ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

PAXTON, MASS.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 14TH, 1898.

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Town Officers 1897.

Town Clerk, WALTER E. CLARK.

Selectmen,

HENRY H. PIKE.

JOHN A. BROWN. EDWARD E. EAMES.

Assessors,

THOMAS B. ROBINSON.

CHAS. H. JOHNSON.

EDWARD P. KEEP.

Overseers of Poor,

HENRY H. PIKE.

JOHN D. OLMSTEAD.

GEORGE ROWELL.

Collector,

HENRY H. PIKE.

Treasurer,

LEANDER T. KIRBY.

Constables,

HENRY H. PIKE.

MARTIN B. OLMSTEAD.

School Committee,

MRS. CHARLES F. FLINT, 1 year.

WILLIAM H. HARRINGTON, 2 years.

MRS. EDWARD P. KEEP, 3 years.

Board of Health.

HENRY H. PIKE.

EDWARD P. KEEP.

Auditor, ARTEMAS E. BIGELOW.

Superintendent of Streets, HENRY C. EAMES.

Library Trustees,

CHAS. E. HOSMER, 3 years. HERBERT S. ROBINSON, 3 years.

EDWARD P. KEEP, 2 years.

CHAS. F. FLINT, 2 years.

JOHN P. MOULTON, 1 year. MISS NETTIE WILLIAMS, 1 year.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, M. B. OLMSTEAD.

Cemetery Trustees,

WM. BROWN.

HENRY H. PIKE.

E. P. KEEP.

Fence Viewers,

E, P. HOSMER.

GEO. ROWELL. CUTLER CROUCH.

Field Driver, EVERETTE S. BUTLER.

Pound Keeper, C. L. CROUCH.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

GEO. F. CHENEY.

W. E. CLARK. JASON WOODRUFF.

FRANK A. PIERCE. E. E. EAMES. WM. H. HARRINGTON.

F. S. HOWE.

JOHN P. MOULTON.

Measurers of Lumber,

EDWARD E. EAMES. WILLIAM H. HARRINGTON.

WALTER E. CLARK. F. SUMNER HOWE.

Weigher, GEORGE F. CHENEY.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We herewith submit the following report for the year ending February 14, 1898.

HIGHWAYS.

The Town granted for repairs, \$500 00

Amount expended, \$631 89

For items see Superintendent's report.

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Town granted, 200 00
Amount expended, 203 00
For items see Overseer's report.

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Town granted, 900 00 Town granted from Dog fund, 33 78

CONTRA.

Amount paid by Town orders, \$1329 00 For items see School report.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

Town grant, \$5200 00

Paid by town orders,

Horace Hobbs, examining titles, \$3 00

Spy Publishing Co., printing, 4 20

W. B. Harding, making deed and recording same etc., 5 65

W. B. Harding, drawing contract etc., 4 50

Spy Publishing Co., printing, Marble & Allen, surveying etc., Total,		25 00	\$31	50

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.			**	00
Town granted the sum of,			\$2200	00
	32			
E. H. Bryant, services as assessor,	20			
H. P. Bemis, inspector of cattle,	79			
H. S. Robinson, lighting street lamps,		00		
A. E. Bigelow, services as auditor 1896,	30			
L. Bill, services on Board of Health,		00		
Wm. Brown, recording vital statistics 1896,	1	75		
G. G. Davis, printing reports and ballots,	73	50		
H. P. Bemis, inspector's services,	2	25		
H. P. Bemis, expressage,	1	00		
L. T. Kirby, error on Town order 1896,	15	50		
E. S. Burnette, care of Town Hall,	10	00		
E. S. Burnette, care of Town clock,	3	00		
J. P. Moulton, ballot inspector,	1	50		
N. C. Glidden, ballot inspector,	1	50		
J. A. Brown, labor around common,		5 9		
Sanford & Co., assessors book,	2	75		
E. H. Burnette, services as ballot clerk,	1	50		
	1	50		
George Woodruff, labor on common,	3	06		
	1	36		
N. Glidden, services ballot inspector,	1	50		
G. G. Davis, printing ballots,	3	50		
J. A. Woodruff, damages to land,	2	00		
H. S. Robinson, services as ballot inspector,	1	50		
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G. E. Allen, repairs on road scraper,	9	25		
Geo. Woodruff, labor on common,	2	04		
H. S. Robinson, lighting street lamps,	6	75		
E. H. Fowler, tuning piano,	2	00		
H. H. Pike, tax collector,	13	50		
H. H. Pike, sundries for Town Hall,	2	30		
E. S. Burnette, care of Town Hall,	10	00		

E. S. Burnette, care of Town clock,	3	00
G. G. Davis, for stationery,	8	00
J. P. Moulton, services as ballot inspector,	1	50
N. Glidden, services as constable,	2	00
H. S. Robinson, labor on common,		51
E. S. Burnette, labor on Town clock,	2	50
Spy Publishing Co., printing,	2	40
Insurance on School house,	15	00
H. S. Robinson, labor on common,	1	70
H. S. Robinson, lighting street lamps,	5	75
Wm. B. Harding, counsel,	2	00
J. P. Moulton, labor on bridge,	3	82
Insurance on Town Hall,	34	32
E. P. Keep, services on Board of Health,	1	00
E. S. Burnette, care of Town Hall,	10	00
E. S. Burnette, care of Town clock,	3	00
H. H. Pike, wood for Town Hall,	19	00
H. C. Eames, drawing stone for bridge,	53	40
A. Shover. services as watchman,	7	48
E. E. Eames, labor on bridge,	312	52
E. E. Eames, labor on bridge,	31	08
A. W. Dwyer, repairing furnace in hall.	2	00
Geo. Rowell, labor on sidewalk,	1	50
J. P. Moulton, services as ballot inspector,	1	50
A. W. Dwyer, labor and stock on town scales,	3	25
N. C. Glidden, services as ballot inspector,	1	50
C. L. Crouch, for furnishing town pound,	2	00
H. S. Robinson, lighting street lamps,	6	75
H. H. Pike, copying and posting warrants,	13	00
H. H. Pike, expenses and cash paid on		
Board of Health,	13	80
E. S. Burnette, care of Town Hall,	10	00
E. S. Burnette, care of Town clock,	3	00
E. S. Burnette, lamp shade for hall,		50
H. H. Pike, expenses on bridge,	10	00
Dr. Chamberlain, recording births,	1	75
Geo. Rowell, services as watchman,	2	00
John D. Olmstead, labor on bell,	4	80

Morris Lyon, 1 61 J. Herbert,				34
H. C. Powell, 1 53 P. Benoit,				68
G. B. Woodruff, 5 78 J. Cote,			3	40
J. Scarbo, 5 10 Morris Lajo			2	29
Paid Morris Lyon, \$ 2 21Paid Alfred Rok	inso	n,	1	53
BREAKING OUT ROADS.				
Total, —			\$1304	42
Specifications,	1	00	@i.co.	10
Miss Cora Kirby, copying School House	A S	0.0		
E. E. Eames, services as registrar,	3	00		
E. E. Eames, service as selectman,		00		
H. H. Pike, services as registrar,		00		
H. H. Pike, services as selectman 1897,	30	00		
H. H. Pike, collector of taxes 1897,				
J. A. Brown, services as registrar,				
J. A. Brown, services as selectman 1897,				
H. H. French, expressage,	5 30	75		
N. Clark & Co., supplies for Town Hall,	6	31		
town,	8	41		
N. Clark & Co., telephone expenses for the				
N. Clark & Co, for supplies, street lamps,		24		
W. E. Clark, services as Town Clerk,		95		
H. H. Pike, constable fees,		90		
C. H. Johnson, services as assessor,	10			
Sanford & Co., for weigh book,		00		
L. T. Kirby, for postage and stationery,	3	66		
L. T. Kirby, services as Town Treasurer,		00		
T. B. Robinson, services as assessor 1897,		00		
E. P. Keep, services as assessor 1897,		65		
E. P. Keep, services on Board of Health,	2	00		
G. G. Davis, order book,		50		
M. B. Olmstead, repairing scraper etc.,		95		
scales etc.,	10	50		
M. B. Olmstead, serving warrants, labor on	11	00		
H. H. Pike, wood for Town Hall,		95		
A. H. Dodge, record book and stove pipe,		55		
John D. Olmstead, services as inspector,	1	50	10	

W. H. Greene,	2	89	T. B. Brooks,	1	27
C. L. Hand,	3	40	J. Mitchell,	2	29
A. W. Dwyer,	4	33	Felix Robinson,		76
E. P. Keep,	2	89	L. J. Tasker,	2	46
Geo. Rowell,	4	08	Chas. Bishopp,	6	28
D. M. Conner,	4	93	Amos Bejune,	3	65
Geo. Whitney,		60	Fred Bejune,	1	53
Geo. Flagg,	3	08	T. B. Brooks,	2	38
T. Shea,	3	19	P. Benoit,	2	46
M. McBride,	1	42	G. H. Black,	4	76
T. H. Murphy,	1	42	D. M. Conner,	3	91
Geo. Gilman,	2	72	C. E. Fisk,	3	23
F. Snow,	4	42	M. McNamara,	4	34
D. W. Graton,	2	55	G. B. Fisk,	4	34
G. B. Woodruff,	1	10	E. Butler,	2	55
Amos Bejune,	6	88	E. P. Keep,	4	93
John Ahearn,	1	70	E. G. Owen,	1	36
C. H. and J. L. Johnson	n, 1	18	Geo. Rowell,	6	27
J. D. Whitney,	2	04	James White,	3	57
H. H. Pike,	19	76	J. P. Moulton,	5	36
W. Hamilton,	6	12	C. Waite,	4	80
J. A. Woodruff,	1	78	H. H. Pike,	33	26
Geo. W. Van Wyck,	1	70	W. H. Harrington,	8	22
C. L. Crouch,	4	24	L. S. Clapp,	10	63
W. H. Turner,	3	40	E. E. Eames,	45	02
J. A. Brown,	2	38	A. Williams,	3	60
L. S. Clapp,	3	94	H. C. Eames,	.59	75
F. S. Howe,	33	82	Wm. Brown,	5	80
E. P. Hosmer,	1	79	T. Murphy,	7	99
C. E. Hosmer,	2	55	E. H. Bryant,	9	11
E. A. Merrill,	2	89	Wm. M. Warren,	13	77
H. C. Eames,	43	62	E. P. Hosmer,	3	13
W. H. Harrington,	15	32	C. F. Flint,	11	77
C. N. Glidden,	1	26	J. A. Barclay,	15	63
E. E. Eames,	26	69	C. L. Crouch,		51
C. E. Hosmer,	2	97	P. Benoit,		68
J. A. Woodruff,		83	H. C. Powell,	1	53
Alfred Robinson,	4	76		(D. F.O.)	
				\$564	01

