.

The examinations at the close of the schools have been generally satisfactory to the Committee, and also, we trust, to the large number of friends in attendance on those occasions.

The number of children in town on May 1st, 1877, between the ages of five and fifteen, was one hundred and eighteen.

The Committee are unanimous in asking the town to grant the sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars for school purposes the ensuing year, this being sufficient to carry schools the six months, as required by law.

Herewith is appended a list of the names of such pupils as have been neither absent nor tardy during the year past, likewise a statistical table showing some facts and figures concerning the schools in a convenient form for reference.

ROLL OF HONOR.

CENTER PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Spring—Nellie E. Baker, Emma E. Cheney, Alice R. Fairbanks Laura E. Graton, Minnie D. Keep, Julia M. Marsh, Lillie L. Olmstead, Mattie D. Streeter, Walter E. Clark, Arthur R. Cummings, Harry S. Pike, Everett E. Pike.

Fall—Julia M. Marsh, Lillie L. Olmstead, Harry S. Pike, Everett E. Pike, Laura E. Graton.

CENTER GRAMMAR.

Spring—Ernest Fairbanks.

Fall—Nellie M. Woodward.

SOUTH WEST.

Spring—Jennie Bellows, Mary E. Burns, Kate Burns, Lillian Frink, Emma Foley, Annie Norton, Veena B. Williams, Hattie M. Whiting, Willis A. Bryant, John Norton, Michael Norton, James Norton.

Fall—Emma Foley, Annie Norton, Veena B. Williams, Hattie M. Whiting, John Norton, James Norton, Azel E. White.

SOUTH EAST.

Spring—Horace R. Perry.

Fall—Ida Snow, Mary Leonard, Lizzie Leonard, Florence Skiff, Thomas Leonard.

WEST.

Fall—Anna M. Warren.

NORTH EAST.

Spring—Sarah E. Harrington, Eva J. Harrington, Chas. B. Kilbourne.

Fall—Simon G. Harrington, Chas. B. Kilbourne.

Perfect in attendance for the year.—Julia M. Marsh, Lillie L. Olmstead, Harry S. Pike, E. E. Pike, Laura E. Graton, Annie Norton, Veena B. Williams, Emma Foley, Hattie M. Whiting, James Norton, Chas. B. Kilbourne.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

FIRST TERM.		Wages per week.....	Number of weeks.....	Number of Scholars.....	Average attendance.....	Percentage of attendance.....	Neither absent or tardy.....	Number of visitors.....	Visits by parents.....	Number of scholars under 6 years.....	Number of scholars over 15 years.....
SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.										
Center Primary.....	Mary Ella Clark.....	\$7 12	35	30+	.87+	12	29	7	2		
Center Grammar.....	Wesley E. Brown.....	10 12	20	18+	.90	1	15	3			7
South West.....	Julia Goddard Allen.....	8 12	28	26+	.94	12	13	3	1		
South East.....	Phronia M. Lakin.....	6 12	16	14+	.90+	1	38	6			
West.....	Emogene E. Harrington..	6 12	10	9+	.97	3	17	2			1
North East.....	Fannie E. Dodd.....	6 12	10	8+	.89	3	13	1	1		1
SECOND TERM.											
Center Primary.....	Linnie M. Daniels.....	7 12	34	29+	.84+	5	32	10			
Center Grammar.....	Wesley E. Brown.....	10 10	22	18	.83	1	14	2			11
South West.....	Julia G. Allen.....	8 15	35	30	.85+	7	13	5	4		2
South East.....	Phronia M. Lakin.....	6 15	17	14+	.81+	5	26	1			1
West.....	Emogene E. Harrington..	6 15	11	10+	.95	1	10	2			
North East.....	Fannie E. Dodd.....	6 15	12	9+	.81	3	23	1			3
THIRD TERM.											
Center Grammar.....	Wesley E. Brown.....	10 10	42	33	.79		12	4			16

The great question of education, of the training of the youth of the state, cannot be exaggerated or overdrawn, and, however frequently your attention may have been called to it by any of our predecessors, yet, it is a theme which will ever enlist the anxious thought and highest efforts of the wisest and most enlightened portions of all communities, especially in a republican land—for how else, except by a general diffusion of knowledge can institutions such as ours exist.

The Common school is the chief lever whereby the generations of our people are lifted and enlightened and trained to useful lives; there, habits of thought are formed, lessons of industry and thrift are duly inculcated, and a knowledge of the world on which they live, and of the myriad life abounding therein are gained, all expanding their views of the finite and infinite, and giving an opening

glance at the perspective in their own unending lives. This is, briefly, a part of the great work the common school performs among us—preparing the now untrained youth for the serious stations their fathers occupy, and whether they shall prove worthy successors will much depend on how well the assigned tasks of the school-room were mastered.

LEDYARD BILL, } *School Committee*
H. H. BRYANT, } *of*
LEVI SMITH, } *Paxton.*

PAXTON, Mass., Feb. 21, 1878.