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# REPORT

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## Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, and Highway Surveyors.

The Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor of the town of Williamsburg hereby respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending January 31, 1885.

The following table gives the amount appropriated for the different departments for the year ending January 31, 1885.

Schools,	\$3,000 00
Highways and Bridges,	1,000 00
Contingent,	1,100 00
Pauper department,	1,500 00
Interest,	1,400 00
Street lights,	350 00
Fire Department,	100 00
Free Text Books,	500 00
Haydenville School house repairs.	250 00
Building school-house in Clapp district,	375 00
Memorial day,	50 00
Cemetery Mountain Street,	25 00
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	\$9,650 00

A general statement of appropriations and expenditures under the different departments is given below, the details of which will appear in the proper place.

### PAUPER DEPARTMENT.

The expense of this department exceeds the appropriation by \$221.73; of this amount \$182.84 was caused by the sickness of Lyman Hemingway whose death, caused by cancer, occurred November 17. The amount paid for medical attendance in his case was \$110.00. The amount of \$348.19 has been expended necessarily wholly on account of sickness, \$143.10 of it for those who will not require permanent aid from the town. We consider our town fortunate in not having any larger bill this year for the poor, when we take into consideration the hard times and want of employment by many of our people.

The number of persons who have received full support during the whole or part of the year was 12. Two of that number, Thaddeus Bartlett and Lyman Hemingway, have died during the year. Of the above number two were supported in the insane asylum, one of whom, Joseph Grace, left the hospital May 17. Nine are now receiving full support, four of whom will require it only as temporary aid on account of sickness. There is one child under 12 years of age in charge of the Board, who has a father and mother living, but they do nothing towards his support.

The number of families receiving aid residing and having legal pauper settlement in this town was 7, comprising 36 persons, 10 males and 26 females. Of these, 7 males and 17 females were under 14 years of age. Two families residing in this town, but having a legal pauper settlement in another town, comprising 10 persons, 5 males and 5 females, have been aided in this town, by order of the overseers of

the poor, where their legal pauper settlements are, for which we have received payment.

Three families comprising 16 persons—7 males and 9 females—having a legal pauper settlement in this town, but now residing in other towns, have been aided by our order.

### STATE PAUPERS.

There were three families comprising 15 persons—8 males and 7 females—aided by us during the year that have no legal pauper settlement within the State. Two of these persons were sent to their home in New York state at a cost of \$18.20 for transportation. The remainder were aided at an expense of \$49.00.

### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES DEPARTMENT.

The exhibit in this department shows an expenditure in excess of the appropriation of \$423.57. In our statement of the expenditures under this department we include all the items of expense which belong to the above account for the year. The item of \$46.40 for breaking roads and \$161.83 for bridge plank, which are usually included under the head of old bills or contingent funds, we reckon as this year's highway expense. It was found upon examination of one of the abutments of the bridge near Joseph Roger's, that it needed rebuilding, which was done at an expense of over \$87.00. The heavy showers on the 22d of August and the 6th of December washed the roads badly, causing an extra expense of over \$150. These repairs were necessary and required by law, and it was not thought best to call a special town meeting to raise extra money for this purpose. The amount appropriated would have been ample for the ordinary expenses, reckoning the snow-bills and bridge plank under the head of old bills.

The bridge plank engaged for the coming year will cost about \$145, and we would recommend including that amount in making this year's appropriation for highways and bridges. Some, if not all, of our iron bridges need painting, a matter that we think should be considered when making the appropriation for highways.

### CONTINGENT DEPARTMENT.

The amount expended under this head exceeds the appropriation \$429.65. Since the passage of the law abolishing school districts, all school-house repairs have to be provided for by special appropriation, and until this year have been, or be paid from the contingent appropriation; this year there has been expended for that purpose \$158.91. We also made necessary repairs on the Strang house costing \$32.75. We also expended \$76.17 in obtaining evidence against and in the prosecution of illegal liquor-sellers, and should do the same thing again under the same circumstances. There was also an extra expense this year of \$100 for insurance on the town hall. The salary of the school committee was much larger this year than heretofore on account of the extra labor attending the introduction of Free Text Books into the schools.

### FREE TEXT BOOK DEPARTMENT.

The amount expended here exceeds the appropriation \$219.32, which was unavoidable by the committee who had the matter in charge, as they were acting in accordance with the instructions of the law. A detailed statement will no doubt appear in the annual report of the school committee.

### OLD BILLS.

The \$100 reported as paid to William Skinner was for a

building lot for a school-house, the amount being left in the Treasurer's hands for that purpose last year, and was included in the amount reported of cash on hand.