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TODLIC LIDIANI.			
Town granted from Dog Fund, Paid by Town Orders,	\$75	00	\$ 75 00
MEMORIAL DAY.			
Town granted,			20 00
Paid by Town Orders,	19	27	
STATE AID.			
Town granted,			100 00
Paid by Town Orders to Sarah Butler,	4	00	
FOR THE TELEPHONE			
Town granted,			50 00
Paid by Town Orders,	46	50	
STATE ROAD ACCOUNT	1.		
Layout of 1895 and 1896.			
Received of the State,			\$1487 56
Paid by Town Orders,			
Paid by Town Orders, W. I. Preston,	\$ 1	00	
W. I. Preston, H. S. Pike,	\$ 1 924		
W. I. Preston, H. S. Pike,	924		
W. I. Preston,	924	81 00	
W. I. Preston,H. S. Pike,Edna Tyler, reporting at hearing,	924 60 208	81 00	
W. I. Preston,H. S. Pike,Edna Tyler, reporting at hearing,David Manning, counsel fees,	924 60 208 76	81 00 04	
 W. I. Preston, H. S. Pike, Edna Tyler, reporting at hearing, David Manning, counsel fees, David Manning, costs in Horace Pike case, 	924 60 208 76	81 00 04 95	
 W. I. Preston, H. S. Pike, Edna Tyler, reporting at hearing, David Manning, counsel fees, David Manning, costs in Horace Pike case, Expenses of Selectmen, 	924 60 208 76	81 00 04 95 50	
W. I. Preston, H. S. Pike, Edna Tyler, reporting at hearing, David Manning, counsel fees, David Manning, costs in Horace Pike case, Expenses of Selectmen, Balance due E. E. Eames, State Road bill	924 60 208 76 5	81 00 04 95 50	
 W. I. Preston, H. S. Pike, Edna Tyler, reporting at hearing, David Manning, counsel fees, David Manning, costs in Horace Pike case, Expenses of Selectmen, Balance due E. E. Eames, State Road bill of 1896, 	924 60 208 76 5 154 10	81 00 04 95 50	
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For labor, Chas. Fiske,

" " F. Robinson,	6	80		
" " A. Robinson,	3	40		
" " N. C. Glidden,	7	98		
	96	94		
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" " H. H. Pike,	2	55		
	23	33		
" " H. H. Pike,	L1	20		
" " L. T. Kirby, travelling expenses,	8	75		
- Barrier State (1985) (1985) (1985) (1985) (1985) (1985) (1985) (1985) (1985) (1985) (1985) (1985) (1985) (19	24	88		
			\$2666	62
STATE ROAD ACCOUNT.	*			
Layout 1897.				
Recieved of the State,			\$4551	55
Paid by Town Orders,				
Services Selectmen, \$	5	00		
	10	15		
"	7	75		
W. B. Harding, drawing contracts and				
counsel,	5	00		
Blackmer & Vaughn, making contracts,	10	00		
Services Selectmen,	7	15		
J. W. Preston, 1-2 use of land,	20	00		
J. P. Moulton, on contract,	16	15		
H. S. Robinson, lighting lantern,	1	00		
	52	69		
J. P. Moulton, on contract, 210	04	91		
Asa Goddard, on contract,	72	57		
J. P. Moulton, on contract,	05	23		
J. D. Olmstead, for stakes,	2	50		
Selectmen's expenses,	5	70		
" " "	7	50		
	-		\$4663	30
Deduct amount paid by J. P. Moulton, to				
the Town for the contract.			68	00
			\$4595	30

Net cost to the Town for building new section		the !	el alt.	
of State road,	\$43	7.5		
HOWE PLACE. (so called	l.)			
The Town granted,			\$11	60
Paid by Town Orders,				
Duncan Goodell & Co., pump and pipe.	\$11	60		
E. E. Eames, for shingles,	11	50		
J. A. Woodruff, for labor,	9	40		
E. E. Eames, for lumber,	5	50		
For insurance 3 years,	13	75		
Rice, Griffin & Co., outside windows,	6	65		
J. A. Woodruff, labor,	7	10		
Baker & Co., lumber,	6	16		
A. W. Dwyer, labor,	3	75		
Farrar & Gates, insurance,	17	50		
	7	7	\$92	94
Amount rental 1 year,			\$137	50
Net proceeds,			56	16
Amount of tax if it had been assessed,			35	00
Balance applicable to Library Building Fund.			\$21	16
SUMMARY OF EXPENSE	ES.			
Highways,	\$ 631	89		
Schools,	1329	00		
State Aid.	4	00		
Overseers of the Poor,				
	203	00		
Public Library,	203 75			
		00		
Public Library,	75	00 27		
Public Library, Memorial Day,	75 19	00 27 94		
Public Library, Memorial Day, Howe Place,	75 19 92	00 27 94 50		
Public Library, Memorial Day, Howe Place, Telephone,	75 19 92 46	00 27 94 50 01		
Public Library, Memorial Day, Howe Place, Telephone, Snow Bills,	75 19 92 46 564	00 27 94 50 01 42		
Public Library, Memorial Day, Howe Place, Telephone, Snow Bills, Contingent Charges,	75 19 92 46 564 1304	00 27 94 50 01 42 62		

JURY LIST.

List of Jurors posted by the Selectmen and submitted for acceptance by the Town at the annual meeting, March 7, 1898.

William M. Warren,	John D. Olmstead,
Edward E. Eames,	Edward P. Keep,
A. S. Graton,	Joseph W. Preston
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LIABILITIES,

Outstanding notes,			\$3050	00.
" on New School House Ac	304	00		
" Bills,			175	00
			\$3529	00
RESOURCES.				
Uncollected taxes,	\$1883	78		
Balance overpaid Poor Farm Association,	4	62		
Due of the State on State Road	18	00		
Cash in hands Library Trustees,	11	75		
Due from the State (State aid),	4	00		
Cash in hands of Town Treasurer,	818	92		
Cash in hands of Cemetery Trustees,	9	58		
Cash in hands of School Committee,	2	38		
Cash in hands of Overseers of the Poor,		69		
			\$2753	72

\$775 28

HENRY H. PIKE, JOHN A. BROWN, EDWARD E. EAMES,

Selectmen of Paxton.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

LEANDER T. KIRBY, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Paxton.

189	97.	D _R .		
Feb.	13.	To cash in hands of the Treasurer,	\$1551	16
	19.	" cash received of E. S. Burnett, janitor,		
		rent of hall,	3	00
March	4.	" cash received of Wm. Brown,	16	653
	4.	" cash received of Selectmen, guide board		
		case, 1896,	10	00
April	28.	" cash received of E. E. Eames on note,	500	00
May	3.	" cash received of A. S. Turner, butchers'		
		license,	1	00
	3.	" cash received of F. T. Merriam, butchers'		
		license,	1	00
	3.	" cash received of Worcester Safe Deposit		
		and Trust Co., interest on State road		
1-		money,	24	21
	17.	" cash received of State Treasurer, in-		
		spection of animals,	57	25
June	2.	" cash received of L. D. Bemis, butchers'		
		license,	1	00
	5.	" cash received of D. R. Boynton, on		
		note,	200	00
July	1.	" cash received of D. R. Boynton, on		
		note,	300	00
	2.	" cash received of H. S. Pike, on note,	900	00
	17,	" " State Treasurer, on ac-		
		count of State road,	96	68

July	10,	To eash received of State Treasurer, on		
		account of State road,	1390	88
	26.	" cash received of City Treasurer of Wor-		
		cester,	30	00
Aug.	3.	" cash received of E. S. Burnett, janitor,	1	00
	7.	" " E. S. Burnett, janitor,	3	25
	9.	" " D. W. Graton, rent of		
		Howe Place,	68	75
	25.	" cash received of E. S. Burnett, janitor,	2	00
Sept.	17.	" " E. S. Burnett, janitor,	8	00
	21.	" " Leicester, tuition,	10	00
Oct.	20.	" " City of Worcester		
		Water Works, Kettle Brook supply,	73	39
	26.	" cash received of E. S. Burnett, janitor,	2	00
	26.	" " E. S. Burnett, janitor,		
		for ashes,	1	00
Nov.	3.	" cash received of State Treasurer on ac-		
		count of tuition,	50	00
	9.	" cash received of State Treasurer on ac-		
		count of State road,	1116	15
	12.	" cash received of Mutual Fire Insurance		
		dividends on School houses,	12	
	22.	" cash received of E. S. Burnett, janitor,	10	00
	27.	" " Selectmen, bonus on		
		State road contract,	68	00
	30.	" cash received of State Treasurer on ac-		
		count of State road,	2957	60
	30.	" cash received of C. E. Hosmer, butcher's		
		license,	1	00
Dec.	13.			
		tional Bank tax,	21	23
	13.	" cash received of State Treasurer for State		
		aid,	48	.00
	22.	" cash received of County Treasurer, dog	-	
		fund,	108	09
189				
Jan.	3.	" cash received of Clerk Central District		
		Court,	9	10

6. To cash received of State Treasurer on ac-

April

Tipin	0.	To cash received of State Treasurer on ac-			
	4	count of State road,	477	80	
	6.	" cash received of E. S. Burnett, janitor,	6	00	
	11.	" " E. S. Burnett, janitor,	2	50	
Section 1	22.	" " J. A. Woodruff for			
4. 2		shingles and nails,		98	
	27.	" cash received of State Treasurer Mass.			
		School Fund,	420	85	
	31.	" cash received of E. S. Burnett, janitor,	5	00	
May	31.	" G. A. Rossier, butcher's			
***		license,	1	00	
Feb.	10.	" cash received of D. W. Graton, rent of			
		Howe Place,	68	75	
P9 1	12 .	" cash received of H. H. Pike error on bill,	1	00	
	12.	"D. R. Boynton on note			
		school house loan,	300	00	
	4.	" cash received of Leicester transporta-			
1940 y 2		tion Anderson children,	8	00	
Nov.	30.	" cash received of C. H. Woodward for			
		perpetual care of C. A. Woodward			
		cemetery lot,	100		
Feb.	10.	" cash received of H. H. Pike tax collector,	4028	45	
			(D1 F0 F1	10	
			\$15074	10	
189	7.	$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{R}}$.			
March	10.	By cash paid H. R. Smith, interest on note,	\$15	00	
April	26.	" " O. Goodnow, interest on note,	6	00	
May	3.	" " Geo. Rowell, interest on note,	27	00	
April 10 St.	16.	" " D. R. Boynton, interest on			
2 7 7 1		notes,	78	00	
	16.	" cash paid State Treasurer to balance ac-			
		counts on State tax, 1896,	50	31	
July	31.	" cash paid Worcester National Bank H.			
CO FO		S. Pike note,	900	00	
	31	" paid interest on note,	4	50	
	31.	" paid Overseers of Poor,	30	00	
Sept.	27.	"County Treasurer, one-half County			
WA V		tax.	92	00	
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Nov.	1.	By	paid D. R. Boynton, on notes,	300	00
	1.	"	" D. R. Boynton, interest on same		
			notes,	12	50
	2.	"	paid Geo. Rowell, interest on note,	27	00
	29.		" County Treasurer, one-half County	1	
			tax,	92	00
	13.	"	cash paid G. W. Partridge for School		
			House lot,	200	00
Dec.	13.		cash paid State Treasurer, to balance		
			State tax account,	123	27
	22.	"	cash paid Five Cents Savings Bank for		
			Woodward Cemetery Fund,	100	00
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Feb.	4.	- 66	cash paid H. R. Smith, interest on note,	12	00
711	4.		" D. R. Boynton, on note,	200	00
OF SA	4.	"	" " D. R. Boynton, interest on	1 4 800	1
			same note,	10	05
	11.	"	cash paid D. R. Boynton, on note,	300	00
	11.	"	" " D. R. Boynton, interest on		
			same note,	16	55
	12.	"	paid on 289 Town orders,	11659	00
		学 a		$\frac{-}{\$14255}$	18
		Cas	h in hands of Treasurer,	818	
		Cas	in manus of freasurer,	010	34
			Selection of the second second	\$15064	10
BIE		0 4 14			

LEANDER T. KIRBY, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is correct,

A. E. BIGELOW, Auditor,

Paxton, February 12, 1898.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

HENRY H. PIKE, Collector of taxes for 1897.

