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REPORTS

OF THE

AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS

AND

SUPERINTENDING

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WHITEFIELD.

FOR 1854-5

GARDINER:

R. H. CALDWELL, PRINTER—TRANSCRIPT OFFICE.

1855.
**AUDITOR'S REPORT.**

**APPROPRIATIONS.**

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<td>&quot; School money undrawn in 1853,</td>
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Total amount: $3215.22

**EXPENDITURES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.**

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<td>Amount of School money undrawn, 1854,</td>
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<td>Bills outstanding estimated at</td>
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Total Expenses the Current year: $3422.36

Excess of Expenses over the appropriations: $207.14

**RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY THE CURRENT YEAR.**

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<td>Received from State for Schools,</td>
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<td>Received from the Estate of R. King, by H. Palmer,</td>
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<td>Received from Jonn Heath 2d., for Hay of town F'm,</td>
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<td>Received from A. Glidden, rent of town Farm,</td>
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<td>Received for Taxes on land redeemed,</td>
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<td>Balance in the Treasury, March 20, 1854,</td>
<td>611.42</td>
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Total Amount of Receipts: $3691.13
AMOUNT PAID OUT OF TREASURY CURRENT YEAR.

Orders redeemed drawn prior to March 20, 1854. $959.47
“ “ “ since March 20, 1855. 2538.12
Cash paid for Interest on Town Orders, 46.55
Non-resident Tax turned into the Treasury, 17.78
Cash in Treasury March 20, 1855, 79.21

Total of Disbursements, $3691.13

State Tax, $560.27 | County Tax, $261.35
Paid by Collector, 560.27 | Paid by Collector, 261.35

A. Piper, Collector, in account with T. B. Heath, Treas., Dr
For amount committed to said Collector, $261.37
(CR.)

By Cash and Town Orders, $1568.26
Balance due from Collector, 1043.11
T. B. Heath, Treas., in acc’t. with Town of Whitefield, Dr.
To Cash in Treasury, March 20, 1854, $611.42
“ “ Received from State for Schools, 192.55
“ “ “ Wm. Partridge, Collector, 1852, 40.18
“ “ “ A. Piper, Collector, 1853, 376.96
“ “ “ Rice King’s Estate by G. Palmer, 173.18
“ “ “ J. Heath, 2d. for Hay of town farm, 31.35
“ “ “ Ambrose Glidden, for rent ’54, 33.00
“ “ “ Taxes on land redeemed, 46.45
“ “ “ Oliver Chaney, 600.00

Total amount, $2105.09
(CR.)

By Town Orders redeemed, 1979.33
“ Cash paid for Interest on Town Orders, 46.55
“ Balance Cash in Treasury, March 20, 1855, 79.21

$2105.09

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES--TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

William F. Carlton, 101.80
Alden Lewis, 55.80
Jeremiah Wheeler, 66.63

$224.23

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Henry Peaslee, $19.00
John Ryan, Jr., 14.00
Erastus Philbrick, 5.25
Thomas B. Heath, Treasurer, 38.25
John King, Town Clerk, 23.36
Alvin Piper, Collector, 19.73
Abiel Longfellow, Auditor, 51.49

Total amount of Town Officer’s Bills, 5.00

$362.06

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REPAIRS ON ROADS & BRIDGES.

Paid John King for Plank, $10.40
  " Alvin Piper for Chaney’s Bridge, 4.00
  " Timothy Plummer for Bridge Stringers, 8.00
  " Paid Emulus Brookings for Timber for Causeway, 50.00
  " Paid Abram Choat for Plank, 7.96
  " Emulus Brookings for building Bridge, 98.00
  " M. Mallany for repairs on Mallany Bridge, 8.00
  " P. Mallany for building 60 rods of road, 50.00
  " John Hicky for labor on Noy’s road, 1.25
  " Alden Lewis, do. 1.75
  " Enoch King for repair on Bridge, 4.00
  " Jeremiah Wheeler, plank, 5.40
  " Newell Carlton, for labor on Stearn’s road, 5.23
  " Seth Tarr, do. 24.31
  " P. Mallany for Timber to repair road, 1.50
  " B. Larabee for Labor on Stearn’s road, 2.00
  " T. B. Heath for Surveying road, 2.00

See page 5.

BILLS OF PREVIOUS YEARS.