### WHITING STREET WILL.

The committee of the Whiting Street fund submit the following statement of their work for the year ended January 31st. 1885.

Cash received from town treasurer \$240. The above amount has been expended by us as follows :

Paid Mrs. Lewis Black,	\$10 00
Moses Beals,	10 00
Edwin Everett,	10 00
Miss Jemima Thayer,	10 00
Miss Josephine Kingsley,	10 00
Miss Harriet Graves,	10 00
Mrs. Clifford Luce,	5 00
Mrs. John C. Williams,	5 00
Mrs. Michael O'Neil,	5 00
Thomas Wade,	10 00
Phineas Morton,	10 00
George Damon,	10 00
Henry Hebert,	5 00
Mrs. F. Dunlavy,	10 00
" E. Coogan,	10 00
" Ellen Londergan,	8 00
" Lawlor,	8 00
" Walter Moakler,	8 00
" James Shea,	10 00
" Margaret Moakler,	8 00
" Mary Malloy,	8 00
" Mary Londergan,	10 00
" Mary Blanchfield,	8 00
" Coogan,	8 00
" Edward Mack,	10 00

Paid Mrs. J. Morrisey,	\$8 00
" Mary Connelly,	8 00
" Cusick,	8 00
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	\$240 00

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER NASH, }  
PEIRCE LARKIN, } COMMITTEE.

The following statement gives the amount of receipts and amounts expended in each department.

### TREASURY RECEIPTS.

Remainder on hand, Feb. 1, 1884,	\$ 790 90
Income Collins School Fund,	979 78
" State " "	228 09
" Dog " "	100 51
" Whiting Street "	240 00
Corporation Tax,	197 81
National Bank Tax,	1,250 43
Taxes of the current year,	10,949 97
State Aid,	598 00
Military Aid,	90 00
Rent of Town Hall,	30 63
Old Desk and Plank,	6 30
Auctioneer's License,	2 00
Use of derrick rope,	2 00
Collins School Fund uninvested,	755 67
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	\$16,202 09

## PAID.

State Tax,	\$ 1,140 00
County Tax,	1,417 54
Collins Fund Tax,	43 57
Committee of Whiting Street Fund,	240 00
State Aid,	316 50
Military Aid,	192 00
Decoration Committee,	50 00
Interest on Town Debt,	1,250 00
"    Strang Loan,	18 00
Temporary Loans,	164 28
School Committee for Schools,	4,308 38

## OLD BILLS.

William Skinner for building lot,	100 00
H. S. Gere, advertising reward,	1 50
Recording 3 Deeds,	1 50
D. Williams, care Town Hall,	5 00

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 \$ 108 00

## PAUPER DEPARTMENT.

Paid for Lyman Hemingway, from Oct. 1,	
1884,	\$ 243 69
Thaddeus Bartlett from Dec. 1,	57 59
Oliver Wait to Feb. 1,	79 63
Ellen M. Williams to Jan. 1,	184 67
Joseph Grace in full,	77 76
Mrs. Caroline and Thos. Wait, to	
Feb. 1,	31 31
James M. Nichols, to Feb. 1,	105 78
Walter Strang, to Feb. 1,	142 25
Mrs. Catherine Ellsworth, to Feb. 1,	108 00
Mrs. Margaret Erskine, to Feb. 1,	65 50
Mrs. Ida L. Merritt and family, to	
Feb. 1,	71 06
William Williams' child, to Feb. 1,	65 25
James Shea's children, to Feb. 1,	60 00
Harriet Graves, to Feb. 1,	49 73

Paid	Mrs. Wm. Mayhar, to Feb. 1,	\$84 25	
	Albert Lacore, to Feb. 1,	52 15	
	Abner Hemingway, to Feb. 1,	5 00	
	Edward Ryan and family, to Feb. 1,	46 00	
	Caleb F. Tufts and family, to Feb. 1,	6 50	
	Simon C. Phelps, to Feb. 1,	6 01	
	Michael O'Brien and family, to Feb. 1,	96 73	
	Rob't Trainor and family, to Feb. 1,	36 37	
	Dan'l C. Wade and family, to Feb. 1,	10 00	
	Joseph Upton, to Feb. 1,	30 00	
	Tramps,	6 50	
		<hr/>	\$1,721 73
	Appropriation, \$1,500 00.		