To uncollected taxes Feb. 14, 1897.

In Account with the Town of Paxton, Dr.

" " 1893,	\$ 3	63		
" " 1894,		75		
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" 1896,	1401	76	@1@51	ne
To tax list for 1897,			$\$1651 \\ 4244$	
10 tax fist for 1851,			4244	
			\$5895	95
Interest collected on same,			\$41	
			\$5937	65
Cr.				
By cash paid the Town Treasurer,	\$4028	45		
Uncollected taxes 1896,	139	06		
" " " 1897 ,	1744	72		
Abatement of Chas. Gotha's tax 1893,	2	85		
" " F. W. Pierce's tax 1895,	3	50		
" " Carlos Crouch's tax 1895,	2	00		
" " Chas. Gotha's tax 1895,	2	27		
" " Elmer Gotha's tax 1895,	2	00		
" " Edward Norton's tax 1895,	2	00		
" " H. F. Smith's tax 1895,	2	00		
" " Joel Stone's tax 1895,	2	60		
" " Chas. Wood's tax 1895,	2	00		
" " Ellis Richard's tax 1897,	2	80		
" " G. C. Le Monier's tax 1897	, 1	40		
			\$5937	65

HENRY H. PIKE, Collector.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

BIRTHS.

1897.

- April 12.—John Carlisle Catherwood, Jr, son of John C. and Margretta Van Wyck Catherwood.
- July 2.—Fred Anderson, son of Alla and Clara Colstrom Anderson.
- July 20.—Edward Gotha, son of Alvin and Lillian M. Gotha.
- Aug. 3.—Lillian Augusta Powell, daughter of Henry C. and Mary Alleaume Powell.
- Aug. 3.—No name, daughter of Henry C. and Mary Alleaume Powell.
- Sept. 6.—John Robe Ahern, son of Kate Anna Ahern and David Mack.
- Aug. 14.—Joseph Hammed Robinson, son of Alfred and Azelia Robinson.
- Sept. 18.—Ralph Almond Benway, son of John J. and Gertrude M. Benway.
- Oct. 4.—Ethel Louise Glidden, daughter of Cleveland N. and S. Elizabeth Glidden.
- Nov. 5.—Charles Henry Czezwske, son of Anthony and Frances Fitzpatrick Czezwske.
- Nov. 5.—Carl Henry Czezwske, son of Anthony and Frances Fitzpatrick Czezwske.
- Dec. 7.—Gustaf Edwin Westlund, son of Carl and Annie E. Westlund.

MARRIAGES.

1897.

Jan. 26.—Frederick Prero and Felinese Jorden.

March 31.—Ervin E. Smith and Carrie A. Preston.

May 2.—Charles E. Daw and Mary A. Donohue.

July 21.—Wendell P. Brown and Ethel G. Gray.

June 2.—James Douglass Taitt and Mary Ella Clark.

DEATHS.

1897.

Jan. 29.—Daniel Estabrook, 89 yrs., 9 mos., 24 days.

Jan. 29.—Eliza I. Brown, 78 yrs., 3 mos., 29 days.

Feb. 10.—Margaret C. Pike, 75 yrs., 4 mos., 27 days.

May 19.—Carissa P. Wood, 76 yrs., 3 mos.

June 30.—Eliza Hamilton, 82 yrs., 6 mos., 22 days.

Nov. 6.—Charles Henry Czezwske, 1 day.

WALTER E. CLARK,

Town Clerk.

Paxton, Mass., Feb. 14, 1898.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 1898.

Dr.

I	o cash	in hands of the Overseers Feb.				
		12, 1898,	\$ 3	97		
I	o cash	received of the Town Treasurer,	203	00		
		received of the City of Worcester,				
		O'Rourke case,	30	00		
				_	\$236	97
		Cr.				
I	By cash	paid to E. S. Burnett, care of				
		tramps,	\$ 17	00		
		paid Poor Farm Association,	100	00		
	"	paid expenses, case of Snow girl,	3	80		
	"	paid expenses in Karle case,	3	00		
	"	paid expenses in Cooper case,	17	70		
	"	paid expenses Poor Farm Asso-	,			
		ciation,	22	50		
	" "	paid City of Worcester, Karle				
		case,	44	28		
	"	paid repairs of tramp room,	3	00		
	"	paid expenses of committee, re-				
		organizing Poor Farm Asso-				
		ciation,	11	00		
	"	paid George Rowell, services as				
		Overseer,	5	00		

By cash paid J. D. Olmstead, services as			
Overseer, 2	00		
" H. H. Pike, services as Overseer			
of the Poor, conducting cor-			
respondence, postage and			
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\$236	28		
Cash on hand,	69		
	{	\$236	97
Due from the Poor Farm Association,		\$4	62
HENRY H. PIKE,	Overse	ers	
GEORGE ROWELL, }	of th		
JOHN D. OLMSTEAD.	Poor	r.	

Paxton, February 12, 1898.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

To the Citizens of Paxton:

Whole number of books in the library, exclusive of public documents, 1600. The number of books circulated at library dur-The number of persons taking books from the ing the year, 1522. library 144. There have been added during the year: By purchase, 12 vols; G. H. Bejune and H. S. Robinson, 5 vols.; E. G. Estabrook and wife, Worcester, 2 vols.; Woman's Education Association, Boston, 5 vols., also from same source, 5 unbound vols. of the Atlantic Monthly; 1 vol. each from Mrs. G. L. Howe, Cincinnati, and Mrs. W. W. Rice, Worcester; vol. 3 of Massachusetts Sailors and Soldiers of the Revolutionary war, and the usual number of public documents. Travelling library, No. 18, was exchanged November 1, 1897, for travelling library No. 5, which will remain at library until Nov. 1, 1898. These libraries are a great addition to our library as they are made up of standard works, many of which are too expensive for a small library to own.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr.				
To cash on hand, February 13, 1897,	\$ 2	96	4.0	
Town grant,	75	00	1.11	
Received for fines and catalogs,	1	17		
			\$79	13
Cr.				
By paid Librarian's salary to Jan. 1, 1898,	\$25	00		
Library books,	29	18		
Chandelier,	7	50		
Library bureau supplies,	1	25		
Lumber and labor,	4	25		
Express,	. 2	20		
Cash on hand,	11	75		
		-	79	13

Report of the Cemetery Committee.

WM. Brown, Treasurer.

In Account with the Town of Paxton.

1897.	Dr.				
July 1.	To cash rec'd of W. H. Hamilton, 2 lots,	\$ 2	00		
" 2.	" " D. R. Doynton, 1 lot,	1	00		
Nov. 4.	" " E. D. Bigelow, 1 lot,	10	00		
" 9.	" " A. Czezwske, 1 lot,	1	00		
" 9.	" " H. H. Pike, 1 lot,	1	00		
				\$15	00
1897.	Cr.				
Aug. 7.	By labor, pulling weeds and cutting brush	\$1	50		
Aug. 14.	By labor opening ditch,		50		
Aug. 21.	By cash paid J. B. Brown, laying wall,	1.	42		
Oct. 13.	By righting up head-stones, etc.,	2	00		
		\$5	42		
	Cash on hand,	9	58	\$15	00

WILLIAM BROWN, HENRY H. PIKE, EDWARD P. KEEP,

Committee. .

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

HENRY C. EAMES, Supt.

In Account with the Town of Paxton.

Dr.

To cash received of the Town Treasurer,	\$631	89
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EXPENDED.

Paid William Brown,	\$ 48 88	
Wm. H. Harrington,	49 54	
F. Sumner Howe,	43 42	
Edward E. Eames,	84 14	
Henry H. Pike,	56 01	
Charles F. Flint,	36 56	
Edward H. Bryant,	39 80	
William M. Warren,	42 21	
Henry C. Eames,	231 33	
		\$631 89

Guide boards are in good condition as follows: One at or near the Paxton Inn; one near the house of L. Goddard; one near Connors; one near Van Wyck's; one on N. E. school house; one near the Red house; one near Merriam's; one near Fouracres'; one near S. W. School house; one near Ahern's; one near Flint's; one near Warren's; one near Barclay's; one this side of Murphy's.

HENRY C. EAMES.

Superintendent of Streets.

Paxton, Feb. 1, 1898.

REPORT OF THE JANITOR OF THE TOWN HALL.

E. S. BURNETT, Janitor.

In Account with the Town of Paxton.

1897.					Dr.									
Feb. 19.	То	cash	received	for	rent	of	hall,		\$ 3	00				
Aug. 3.		"	"	"			"			00				
" 7.		"	"		"	"	"	;	3	25				
" 25	. "	"			"				, 2	00				
Sept. 17.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		, 8	00				
Oct. 20	. "	"	"	"	"	"	44		1	00				
" 26	"	"	"	"	"	"			2	.00				
Nov. 22.	. "	"		"	"	"	"	1.7	10	00				
1898.														
Jan. 6.	"		"	"	"	"	"		6	00				
" 11.	1.66	"	. "		. "	"	66.		2	50				
" 31.	66.	"		. 66.		46	66.1	1 100	5	00		4		
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By cash paid the Town Treasurer,

E. S. BURNETT, Janitor.

\$43 75

Paxton, Feb. 14, 1898.

1898.

WAITE FUND.

LEANDER T. KIRBY, Trustee.

DR.

To balance on deposit, February 15, 1897,	\$157	99
To amount of interest to January 1, 1898,	6	32
$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{R}}.$	\$164	31
By paid Wm. Brown for labor on lot in cemetery,		
per bill,	\$ 5	00
Balance on deposit January 1, 1898,	\$159	31

LEANDER T. KIRBY, Trustee.

Paxton, Feb. 14, 1898.

HOWE FUND.

LEANDER T. KIRBY, Trustee.

DR.

To balance on deposit, February 15, 1897, To amount of interest to February 15, 1898,	\$101 50 4 06
	\$1 05 56
Cr.	

By paid Wm. Brown for care of lot in cemetery, as per bill,

\$4 00

Balance on deposit, Feb. 15, 1898,

\$101 56

LEANDER T. KIRBY, Trustee.

Paxton, Feb. 14, 1898.

WOODWARD FUND.

LEANDER T. KIRBY, Trustee.

1897.

DR.

Dec. Received of Clarence H. Woodward for the perpetual care of lot in the cemetery belonging to the late Charles A. Woodward,

\$100 00

Deposited in the Five Cents Savings Bank, Worcester, Mass,

LEANDER T. KIRBY, Trustee.

Paxton. Feb. 14, 1898.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certity that I have examined the books, accounts, bills and vouchers of the Selectmen, Superintendent of Streets, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, Cemetery Committee, Treasurer of the Public Library, Trustee of the "Waite Fund" and "Howe Fund." and Janitor of the Town Hall, and that the same are correct.

ARTEMAS E. BIGELOW, Auditor.

Paxton, Feb. 14, 1898.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

—: OF THE:—

POOR FARM ASSOCIATION.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1898.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Management. Inmates receiving support:

Name.	Age.	Settlement,	Sur	Period of	Continues.	No. of Days.
Martha Parker,	59	Holden			continues	365
Lizzie Kenney,	41	"		"	"	365
N. S. Newton,	67	"	Dec.	24, 1891	"	365
Mabel Connors,	43	"	April	16, 1896	died May 3	92
Winifred Durdeen	1,48	"	June	22, 1897	continues	223
George Hall,	50	"	Mar.	31, 1897	"	306
Mary Maynard,	33	"	Dec.	16, 1897	"	47
Nancy Boynton,	59	Hubbardston,	April	1, 1890	continues	365
David Rice,	78	"	April	1, 1891	"	365
Albert Wheeler,	74	"	Mar.	20, 1896	"	365
Henry Clark,	18	"	May	18, 1897	"	258
A. L. Russell,	30	"	April	1, 1897	d. June 17	, 77
John Wilson,	62	"	Sept.	22, 1896	dis. March	1
				30, retur	ned Dec. 15	, 105
Eunice Walker,	72	Oakham,	April	1, 1892	continues	365
Lavina B. Field,	73	"	Oct.	31, 1894	"	365
Carrie Snow,	43	Paxton,	April	10, 1896	"	365
Elijah C. Foster,	79	Phillipston,	April	30, 1896	"	365
Charles Dunton,	78	"		"	"	365
W. W. Cobb,	66	"	Mar.	5, 1897	d. April 6	, 32
Elizabeth Demon	d77	Rutland,	May	6, 1895	continues	365
Rosa Roen,	59	"	April	26, 1897	"	280
Geo. W. Hodgkin	1,	"	June	14, 1897	"	231
John Q. Adams;	47	"	Jan.	6, 1898	"	25

Benj. F. Townsend 13	Rutland,	Oct.	10, 1897	dis. Dec. 28,	79
Jose. Townsend, 12	"		"	"	79
Isabel Townsend, 10	"		"	"	79
Ella Townsend, 8	"		"	"	79
Adeline Eager, 57	Westminster,	April	1, 1892	continues	365
Margaret Cronin, 52	"		"	"	365
Sarah Blake, 59	"	Aug.	10, 1896	dis. Mar. 30	58

Whole number of inmates, 30; died, 2; discharged from the institution, 6; remaining, 22; total days board furnished, 7160, or 1022 6-7 weeks; average weekly number, 19 2-3.

Handel Winship, of Westminster, remained a boarder until his death, July 4.

Nahum S. Newton is an honorable discharged soldier, lives from choice at the institution, Holden receiving full compensation for his board. Mrs. Elizabeth Demond, of Rutland, is still attended by her sister, Miss Lois Brown, as nurse.

The receipts and expenditures are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Milk	\$1064	27	
Stock,	53	00	
Pork and beef,	47	13	
Eggs,	42	69	
Sundry receipts,	32	03	
Handel Winship's board,	85	72	
	-		\$1324 84

EXPENDITURES.

Warden's and Matron's salary,	\$575	00
Inside labor,	158	79
Outside labor,	111	78
Grain,	547	54
Groceries,	401	69
Meat,	155	79
Bread,	83	95
Fish,	40	97
Clothing and dry goods,	125	31
Tools and seeds,	45	05
Drugs and medicines,	30	32

Medical attandance, 27	25	
Boots and shoes, 25	88	
Repairs on buildings, 68	24	rania de la fina
Crockery and table ware,	67	
Blacksmithing and repairs on tools, 35	62	
Stock,	00	
Fertilizer, 70	.00	ala da che ji
Printing Articles of Association,	00	
Rent, 200	00	that was part
Interest,	99	140 100
Wood,	00	
Miscellaneous, 151	17	
		\$3196 01
Deducting receipts,		1324 84
Balance net expense,		\$1871 17

Cost per week for each inmate, \$1.829.

The net expense to each town is as follows:

Holden,	\$460	74
Hubbardston,	401	15
Oakham,	190	76
Paxton,	95	38
Phillipston.	199	14
Rutland,	318	05
Westminster,	205	95
	\$1871	T7

The following table gives annual condition since organization of the Association:

	Number of Inmates.	Weekly Average.	Total No. Weeks.	Cost per week.
First year,	12	7 7-26	377 5-7	\$2.875
Second year,	16	11 7-26	586	2.243
Third year,	26	21 25-26	1142	1.959
*Fourth year,	20	22 37-306	967	2.232
Fifth year,	30	18 89	982 2-7	2.545
Sixth year,	36	18 12-13	984	2.30
Seventh year	30	19 11-13	1032	2.138
Eighth year,	30	19 2-3	1022 6-7	1.829

(*) 10 months.

The past year has been a prosperous one for the association, the weekly expense per inmate being the smallest since its organization. And unusually good health has been enjoyed by the inmates, only two deaths occurring, and the expense for medical attendance has been very small. The present efficient warden and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Potter, have been retained for another year. A second silo has been constructed in the barn which will tend to increase the quantity of milk produced. It will be noted that the number of cows has been increased from eight to fifteen under association management. Hon. F. S. Coolidge, of Fitchburg, contributed his fifth annual Christmas dinner to the inmates of the institution. This association was formed in 1890, with four towns, for the term of three years and at the expiration of the time was continued for five years. As the second term expires on the 31st of March, the seven towns now constituting the association at town meetings held Nov. 2, 1897, each authorized their respective boards of Overseers of the Poor, to arrange for a further continuance of the association, which has been done for another term of five years under conditions similar to those previously existing, except that Holden is to assume all repairs and alterations of the buildings for an annual rental of the real estate of \$325.

The articles of Agreement and By-Laws are hereby submitted:

PREAMBLE AND BY-LAWS OF POOR FARM ASSOCIATION.

We, the subscribers, representing the Towns of Paxton, Holden, Hubbardston, Oakham, Rutland, Phillipston and Westminster, chosen under an article in a warrant for a Town Meeting in our respective Towns, held in November, 1897, reading substantially as follows:

"To see if the Town will chose a committee of three, with power to act with similar committees, which may be appointed by other Towns, to select a suitable place for the co-operative care of the poor, and to arrange terms and conditions for the use of the same, or act or do anything in reference thereto.

By virtue of the authority vested in us by our respective Towns, at the meeting aforesaid, and to carry out the intent of our said Towns, we do hereby form ourselves into an Association for the purpose of caring for the poor of our respective Towns, to be called the POOR FARM ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be formed for a period of five years.

- ART. 2. The plant shall be managed by one person from each Board of Overseers of the Poor of the Towns forming the Association.
- ART. 3. The poor of all the Towns interested, requiring full support, shall be maintained at the plant selected, except the violent and uncontrollable insane.
- ART. 4. The expense of maintaining the poor at this place shall be divided among the respective Towns according to the number of weeks' board furnished the poor belonging to that Town.
- ART. 5. In case of death, the Warden shall notify, at once, the Town to which the deceased person belongs, who shall care for and bury said person at its expense.
- ART. 6. The Board of Management, under this agreement, shall employ a suitable physician to attend and care for all paupers committed to such farm when sick, and the expenses thereof, including all needed medicines, shall be charged as items of expense to such said Association.
- ART. 7. Any Town desiring to join the Association may do so at the commencement of any Association Year, by vote of the Association.
- ART. 8. Sec. 1 The Association shall begin April 1, 1898, and the annual report shall be made the first day of February every year thereafter.
- Sec. 2. The Association shall have authority to make contracts for the lease of real estate and personal property, to be used on the plant of the Association, such contract to be in accordance with these By-Laws.
- Sec. 3. The Association hereby select the Holden Poor Farm and the personal property thereon, as the plant of the Association, for the term of five years.
- ART. 9. The stock and personal property on the said farm in Holden, to be valued for the next five years as the last eight years, such valuation to be charged against the Association, and any deficiency or increase at the final settlement, shall be considered as

common items of expense or gain, to be borne by each Town prorata, according to the number of weeks' board of paupers each stand charged with at each annual settlement.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HOLDEN, BY ITS COMMITTEE, AND THE POOR FARM ASSOCIATION.

The Town of Holden, by its Committee, chosen and authorized by vote of the Town, at a legal meeting held November, 1897, hereby agrees to furnish real estate, known as the Holden Poor Farm, with the personal property connected therewith, to the POOR FARM ASSOCIATION on the following terms and conditions:

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall carry on the farm after the manner of good husbandry, spending the hay and fodder grown on the place.

ART. 2. The Association shall pay to the Town of Holden the sum of three hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$325.00) per year, for the term of five years, from 1st of April 1898, as rent for the real estate.

ART. 3. The Towns shall make all necessary repairs, alterations and additions at their expense.

Art. 4. The personal property shall be taken at the former appraisal.

ART. 5. The personal property shall be appraised by three disinterested men, consisting of the Chairmen of the Boards of Assessors of the Towns of Leicester, Shrewsbury and West Boylston, or by some member of these Boards, at the end of the five years. And any deficiency in the valuation at the close, compared with the previous valuation, shall be deemed an expense of the Association, and any excess in the second valuation over the first shall be credited to the Association in settlement with Holden.

ART. 6. The Association shall pay 6 per cent. per year to Holden for the use of the personal property, reckoned upon the first appraisal. The Association shall keep the personal property fully insured.