## STATE PAUPERS.

Mrs. Emma Bayon and family,	43 35	
Henry Hebert and family,	5 65	
Elias Cheney and wife,	18 20	
	<hr/>	\$ 67 20

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Paid Franklin Clapp, labor,	\$ 6 10
H. E. Nash,	2 50
H. C. Nash,	18 62
J. B. Rogers,	32 75
Willie O'Brien,	8 25
John O'Neil,	101 30
Fowler Washburn,	12 18
L. C. Graves,	7 50
C. D. Farnsworth,	194 98
F. E. Hyde,	5 50
Francis Loomis,	25 30
Francis S. Warner,	73 52
C. W. Bradley,	3 50
H. W. Hitchcock,	1 00
Charles E. Tileston,	19 50

Paid Isaac F. Baker, labor,	85 00
George W. Lawley,	2 25
Lewis Guilford and Thomas Culver,	23 75
Dennis Brazell,	3 00
Patrick J. Kelly,	3 00
L. H. Porter,	1 50
J. P. Davenport,	10 00
James Scully,	4 20
John O'Brien,	4 20
Henry A. Bisbee,	3 50
Robert Damon,	6 50
Alanson Nash,	2 25
John G. Miller,	3 45
Joseph S. Graves,	8 62
Henry Wait,	4 00
Myron N. Adams,	7 45
G. M. Bradford, for lumber,	14 43
G. M. Bradford, for plank,	18 51
Daniel MacDonald,	7 50
Joseph Asher,	1 50
Richard Bargereaux,	10 50
Henry S. Leonard,	10 95
H. G. Washburn,	5 70
Martin G. Wells,	8 70
I. N. Guillo,	8 00
John Truhart,	1 50
John Phinney,	2 40
Clarence Loomis,	176 00
Thomas Ryan,	24 75
Charles Come,	51 00
Lewis Welsh,	42 00
William P. Leonard,	63 00
George H. Elliot,	44 09
Willard Williams,	41 47
Samuel A. Merritt,	6 47
Henry Parent,	13 50
John Lombard,	12 00
Phillip Bargereaux,	4 50

Paid E. F. Miller, labor,	\$ 1 50
William E. Thayer, for nails, etc.,	10 65
Homer Foot & Co., for derrick rope,	15 46
J. H. Metcalf, for powder and fuse,	2 13
Smith & Fay, for iron washers,	61
Herbert Russ, for blacksmithing,	12 85
Robert Damon, for bridge plank,	161 83
C. D. Farnsworth, snow-bill,	7 43
Lewis Guilford, “	4 35
L. H. Porter, “	3 00
Hiram Nash, “	5 40
L. C. Graves, “	4 75
C. W. Bradley, “	6 20
Samuel Merritt, “	7 27
A. P. Miller, “	5 00
E. P. House and G. H. Elliott, snow-bill,	1 50

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\$1,423 57

Appropriation, \$1000 00.

### CONTINGENT DEPARTMENT.

Paid Insurance on Town House,	\$ 100 00
Dewey Williams for care of Town House,	8 00
H. W. Sampson for labor on Town House,	16 02
Fuel and oil for Town House,	12 05
Glass and setting for “	1 60
W. L. Smith & Co., table and chairs,	10 00
Williams & Stebbins, labor and stock,	6 78
Repairs on Strang place,	32 75
Repairs on Lock-up,	3 50
C. W. Warner, building schoolhouse steps,	2 15
Morton & Davis, labor on schoolhouse in Haydenville,	45 34
Repair of blackboards,	4 50
Furniture for schoolhouse in Clapp dist't	18 37
G. H. Ames for stove and pipe, “ “	15 94

Paid Williams & Stebbins, for 2 stoves for school houses,	\$16 90
E. G. Kingsley, labor on school houses,	37 03
E. D. Kingsley, " " "	4 80
J. H. Laws, " " "	12 41
H. A. Bisbee, for setting glass, etc.,	1 50
Expense of fire in Haydenville, April 30,	16 10
G. F. Smith and C. D. Waite, services as Auditors,	5 00
Wade, Warner & Co., printing school reports,	11 50
Gazette Printing Co., printing town reports,	12 00
J. M. Fay, services as school committee,	33 00
Jas. O'Donnell, " " " "	100 00
C. S. Wheeler, " " " "	100 00
H. A. Bisbee, services as Constable,	15 14
H. A. Bisbee, for care of hearse,	20 00
A. Kimball, steel plate for road scraper,	8 50
Postage, expressage and stationery,	11 01
Registrar's Book,	1 00
Collector's Book,	1 10
Voting lists,	85
E. D. Kingsley, for services as Elector,	10 00
Recording births, marriages and deaths,	34 30
T. M. Carter, services as clerk and treasurer,	65 00
Geo. F. Smith, services as collector,	125 00
Services of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor,	275 00
Services of board of Registrars,	23 00
Mrs. Sophia Nash, abatement of tax,	13 20
Mrs. E. G. Kingsley, " " "	17 60
Fred W. Thayer, " " "	16 50
Mrs. Maria Wells, " " "	12 54
A. A. Nichols, " " "	5 50
Sundry poll tax " "	66 00
Wm. G. Bassett, for legal counsel,	5 00

Paid Expense prosecuting illegal liquor sellers,		
Hill & Wainwright, attorney fees,	\$20 00	
Services of detective,	56 17	
	<hr/>	\$1,429 65
Appropriation, \$1,100 00.		

## STREET LIGHTS.

L. D. James, F. C. Anderson, Committee.		
Paid expenses for lights in Williamsburg,	\$198 51	
“ “ “ “ Haydenville,	179 27	
	<hr/>	\$377 78
Appropriation, \$350 00.		

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid for repairs of engine in Williamsburg,	\$27 34	
“ “ “ “ house in “	9 00	
“ “ “ “ “ “ Haydenville,	2 52	
“ “ “ “ in “	9 90	
J. D. Norton & Son for 6 ladders,	25 00	
Painting ladders,	<del>25 00</del> 2.74	
M. H. Beals, care of engine,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 79 50
Appropriation, \$100 00.		

## OUTSIDE REPAIRS AND PAINTING OF SCHOOL BUILDING IN HAYDENVILLE.

A. C. Morton, L. W. Carr, E. F. Miller, Committee.		
Paid G. F. Boynton, painting, etc.,	\$193 79	
A. C. Morton, for repairs,	35 32	
	<hr/>	\$ 229 11
Appropriation, \$250 00.		

## REPAIRING MOUNTAIN ST. CEMETERY FENCE.

Paid G. H. Ames, for wire,	\$6 00	
C. W. Bradley, labor,	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$15 00
Appropriation, \$25 00.		

## DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Soldier's Committee,	\$50 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 50 00
Appropriation, \$50 00.		

## BUILDING SCHOOL HOUSE IN CLAPP DISTRICT.

Paid E. D. Kingsley, labor and material,	\$294 77	
H. W. Sampson, " " "	55 00	
Desks and seats,	25 23	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 375 00
Appropriation, \$375 00.		

## TEXT BOOKS AND CASES.

Paid S. E. Bridgman & Co., for books,	\$600 00	
E. D. Kingsley, for book cases,	119 32	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 719 32
Appropriation, \$500 00.		

## RECAPITULATION.

Paid State, County, and Collins Fund Tax.	\$2,601 11	
Whiting Street Fund Committee,	240 00	
State and Military Aid,	508 50	
Interest,	1,432 28	
School Committee,	4,308 38	
Old Bills,	108 00	
Paupers, town and state,	1,788 93	
Highways and bridges,	1,423 57	
Contingent expenses,	1,429 65	
Street Lights,	377 78	
Fire Department,	79 50	
Painting Haydenville school house,	229 11	
Repairing Mountain St. Cemetery fence,	15 00	
Decoration of Soldiers' graves,	50 00	
School House in Clapp district,	375 00	
Expense for Text Books and Cases,	719 32	
	<u>          </u>	\$15,686 13

## REVISED LIST OF JURORS, 1885.

Ames, George H.	Murphy, James D.
Belcher, John W.	McCaffrey, Edward
Baker, Isaac F.	Mullaly, James
Bradley, Clesson	Nichols, Alfred A.
Breckenridge, Andrew	Nash, William W.
Connell, Charles C.	O'Donnell, James
Crosby, Benj. F.	O'Neil, John
Courtright, Joseph	Porter, Francis E.
Foster, James M.	Rice, Royal B.
Farnsworth, Charles D.	Tileston, Charles E.
Graves, William C.	Thrasher, George A.
Hill, Henry W.	Tower, Dexter
James, Lyman D.	Wallace, Thomas
Lennihan, Thomas	Warner, Francis S.
Morton, Albert C.	Wells, Martin G.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN F. MILLER,  
HENRY C. SMITH,

} Selectmen  
of  
} Williamsburg.