ART. 7. The salary and expense of the Board of Management shall be paid by the Town they represent.

ART. 8. The sums above mentioned shall be in full satisfaction for the use of said property, and this writing in nature of con-

tract shall be binding upon all parties, when signed by the committees authorized to do so, by the vote of their respective Towns.

HOBART RAYMOND, Westminster, President.
JESSE ALLEN, Oakham, Secretary.
F. T. HOLT, Holden, Treasurer.
JOHN G. ALLEN, Hubbardston,
H. H. PIKE, Paxton,
D. WEBSTER BAKER, Phillipston,

H. A. KENNEN, Rutland,

Board of Management.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Paxton:-

The School Committee respectfully submit the following report of the condition of the schools, at the close of the year ending February 14, 1898:

At the annual meeting held March 1, 1897, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for the support of schools and transportation.

There have been two schools kept during the year, 32 weeks each.

We have paid \$622.00 for teaching and \$396.00 for conveyance of school children, making a total of \$1,018.00 the amount expended for teaching and transportation. This we realize is a larger sum than has been paid out in former years, but it must be remembered that we have kept a winter primary school, and furnished transportation for both grammar and primary schools during the winter term, and in our judgment it has paid. Our primary school has been unusually large this year. In the fall there were enrolled forty-five children. It seems to us hardly necessary to emphasize the need of this school being continued through the winter months and the fact that we do need transportation that all the children of the town may have the same privilege of attending as far as possible.

We repeat what we said last year that we need the best teachers we can get in our primary school. "A teacher's greatest need is inspiration not direction." It should not be expected that anyone can become a successful teacher without training, any more than one can become a lawyer or physician without special preparation. In our primary schools all the fundamental work is done and it should be the teacher's aim to secure for the children a good foundation for the broader education which may come to them later in life.

We wish all parents could realize the necessity of punctual and steady attendance. It is obvious that children cannot make much progress in study unless they attend school. No one can do so much to improve the attandance as the parents; and if they wish their children to keep up with their classes, they ought to see that they are regular and prompt in their school attendance. The scholar who is absent one day suffers a loss.

No general or serious sickness has occurred the past year. There have been many cases of colds, caused it is feared by faulty ventilation.

Quite a number of new books have been introduced. Geographies were put into the primary room, and it is astonishing how well the children have done with this study. They have been thoroughly drilled and seem to know almost perfectly what they have been over. Drill in the school room is essential to all thorough work. The practical teacher, the enthusiastic teacher, is the successful teacher. New readers have also been furnished in this room to replace others which were completely worn out and unsuitable for use. A series of Geographical Readers were placed in the grammar room. These books are instructive as well as interesting. Blaisdells' Physiologies were introduced in place of the old books which have been used in the school so long and were so hard to understand that the children made but slow progress in this study.

A change has also been made in the writing, from the slant to the vertical style of penmanship.

One new study has been introduced, Civil Government, by William A. Mowry. This book states briefly the general facts of our government and is easily understood by pupils from twelve to sixteen years of age.

What Paxton will be, depends largely upon what present Paxton does to improve and educate its children, who are to be its future citizens. Some of our girls and boys will never have an opportunity to go beyond our own public schools and we feel that by introducing Civil Government into our schools we have taken a step towards promoting good citizenship.

Mr. Mowry says in one of his articles on history: "One thing should always be kept in mind through the entire school study of the history of our country; and that is preparation for citizenship. The peculiarities of our government should be dwelt upon. After passing

the revolutionary period and the establishment of the new government, it should be clearly shown that we have three distinct units of government:—the town, the state, and the nation."

There were two other changes in text books your Committee thought of making, that of the geographies and histories, but after due consideration we decided to leave that for another year.

At the beginning of the fall term it was found that the well water was contaminated and unfit for use. Your committee in company with the Board of Health investigated the premises. The well and drains were thoroughly cleaned but the water was then pronounced unfit for use. We hope that in the near future our proposed new school house, will not only contain modern methods for heating and ventilating but pure water.

In conclusion, we would ask that the appropriation by the town for schools, be marked with such liberality as indicates a full appreciation of the importance, and value of general education.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Schools.	TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks.	Wages per Week.	No. of Scholars.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Not Absent nor Tardy.	No. of Scholars under 5 years.	No. of Scholars over 15 years.	No. of Scholars bet. 8 & 14 yrs.	No. of Visitors.
SPRING TERM.												
Grammar.	Edith H. Stowell.	12	\$11 00	29	28.06	24.70	.88	1	0	3	21	26
Primary.	Ethel M. Harrington.	12	8 00	36	33.69	28.04	.83	1	2	0	16	32
	FALL TERM.											
Grammar.	Edith H. Stowell.	12	11 00	28	25.40	21.21	.84	0	0	3	20	16
Primary.	Annie M. Barrows.	12	8 50	45	39.40	31.93	.81	3	1	0	21	27
	WINTER TERM.											
Grammar.	Edith H. Stowell.	8	11 00	25	23.90	19.81	.83	1	0	4	18	9
Primary.	Annie M. Barrows.	8	9 00	35	31.10	28.20	.91	6	0	0	20	12

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation,	\$900	00		
State School Fund,	420	85		
Tuition from State,	50	00		
Dog Fund, portion of,	33	78		
Tuition from Leicester,	10	00		
Transportation from Leicester,	8	00		
Total,			\$1,422	63
Amount expended,			1,326	72
Cash in hands of School Committee,			2	28
Balance of State School Fund unexpended,			93	63

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Teachers,	\$622	00
Transportation,	396	00
Care of Schoolhouse,	50	00
Sanford, Sawtelle & Co., supplies	18	74
W. W. Lewis, supplies,	1	30
Lee & Sheperd, books,	17	45
Ginn & Co., books,	30	53
Silver, Burdett & Co., books,	20	00
J. L. Hammond & Co., supplies,	6	42
American Book Co.,	2	16
Werner Book Co.,	11	22
N. Clark & Co., supplies,	2	54
H. H. Pike, coal,	8	00
H. C. Eames, coal,	8	50
W. E. Clark, hemlock wood,	9	35
Amos Bejune, cutting wood,	2	91
A. W. Dwyer, labor on schoolhouses,	3	50
C. F. Flint, lock and labor,	1	00
H. H. French, expressage,	7	35
City of Worcester, tuition,	50	00
Mrs. C. F. Flint, expenses to Boston,	3	30
Mrs. E. P. Keep, expenses to Boston,	3	30
C. F. Flint, use of team for school purposes,	3	00
Mrs. C. L. Crouch, cleaning school,	2	00
H. S. Robinson, glass and door latches,		40

M. B. Olmstead, services as truant officer, Services of Committee, 75 45 00

Total,

\$1326 72

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. F. FLINT,

MRS. E. P. KEEP,

School Committee.

Paxton, February 12, 1898.

Assessors' Report. VALUATION AND TAX LIST.

May 1, 1897.

Pol			Total Val,	Total Tax
I	Abbott, Simon C. 1 carriage		\$ 25	
	House 950, barn and shed	200, farm 10 a		
	450, sprout land 1\frac{1}{2} a 25		1625	\$25 10
I	Acker, Elbridge house 700, b	arn 200, house		
	lot $\frac{2}{8}$ a 100		1000	16 00
I	Ahearn, Thomas			2 00
I	Ahearn, John F.			2 00
	Ahearn, Margaret 7 horses 250	o, 11 cows 275,		
	3 two-year-olds 40, 1 swin		595	
	House 250, 2 barns and	-	373	
	90 a 1200		1700	32 13
I	Anderson, Ole Haggett land	20 a 300	300	6 20
I	Barclay, Benjamin F 4 horses	150	150	
	House 600, barn 200, farn	1 22 a 550	1350	23 00
I	Barclay, Joseph A. 4 horses	150, 20 cows		
	650, 3 yearlings 30, 5 two	year-olds 95,		
	2 swine 10, 1 carriage 20		955	
	House 600, 2 barns and	shed 300, farm		
	160 a 2000		2900	55 97
I	Bemis, Hiram P. 1 horse 50,	3 cows 75,	125	
	House 500, 2 barns 400,	carriage house		
	40,farm 22 a 900, Leonard	land 33 a 150,	1990	31 61
I	Bemis, Leander D.			2 00
	Bemis, Mrs. M. E. 1 horse 6	5,	65	91

Pol	ls. Name. Description of Estates.	Total Val.	Total Tax
I	Bejune, Amos 1 cow 20, 2 swine 10,	30	2 42
I	Bejune, Frederick 1 horse 50,	50	2 70
. I	Bill, Ledyard money at interest 600, 1		
	horse 50, 4 carriages 175,	825	
	House 1600, barn 500, shed 25, farm 16		
	a 650,	2775	52 40
	Bill, L. & Pike, H. H. Henry land 49 a 245,	245	3 43
1	Bill, Fred L. sprout land 4½ a 40,	40	2 56
I	Bigelow, Artemas E.		2 00
I	Bishop, Peter 4 horses 250, 2 swine 10,	260	
	House 150, barn 15, farm 100 a 400,	565	13 55
I	Black, George H. 1 horse 40, 2 cows 65,	105	
	House 500, barn 125, carriage house 100,		
	hen house 40, farm 11 a 500, Howe land		
	15 a 150,	1415	23 28
I	Boynton, Darwin R. money at interest 1200	1200	
	House 1000, barn 100, house lot \(\frac{1}{2} \) a 150,		
	Whitney land 5 a 40	1290	36 86
I	Boynton, Charles D. 1 horse 20, 2 oxen 125,		
	2 cows 60	205	
	House and shed 700, 2 barns 250, farm		
	87 a 3000	3950	60 17
I	Boyd, James 1 horse 25, 100 hens 50	75	
	House and shed 350, 2 barns 150, car-		
	riage house 25, hen house and shed 25,	le a me	
	farm 74 a 1000	1550	24 75
I	Brown, William 1 horse 50, 1 carriage 40	90	24)
	House and shop 650, barn 200, house lot		
	$1\frac{1}{2}$ a 150	1000	17 26
I	Brown, J. Barnes 1 cow 35	35	
	House 500, barn 150, shop 25, hen house		
	10, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a 100, farm 8 a 200, town		
	lot 1\frac{3}{4} a 100	1085	17 68
I	Brown, John A.		2 00
I	Bryant, Edward H. 5 horses 300, 10 cows		
	250, I swine 10 stock in trade 100	660	
	House 400, barn and sheds 250, farm		
	15 a 375	1025	25 59
I	Burnett, Edward S		2 00

Polls. Name. Description of Estates.	Total Val.	Total Tax
1 Burnette, Edgar H.		2 00
1 Benway, John J.		2 00
I Brunn, Carl		2 00
1 Caie, William		2 00
Exempt Chase, John S. house 500, house lot		
½ a 100	600	8 40
Cheney, Harriet house 700, house lot $\frac{1}{3}$ a 50,	750	10 50
1 Cheney, George F.		2 00
1 Clark, Nathaniel money at interest 2000, 3		
horses 200, 1 carriage 65, stock in trade		
2000,	4265	
$\frac{1}{2}$ house and store 550, $\frac{1}{2}$ barn 100, $\frac{1}{2}$		
house lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a 50,	700	71 51
1 Clark, Walter E. stock in trade 600, 2 swine		
15,	615	
House 600, house lot \(\frac{1}{4} \) a 50, Kirby land		
3 a 100, Slade sprout land $8\frac{1}{2}$ a 45, J. H.		
Clarke land 48 a 200,	995	24 54
Clark, Walter E. guardian for W. H. Clark		
money at interest 600, 1 horse 25, carriage		
25,	650	
House 1050, barn 150, carriage house 50,		
storage barn 50, $\frac{1}{2}$ store and house 550, $\frac{1}{2}$		
barn 100, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a 100, $\frac{1}{2}$ store lot $\frac{1}{4}$		
a 50, Fox Hill land 10 a 600, Bellows		
farm 220 a 2200, Brown mowing and		
woodland 40 a 2500	7400	112 70
I Czezswke, Anthony		2 00
1 Crouch, Cutler L. 1 horse 40, 7 cows 185, 1		
two-year-old 25,	250	
House 400, barn 200, hen house 10, farm		
59 a 450,	1060	20 34
I Connor, Daniel M. I horse 40,	40	
House 200, barn 75, farm 12 a 225,	500	9 56
1 Clapp, Lewis S. 4 horses 175, 2 cows 50, 1		
yearling 10, 1 swine 10,	245	
House 1000, carriage house 150, barn		
and shed 750, ice house 25, farm 213 a		
1700	3625	56 18

Polls. Name. Description of Estates.	Total Val.	Total Tax
1 Clapp, Samuel L.		2 00
1 Cote, Joseph 1 horse 25, 5 swine 20,	45	
House 200, barn 150, farm 38 a 250,		
Daniels land 4 a 20	620	11 31
I Cooper, Robert 2 horses 65, 7 cows 125, 2		
yearlings 15, 30 hens 15	220	
House 150, barn 200, farm 133\frac{1}{2} a 1827	2177	35 56
I Cole, Otis	Carley on Park	2 00
1 Catherwood, John C. 2 horses 150, 2 cows		
55, 2 swine 8, 40 hens 20, 1 carriage 30,	263	
House 400, barn and shed 375, carriage		
house 100, shop 25, farm 50 a 800	1700	29 48
1 Daniels, Charles B. 1 horse 100, 1 two-year-		
old 30, 30 hens 15	145	
House 600, barn 200, farm 50 a 700	1500	25 03
Exempt Daniels, Horace I horse 20, 30 fowls		-3 -3
18, 1 cow 25	63	
House 800, barn and shed 300, hen house	-3	
25, farm 130 a 2400	3525	50 23
Daniels, John F.	33-3	2 00
Daniels, Mrs. Carrie A. 3 horses 200, car-		
riage 65	265	3 71
Dodge, Alanson H. House 800, barn 150,	203	3 1.
house lot \(\frac{1}{3} \) a 50	1000	16 00
Dwyer, Arthur W. 1 horse 75, 1 cow 30,	1000	10 00
50 hens 25,	120	
House 550, barn 250, house lot 2 a 100	900	16 42
Dwyer, A. W. and J. P. Moulton, Wood	900	10 42
farm 57 a 400	400	5 60
Dupre, Francis 1 horse 75		
Dupre, Joseph	75	3 05
Damon, Henry S. house 600, barn 200, hen		2 00
houses 75, farm 11 a 250	1125	17 75
Exempt Earle, Ralph house 700, barn 75,	1125	1/ /3
house lot $\frac{1}{3}$ a 100	875	12 25
I Eames, Edward E. stock in trade 2500,	0/3	12 25
Money at interest 500, 10 horses 550, 7		
cows 200, 2 yearlings 30, 1 carriage 50,	3830	
House 1000, barn 700, saw mill and	3030	
Trouse 1000, barn 700, saw min and		

Po	lls. Name. Description of Estates. machinery 375, grist mill and machinery	Total Val.	Total Tax
	200, lumber shed 75, blacksmith shop 50, carriage house 50 ice house 35, hen		
	house 10, farm 106 a 1450, Boynton land		
	45 a 300, Maynard land 45 a 275, Clark		
	land 12 1-2 a 75, Sprout land 10 a 50,		
	Rogers land 9 a 50, Estabrook land 5 a		
	25, Watson land 31 a 150, Town farm		
	lot 41 a 500, dams and flowage privilege	(6-
4 1	Famos Hanny C stack in trade and 6	6570	147 60
I	Eames, Henry C. stock in trade 900, 6		
	horses 350, 9 cows 240, 4 yearlings 50, 1 two-year-old 15, 7 swine 40,	TEOE	
	House 700, barn 450, wagon house 100,	1595	
	ice house 25, hen house 25, Cooper house		
	200, Cooper barn 50, farm 51 a 1400,		
	Estabrook land 9 a 75, Cooper house lot		
	I-2 a 50,	3075	67 38
	Estabrook, Dwight, estate of, barn 150, farm		
	37 1-2 a 900,	1050	14 70
	Estabrook, George D. 1 cow 40, 2 carriages		
	60,	100	
	House 575, shop 50, Graton House 500,		
	barn 150, hen house 10, farm 29 1-2 a		
	1000,	2285	33 39
	First Congregational Church, parsonage		
	850, hen house 25, house lot 1-3 a 100,	975	13 65
-	French, Herbert H, 6 horses 250, 1 carriage		
	50, coaches 300,	600	8 40
I	Flint, Charles F. 2 horses 50, 4 cows 100,		
	60 hens 30, carriage 25,	205	
	House 700, barn and shed 240, shop 25, farm 66 a 1400, Ware pasture 24 a 275,	2640	41 83
I	Fouracre, John, thorse 20, 5 cows 145,	2040	41 03
•	one two-year-old 20, 50 hens 25,	210	4 94
1	Glidden, Cleveland N. 3 horses 150, 11	210	ТЭТ
	cows 300, 1 two-year-old 15,	465	8 51
1	Graton, Alwin S. 1 horse 75, carriage 50,	125	
	Bisco and Hill pasture 10 a 50, Park-		

Pol	ls. Name. Description of Estates. hurst land, 40 a 250, Blair land 17 a 200,	Total Val.	Total Tax
I	Bancroft land 5 a 40, Graton D. Waldo, 14 cows 450, 1 two-year-	540	11 31
	old 15, 40 fowls 20, carriage 75, Buttrick wood land 12 a 100, Abbot	560	
I	Sprout land 6 a 30, Goodnow, Oliver, house 650, barn 125, house lot 1-4 a 50, wood land 7 1-2 a 100,	130	11 66
2	pasture 2 a 30, Bill land, 1 1-2 a 150, Gotha, Alvin D. 6 horses 350, 1 cow 25, 2	1105	17 47
1	swine 10	385	7 39
1	Green, Willard H. 1 horse 30, 3 swine 20, 30		
	hens 15	65	2 91
	Gotha, David house 300, house lot 3 a 75	375	Exempt
1	Harrington, William H. stock in trade 400, 7 horses 350, 2 oxen 50, 3 cows 60, 2 carriages		
	40	900	
	House 500, 2 barns 300, Buttrick house 600, Kilburn house 400, Kilburn barn 100, carriage house 50, box mill and machinery 300, saw-mill and machinery 250, farm 250 a 3800, Buttrick farm 16 a 300, Kilburn farm 220 a 1800, Kilburn land 30 a 500, flowage land 28 a 50, dam and flowage		
1	privilege 350 Harrington Simon G. house 700, barn 250, ice	9300	144 80
	house 25, hen house 20, shop and wood shed		
2	25, farm 158 a 2000, sprout land 25 a 300 Henry, G G. and J. E. 4 horses 250, 10 cows	3320	48 48
Ī	220, 3 yearlings 30, 30 hens 15	515	
	House 300, barn and shed 150, hen house	2385	44 60
1	15, farm 172 a 1920 Henry, Alfred K.	2000	2 00
1	Howe, Z. S. M. 40 hens 20, House 900, barn 150, hen house 50, house	20	2 00
	lot 1 a 200	1300	20 48
1	Howe, John O. 3 cows 70, 1 two-year-old 20,		
1	3 three-year-olds 75, 1 swine 10 Howe, F Sumner stock in trade 1000, 7 horses	155	4 17
	Tione, I builder stock in trade 1000, I horses		

	Pol	ls. Name. Description of Estates. 500,	Total Val.	Total	Tax
		House 300, barn 300, shop 25, hog house			
		and shed 50, farm 112 a 1600, mowing and			
		pasture 6 a 120, Snow lot 17 a 125	2520	58	28
	Ex	empt Holmes, John house 550, barn 100,			
	27	house lot ½ a 100	750	10	50
	1	Hosmer, Edward P. 1 horse 20, 5 cows 125,			
		2 yearlings 10,	155		
		House 350, barn 100, farm 37 a 400	850	16	07
•	1	Hosmer, Charles E.		2	00
	1	Hand, Charles L.		2	00
		Hamilton, Mrs. Fannie E. 1 horse 50, 1 car-			
		riage 50,	100		
		Hotel 3000, barn 400, hotel lot $\frac{3}{4}$ a 200	3600	51	80
	1	Hamilton, William H.		2	00
	1	Hamilton, Dell A.		2	00
	1	Hamilton, William C.		2	00
	1	Jacobson, Neils, 2 horses 50, 6 cows 150, 1			
		two-year-old 25, 50 hens 25,	250		
		House 200, barn 50, farm 34 a 350, Sweet-			
		ser land $15\frac{1}{2}$ a 175	775	16	35
	1	Jefts, Wheelock, 1 horse 15, 3 cows 65,	80		
		House 600, barn 150, farm 14 1-2 a 725,	1475	23	77
		Johnson, Annette L. 4 horses 200, 4 cows			
		115, 1 yearling 10, 30 hens 15, carriage			
		50,	390	an all	
		House 400, barn 200, shed 50, shop 50,			
		slaughter house 40, Knapp land 21 3-4 a			
		250, Waite farm 70 a 1000, Slade land			
		3 a 25,	2015	33	67
	1	Johnson, Charles H.		2	00
	1	Johnson, John L.		2	00
	1	Kirby, Leander T. 1 cow 25, 50 hens 25,	50		
		House 950, barn and hen house 200, house			
		lot 1-2 a 100, mowing land 4 a 160,			
		Brown land 10 a 100,	1510	23	84
	1	Keep, Edward P. 2 horses 105, 8 cows 320,			
		70 hens 35,	460		
		House 500, barn 600, hen house 50, shed			