WILLIAMSBURG, February 1, 1885.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors of the town of Williamsburg for the year 1884 respectfully present the following report:

## VALUATION OF THE TOWN MAY 1ST.

Real Estate,	\$656,115 00
Personal Estate,	241,370 00
Total valuation,	<hr/> \$897,485 00

## NUMBER OF TAXABLE POLLS, 526.

Amount instructed to assess,	\$8,100 00
of State tax,	1,140 00
of County tax,	1,417 54
Overlaying tax,	265 26
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Total tax,	\$10,922 80
Added,	27 17

Poll tax, \$2 on each.

Property tax \$11 on the \$1000 of the valuation.

We committed the above tax with warrants in due form of law to George F. Smith, collector, July 12, 1884.

Number of acres of land taxed,	15,455.
Sheep           “	317
Cows           “	435
Horses         “	237
Dwelling houses,	399

We have granted abatement of taxes to George F. Smith, collector for said year amounting to \$95 04.

The names of those persons on whose account abatements have been made, with explanatory remarks thereon, may be found in the Town Clerk's office.

EDWIN F. MILLER,  
HENRY C. SMITH,

} Assessors  
of  
} Williamsburg.

## TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Total Receipts, <span style="float: right;">\$16,202 09</span>	Paid State Tax, <span style="float: right;">\$1,140 00</span> County Tax, <span style="float: right;">1,417 54</span> Int. on Town Debt, <span style="float: right;">1,250 00</span> " Temporary Loans, <span style="float: right;">164 28</span> " Strang Loan, <span style="float: right;">18 00</span> Tax on Collins Fund, <span style="float: right;">43 57</span> Alm'n'rs W. Street fund, <span style="float: right;">240 00</span> State Aid, <span style="float: right;">316 50</span> Military Aid, <span style="float: right;">192 00</span> For Town Poor, <span style="float: right;">1,788 93</span> Text Books and Cases, <span style="float: right;">719 32</span> Schools, <span style="float: right;">4,308 38</span> Contingent acc't <span style="float: right;">1,429 65</span> Highways and Bridges, <span style="float: right;">1,423 57</span> Old Bills, <span style="float: right;">108 00</span> Haydenville sch'house, <span style="float: right;">229 11</span> Street Lights, <span style="float: right;">377 78</span> Mountain St. Cemetery, <span style="float: right;">15 00</span> Fire Department, <span style="float: right;">79 50</span> Hill School-house, <span style="float: right;">375 00</span> Decoration Committee, <span style="float: right;">50 00</span> Remainder in Treasury, <span style="float: right;">515 96</span>
<u>\$16,202 09</u>	<u>\$16,202 09</u>

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Due for State Aid, Dec. 1. <span style="float: right;">\$316 50</span> ½ Military, Dec. 1, <span style="float: right;">96 00</span> State Poor, <span style="float: right;">67 20</span> Remainder, <span style="float: right;">25,275 97</span>	Notes due Jan. 1, 1888, <span style="float: right;">\$10,000 00</span> " " Jan. 1, 1893, <span style="float: right;">15,000 07</span> Due the Collins Sch. Fund, <span style="float: right;">755 60</span>
<u>\$25,755 67</u>	<u>\$25,755 67</u>

Other assets of the town, 276 shares N. H. & N. H. R. R.

### THE COLLINS SCHOOL FUND CONSISTS OF

- 21 Shares of Stock in First National Bank of Greenfield.
  - 28 " " " First National Bank of Northampton.
  - 31 " " " North'pton National B'k of Northampton.
  - 21 " " " Hamp. Co. National B'k of Northampton.
  - 20 " " " Mechanics National Bank of Worcester.
- \$755 67-100 due from the town of Williamsburg.

### THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Note held by the Arlington Five Cent Savings Bank due Jan. 1, 1888.

- 1 Note held by the Arlington Five Cent Savings Bank, due Jan. 1, 1893.  
 1 Note held by the Lynn Institution for Savings, due Jan. 1, '93.  
 1 Note held by the Attleborough Savings Bank, due Jan. 1. 1893.  
 1 Note held by the Lynn City Hall Sinking Fund, due Jan.1, '93.  
 Due the Collins School Fund, 755 67-100 Dollars.

Respectfully Submitted, —

THOMAS M. CARTER, TREASURER.

WILLIAMSBURG, Feb. 1, 1885.

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The undersigned hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and statements of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Williamsburg, and find them correctly stated and vouched for, and that there is in the hands of the Treasurer Five hundred fifteen and ninety-six one hundredths dollars.

C. D. WAITE, } Auditors of  
 GEO. F. SMITH, } Williamsburg.

Feb. 14, 1885.

Respectfully submitted,