,	Polls	S. Name. Description of Estates.	Total Val.	Total 7	Гах
	. 011	50, farm 55 a 1200,	2400	42	04
	1	Le Monier, George C. stock in trade 10, 4			
		cows 90, 1 yearling 10, 2 horses 150,	260		
		House 900, barn 200, Earle barn 100,			
		house lot 3 a 300, Earle farm 17 a 525,	2025	35	39
	1	Lawrence, Horatio B.		2	00
		Lawrence, Adelia M. 1 horse 40, 1 cow 30,	70		
		House 300, barn 150, farm 44 a 750.	1200	17	78
1	1	Larson, Hendrick,		2	00
-	1	McDonnell, John E. stock in trade 500, 1			
		horse 20,	525		
		House 525, barn 150, hen house 25, house			
		lot 1 3-4 a 150,	850	21	18
]	L .	Merriam, Foster T. 2 horses 50, 4 cows 115,		1	
		2 swine 10,	175		
		House 275, barn 150, slaughter house 75,			
		farm 37 a 400,	900	17	05
- 1	L	Moulton, John P. 1 cow 35,	35		
		House 600, barn 50, house lot 1-2 a 50,			
		Estabrook land 2 1-3 a 200,	900	15	09
1	L	Murphy, Patrick, stock in trade 50, 3 horses			
		275, 18 cows 540, 3 yearlings 30, 2 swine			
		10, 1 carriage 30,	885		
		House 400, barn and shed 225, shed and			
		shop 25, Woodis house 200, farm 186 a			
		2300,	3150	58	49
1	L.	Murphy, Patrick H.		2	00
]	L	Murphy, Michael C.		2	00
]	[]	Murphy, Timothy L.		2	00
]	L,	Merrill, Elisha A. 2 horses 100, 2 cows 50, 1			
		yearling 15, 60 fowls 30, carriage 40,	235		
		House 500, barn 150, carriage house 25,			
		hen house 25, farm 35 a 700, Pierce land			
		35 1-2 a 265,	1665	28	60
1		Naughton, James, 4 cows 120,	120		
		House 200, barn 100, farm 78 a 800,	1109	19	08
1	L	Naughton, James Jr. horse 75, carriage 75,	150	4	10
1		Naughton, Michael		2	00
1		Nystrom, Carl O. 5 horses 250, 13 cows 455,			

	Polls. Name. Description of Estates. 1 yearling 10, 1 two-year-old 20,	Total Val.	Total Tax
	House 400, barn and sheds 400, hen house	1015	04.00
	15, farm 40 a 800,	1615	34 90
	1 Nystrom, Charles O.		2 00
	1 Nystrom, Olaf	100	2 00
	Olmstead, Martin B. stock in trade 100, House 375, blacksmith shop 250, Wheel-	100	
	wright shop 150, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a 65, shop		
	lot $\frac{1}{8}$ a 50,	890	15 86
•	1 Olmstead, John D. Stock in trade 50, Machin-		
	ery 200, carriage 20,	270	
	House 550, barn 100, shop 100, house lot		
	$\frac{1}{2}$ a 100, sprout land $2\frac{1}{2}$ a 25,	875	18 03
	1 Olmstead, Martin L.		2 00
	O'Rourke, Mary, 1 horse 20, 4 cows 100,	120	
	House 300, barn and shed 225, ice house		
	25, hen house 10, farm $18\frac{1}{2}$ a 500, Keep		
	land 52 a 600,	1660	24 92
	Owner unknown, woodland, 12 a 100,	100	1 40
	1 Preston, William I. horse 40, 3 carriages 100,	140	
	House 500, barn and shed 200, carriage		
	house 200, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a 100,	1000	17 96
	1 Parkhurst, Nathaniel, 1 horse 25, 3 cows 70,	95	
	House 350, barn 200, farm 44 a 500,	1050	18 03
	Parker, Clarissa, house 700, barn 100, house		
	$lot \frac{1}{2} a 50$	850	11 90
	Exempt Penniman, Tyler S. 1 horse 20, 2 cows		
	70,	90	
	House 300, barn 125, farm 40 a 996	1421	21 15
*	1 Penniman, J Henry, horse 75, cow 15,	90	
	Grosvenor land 75 a 750,	750	13 76
	1 Preston, Joseph W. horse 40, cow 25,	65	
	House 500, 2 barns and shed 400, ice		
	house 25, hen house 20, farm 58 a 1283,	2228	34 10
	Perry, Martha A. house 600, barn 150, hen		
	house 10, farm 27 a 700,	1460	20 44
	1 Perry, Benoni E. horse 25, 3 cows 70,	95	
	Wilson lot 10 a 150,	150	5 43
	Prereaux, Mrs. 1 horse 30, 2 cows 50,	80	

Pol		Total Val.	Total	
	House 25, barn 75, farm 40 a 400,	500		12
1	Pike, William F.			00
1	Pike, Samuel W.		2	00
	Pike, Susan, 4 horses 130, 1 cow 25, 3 two-	205		
	year-olds 65, 30 fowls 15,	200		
	House 255, shed 75, Clark Pike house			
	300, barn 150, shed 50, shop 30, farm 58 a 800, wood land 12 a 250. Clark Pike			
	farm 79 a 1000,	2910	43	61
1	Pike Henry H. stock in trade 100, 3 horses	2310	40	01
1	150, 10 cows 350, 2 yearlings 20,	620		
	House 600. barn and shed 325, farm 45 a	020		
	600, Goulding land 5 a 25, Slade land			
	$2\frac{1}{2}$ a 15, Henry land $19\frac{1}{2}$ a 97, Sweetser			
	land 10 a 50,	1737	25	00
1	Price, L. M. horse 20,			28
1	Peirce, Frank A. horse 25,	25		
	Woodland 5 a 125,	125	4	10
1	Pierce, Horace, 1 horse 25,	25		
	House 400, barn 200, shop 40, house lot			
	$\frac{1}{2}$ a 100,	740	12	71
1	Powell, Henry, horse 25, cow 25, 50 hens 25,	75		
	House 400, barn 150, farm $50\frac{3}{4}$ a 650,	1200	19	85
1	Phelps, Richard B. 2 horses 150, carriage 25,	175		
	House 350, barn 100, farm 28 a 350	800	15	65
1	Robinson, Thomas B, horse 30, cow 30, swine			
	5, carriage 15,	80		
	House 875, barn 100, shop 100, carriage			
	house 25, farm 6 a 400,	1500	24	
1	Robinson, Herbert S.		2	00
1	Robinson, Alfred, horse 40, cow 25, swine 10,			
	yearling 10,	85		19
1	Robinson, Felix, horse 40, yearling 10,	50	2	70
	Rogers, Mrs. Alona, house 1000, sheds 50,			
	house lot $\frac{1}{3}$ a 50,	1100	15	40
1	Rossier, G. A. stock in trade 50, 5 horses 250,			
	8 cows 230, 1 two-year-old 20, 2 swine 15,	550		
	House 700, barn and hen house 375,			
	slaughter house 50, shop 50, farm 26 a			

Po	olls. Name. Description of Estates.	Total Val. 1875	Total	Tax 46
1	Rowell, George, money at interest 900,	900		-
	House 500, hen house 10, house lot $\frac{1}{3}$ a 50,	560	22	44
1	Sanborn, Levi E.	000		00
	Shover, Mrs. Kate, House 400, barn and shop		_	00
	200, house lot $\frac{3}{4}$ a 100, woodland $4\frac{1}{2}$ a 90,	790	11	06
1	Shover, Albert,			00
1	Skiff, Fred A. 1 horse 45, 11 cows 350, 60		-	00
Q.	hens 30,	425		
	House 700, barn 600, hen house 60, shop			
	35, Claffee barn 30, farm 35½ a 748, Earle			
	land 4 a 100.	2273	39	77
1	Skiff, Austin E. carriage 40,	40		56
1	Slade, John, horse 60, 2 oxen 90, 5 cows 120,	240		
	House 1000, barn 250, carriage house 25,			
	farm 21 a 900, old farm 73 a 1000, Black			
	Hill pasture 28 a 450,	3625	56	11
	Smith, Mrs. Abi, house 900, wood house 20,			
	house lot $\frac{1}{3}$ a 100,	1020	14	28
1	Smith, Henry R. money at interest 450,	450		
	House 900, wood house 15, house lot $\frac{1}{3}$ a			
	100, wood lot 3 a 45,	1060	23	14
1	Snow, Charles E 2 horses 125, 1 cow 30, 200			
	hens 100, carriage 30.	285		
	House 500, barn 200, wood and carriage			
	house 50, hen houses 200, squash house			
	100, farm 43 a 1500,	255 0	41	69
1	Snow, Walter E. 4 cows 110,	110	3	54
1	Streeter, Charles A. 2 horses 75, 6 cows 150, 4			
	yearlings 40,	265		
	House 500, barn and shed 250, Abbot			
	house 25, barn 10, hen houses 25, farm 78			
	a 1450,	2260	37	35
1	Stone, Joel, 2 horses 175, 10 cows 300, 1 two-			
	year-old 30, 1 three-year-old 20, 30 hens 15	540	9	56
1	Stone, Charles A.		2	00
1	Stone, David M.		2	00
1	Smith, John P.		2	00
1	Swinson, Anton		2	00

Pol		Total Val.	Total Tax 2 00
1	Truscott, W. C.		4 00
2	Turner, William H.		4 00
	Turner, Mrs. S. A. 1 horse 75, 6 cows 160, 1	241	
	swine 6,	1500	24 37
	House 500, barn 200, farm 90 a 800,	1900	24 31
1	Waite, Clarendon, 4 horses 190, 7 cows 220, 2 yearlings 20, 2 two-year-olds 30, 50 hens		
	25, carriage 15,	500	
	House 800, barn and shed 500, ice house		
	30, farm 108 a 1500,	2830	48 62
1	Waite, Stephen D.		2 00
1	Walbridge, Henry A. horse 75, 5 cows 135, 2		
	yearlings 20, 1 two-year-old 15, carriage 40,	285	
	House 700, 2 barns 535, hen house 15,		
	farm 41 a 800,	2050	34 69
1	Warren, William M. horse 50, 4 cows 100,		
	swine 8, 2 sheep 8,	166	
	House 600, barn and silo 250, wood shed		
	50, wagon house 25, ice house 20, farm 48		
	a 1025, Comins pasture 25 a 125,	2095	33 65
	Whitney, Mrs. S. L. house 700 barn 125,		
	house lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a 50,	875	12 25
1	Whitney, Joseph D.		2 00
1	Williams, Anson, 2 horses 75, 4 cows 160, 1		
	yearling 15,	250	
	House 700, barn 175, shop 25, wood house		
	25, farm 42 a 700,	1625	28 25
1	Woodruff, George		2 00
1	Woodruff, Jason A. 2 yearlings 25,	25	
	House 500, barn 100, hen house 15, farm		
	26]a 550,	1165	18 66

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NON-RESIDENTS.

Names. Description of Estate.	Total Val.	Total Tax
Anthony, Simeon, Hornellsville, N. Y., sprout		
land 30 a 150,	150	2 10
Anderson, Andreas, Leicester, 2 horses 125, 6		
cows 180, 2 two-year-olds, 35,	340	
Barn and shed 350, farm 12 a 251,	600	13 16
Barry, Jeremiah, Leicester, wood and pasture		
21 a 250, Knight land 35 a 385,	635	8 89
Berry, Lot, Spencer, house and hog house 115,		
farm 63 a 800,	915	12 81
Bradley, William L., Boston, pasture 50 a 500,	500	7 00
Bryant, H. H., Middlebury, Vt., woodland 21		
a 300,	300	4 20
Buttrick, Albert, mowing and sprout land 22 a		
200,	200	2 80
Brown, William F. Boston, house 400, house lot		0.00
½ a 50,	450	6 30
Childs, Linus M., Boston, hotel 1000, barn 200,	4 2 2 0	04.50
hotel lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a 200, pasture 12 a 150,	1550	21 70
Clapp, Frank W. Worcester, house 350, barn and		10.71
shed 100, hen house 10, farm 31 a 450,	710	12 74
Comins, Mary E. Worcester, woodland 54 a 1350	1350	18 90
Comins, Ella A., Worcester, woodland 50 a 1000,	1000	14 00
Cullen, Michael, Rutland, pasture 13 a 175,	175	2 45
Goddard, Luther, Worcester, house 900, house lot	1150	10.10
1 a 250,	1150	16 10
Gould, George H. Worcester, house 875, barn and	1100	15 10
carriage house 100, house lot ½ a 125,	1100	15 40
Gagan, John, Leicester, wood and pasture land	000	0.00
15 a 200,	200	2 80

Polls. Name. Description of Estates. Gorton, John E., Cambridgeport, cottage 100, cot-	Total Val.	Total Tax
tage lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a 30, Grosvenor, Charles W., Leicester, Bellows wood-	130	1 82
land 50 a 1500,	1500	21 00
Hall, Matilda, Baltimore. Md., cottage 100, cottage lot ½ a 30,	130	1 82
Harrington, William, Worcester, cottage 100, cot-	400	1.00
tage lot ½ a 30, Harris, William T., New York, house 675, barn	130	1 82
125, Shop 50, house lot $1\frac{1}{2}$ a 250,	1100	15 40
Hazel, Charles, Holden, pasture and mowing 40 a 800.	800	11 20
Healey, William E., Rutland, farm 125 a 2000,	2000	28 00
Hoar, George F., Worcester; Asnebumsket land 95 a 1200, Boyd land 4 a 100,	1300	18 20
Holbrook, P. L., Leicester, wood and pasture 60	2000	10 20
a 800, Holbrook, P. L. and J. E., Leicester, house 350,	800	11 20
3 barns 250, farm 94 a 1600,	2200	30 80
Howard, Luther G., North Reading, pasture and wood land 93 a 4700, wood and meadow		
land 80 a 2100,	6800	95 20
Howe, Ellen F., Shrewsbury, house 100, barn 10, farm 30 a 340, meadow land 2 a 25,	475	6 65
Johnson, E. Baxter, Worcester, mowing and wood-	410	0 00
land 7 a 175, pasture 25 a 525, Kane, James, Worcester, barn 100, hen house 10,	700	9 80
farm 85 a 740,	850	11 90
Keyes, I. N., estate of Worcester, house and shed 400, barn 600, silo 175, hen house 50, ice		
house 25, farm 250 a 4250,	5500	77 00
Kendrick, Frank H., Worcester, house 700, barn 200, house lot 13 a 175,	1075	15 05
Lamb, John, Spencer, meadow land 4 a 40,	40	56
Leicester, town of, wood and sprout land 59 a 600,	600	8 40
Leicester, Water District Supply, Pierce land 12	000	0 10
a 130	130	1 82
Leonard, Farrel, Worcester, house 300, barn 100, farm, 16 a 300,	700	9 80
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Name. Description of Estates. Manning, David, Worcester, house 1000, barn	Total Val.	Total Ta	ıx
100, house lot 1 a 200,	1300	18 2	20
Manning, Theodore, Worcester, wood and sprout			
land $59\frac{1}{2}$ a 600,	600	8 4	0
Naughton, Patrick, Worcester, farm 52 1-2 a 550,	550	7 7	0
Oakley, W. E., Worcester, 4 horses 300, 10 cows			
400, 2 swine 20.	720		
House, 600, barn 400, ice house 20, horse			
barn 100, storage house 25, farm 243 a			
6775, meadow land 16 a 80,	8000	122 0	8
Osland, H. F., heirs of Leicester sprout land 15			
a 150	150	Exemp	ot
Partridge, George W., Worcester, mowing land			
$10\frac{3}{4}$ a 700	700	9 8	0
Partridge, Hattie L, and Mary L. A., Worcester,			
house 1000, barn 100, house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a 100	1200	16 8	0
Phaie, Susan, Worcester, house 500, shop 25,			
house lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a 75, exempt 500	600	1 4	0
Pike, Mrs. Emma, Worcester, cottage 125, cot-			
tage lot 2 a 100	225	3 1	5
Pierce, Olive A., Worcester, house 775, barn 150,			
shop 25, ice house 15, hen houses 75, farm			
95 a 1100	2140	29 9)6
Pond, O. S., Worcester, mowing and wood land			
16 a 245	245	3 4	
Prouty, Isaac L., Spencer, sprout land 2 a 25	25	3	35
Prior, James, Worcester, Pike house 700, barn			
325, carriage house 85, shop 50, hog house			
40, wood house 50, Pike farm 102 a 1450,			
Wendell farm 40 a 700, Smith farm 54 a	4900	co o	00
550, Bellows pasture 36 a 350	4300	60 2	20
Richards, Ellis G., Hartford, Conn., house 1100,			
barn 300, house lot 1 a 200, Crocker land $29\frac{1}{2}$ a 900	2500	35 0	00
Stone, Charles A. Worcester, barn 15, farm 57 a	2500	99 0	0
410	425	5 9	5
Slade, Mrs. Caroline, Manchester, N. H., Belcher	420	0 5	,0
pasture 75 a 800	800	11 2	20
Sargent, John, heirs of, Rutland, pasture land 3 a 60			34
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Name. Description of Estates. Shaw, John, Worcester, cottage 125, cottage lot 1	Total Val.	Total T	ax
a 60	185	2 8	59
Smith, William, Worcester, cottage 100, cottage			
lot ½ a 30	130	1 8	32
Smith, David F., Rutland, sprout land 4 a 40.	40	· ·	56
Snow, Frank, Worcester, house 250, barn 100			
farm 75 a 750	1100	15 4	40
Southwick, Thomas, Leicester, house 200, Cutler			
farm 10 a 200	400	5 6	30
Sullivan, Dennis, heirs of, Leicester, pasture 5 a			
75	75	1 ()5
Sprague, Irving, heirs of, Leicester, woodland 12			
a 400	400	5 6	50
Stone Uriah, heirs of, Worcester, woodland 20 a			
1500	1500	21 ()0
Stratton, Mrs. Carrie A., Worcester, house 800,			
barn 200, carriage house 50, wood house	1080		-
50, house lot \(\frac{3}{4} \) a 150	1250	17 5	50
Trainor, Sarah, heirs of, Leicester, barn 50, farm	000		20
$11\frac{1}{2}$ a 250	300	4 2	20
Wadsworth, Miss Carrie, Worcester, house 750,			
hall 100, barn 75, farm 36 a 1050, sprout	00==	00.0	15
land 9 a 100	2075	29 ()5
Watson, Lorry, Leicester, mowing and wood land	450		0.0
23 a 450	450	6 8	
Watts, Henry B., Leicester, mowing 2 a 40	40		56
Waters, Mrs. E. E., estate of, Leicester, mowing	F00	7 (20
and pasture 46 a 500	500	7 ()0
Williams. Eugene, Worcester, house 800, barn and			
shed 150, hen house 50, pasture 19 a 300, Ware farm 18 a 1000	2300	32 2	20
Woodbury, Calvin P., Spencer, mowing and pas-	2500	34 4	20
ture 19 a 400, Comins farm 90 a 900	1300	18 2	20
Ward, O. C., Worcester, sprout land 26 a 300	300	4 2	
Winslow, Samuel, Worcester, pasture 21 a 215	215	3 (
Van Wyck, George, Flatbush, N. Y., house 275,	210	3 (<i>J</i> 1
barn 125, farm 68 a 1350	1750	24 8	50
Worcester, city of, Bottomly flowage land 100 a	11.70	27 (
2330, Arnold flowage land 84 a 1870, land			
2000, Millord Howago land Of a 1010, land			

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Paxton in the County of Worcester.

GREETING:-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Paxton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Allen Hall in said Paxton, on Monday the seventh day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles. The polls will be open from 11 o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock P. M.:

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To here the reports of the Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.
- Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, and to vote Yes or No on the question of granting liquor licenses.
- Art. 4. To see what sums of money the Town will grant for the support of the Public Schools; for

the support of the Town's Poor; for the repairs of Highways and Bridges; for the transportation of Scholars and for the contingent fund for the ensuing year or act in any way thereon.

- Art. 5. To see what disposition the Town will make of its Dog Fund.
- Art. 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to contract with the State Highway Commission to construct an additional piece of State Road in this Town and to sub-let the same, as they in their judgment may deem best, or act in any way thereon.
- Art. 7. To see if the Town will grant a sum of money for Memorial Day, and for the relief of indigent and disabled soldiers as provided by law.
- Art. 8. To see if the Town will authorize the lighting of Street lamps, also see if the Town will authorize the rental of the Telephone for the free use of Town tax payers and grant a sum of money therefor.
- Art. 9. To see if the Town will grant a discount on taxes paid before a given date, and fix a time when interest shall be added, and fix a time when all taxes shall be made payable, and also to fix the compensation of the Collector of taxes for the ensuing year.
- Art. 10. To see if the Town will fix the compensation for labor on the Highway the ensuing year.
- Art. 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes, by and with the approval of the Selectmen.
- Art. 12. To see what action the Town will take in prohibiting hunting and fishing on the Lord's Day.

- Art. 13. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen, or act in any way thereon.
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to procure a new Flag, and grant a sum of money therefor.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will grant a sum of money to open the brook through the Howe place.
- Art. 16. To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of chapter 431 of the acts of 1888, or any amendments thereto in relation to a Superintendent of Schools, or act in any way thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Post Office and one at the Blacksmith Shop in said Town ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

HENRY H. PIKE,
JOHN A. BROWN,
EDWARD E. EAMES,
Selectmen
of
Paxton.