  " E. Chase for labor on Stearns road, 5.00
  " Alden Lewis for services as Selectman, 1.50
  " Henry Peaslee for services as School Com. 6.00
  " Thomas Ward for repairs on Bridge, 7.00
  " John King for services as Clerk, 4.15
  " Geo. Wheeler for services as School Committee, 6.75
  " George Pottle to damage on Ox, 10.00
  " John Field to repairs on Branch Bridge, 50.00
  " Jeremiah Wheeler, for getting Reports printed, 2.00
  " Moses Longfellow, for distributing Reports, 75.00
  " W. T. Johnson, for printing, 2.64
  " Winslow Hunt for arresting M. Ward, 7.00
  " Abiel Longfellow, for presiding at meeting, 2.00
  " R. B. Caldwell for printing, 19.50
  " William Palmer, for Binding Town Reports, 2.00
  " T. B. Heath Collector, paid for Tax Deeds, 3.50
  " Oliver Chaney, for O’Connell’s Order, 600.00
  " H. A. Turner for Nails, 70.00
John Ryan, Jr., services as Selectman, 4 00
Oliver Peaslee, interest on Town Order, 5 30
W. W. Ware, do. 27 59
Alvin Piper for Abatements, 18 85
T. B. Heath Treasurer, 1 00

$737.73

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS, 1854.

Hiram Palmer for selling R. King’s Estate, 15.07
W. P. Trask for Witness in Pittston case 2.50
Seth Labere 1.75
Abel Longfellow 2.00
Abel Longfellow Moderator 2.00
F. H. Lewis Damage on Carriage 1.67
Geo. King 3.00
Rufus A. Ware for taking care of Hears 3.50
Reuben Lewis Damage to Carriage 2.00
Reuben Lewis Postage 45
Oliver Chaney Interest on town order 34.70
Jeremiah Wheeler Justice fees 2.60
Alvin Piper Abatements of 1854 17.01
W. F. Carleton for Justice fees 2.80
Everett Ware interest on order 35.89

$126.94

RECAPITULATION OF INCIDENTAL ORDERS DRAWN 1854.

Town officers Bills 362.06
Bills on roads and Bridges 234.14
Miscellaneous Bills 126.94
Bills of previous years 737.73

$1460.87

Amount of interest paid on town orders 1854, 150.03

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

The following bills have been paid during the current year for the support of the Poor to the following persons Viz:

To A. H. Prebble for Support of John Turner 29.00
“ Edward Clark “ “ Michael Rhodes 30.00
“ “ “ “ Thos Shea & Wife 55.00
“ John Campbell “ “ Daniel Kelley 40.00
“ Geo. Wheeler “ “ Eliza Rhodes 30.00
“ Joseph Perham “ “ Widow Cooper 33.00
“ John Plumer “ “ Joanna Hutchins 20.00
W. F. Carleton for support of Joseph Choate 15.00
William Nary " " Polly Dooley 22.00
P. McFeeley " " Betsey Little 24.00
Jere Wheeler " " Simeon Plumer 16.00
Isaac Kincaid " " A. Day & Wife 26.50
Saml Kennedy " " Timothy Kennedy 55.00
" " " William Colison 15.00
" Overseers poor " " Hiram Tobey 18.96
" " " " " Wm. Rhodes family 11.86
" " " " " Francis Plumer 18.50
" " " " " Isaac Heath 4.04
" " " " " Elizabeth Heath 46.15
" " " " " Olivo Carter 3.05
" " " " " Purces Little 8.00
" Harrison Small for Doctoring Paupers 6.25
" A. H. Ribble for Michael Ward 189.50

PAUPERS BILLS OF FORMER YEARS.

William Rhodes family $7.06
Alpheus Day 3.00
Abram Place family 10.00
Michael Ward 22.00
Hiram Tobey 2.00
Thos Shua & Wife 38.50
Harrison Small for Doctoring Paupers 28.00

$108.66

Whole amount drawn the current year for paupers $795.37

RESOURCES.

Due from Alvin Piper Collector, 1854, $1043.11
" " Non-residents for Taxes, 129.05
" " Residents, 110.08
" " Inhabitants of Pittston, costs in pauper suit, 47.00
" " do. do. do. on account of Paupers, 4.17
" Jason M. Carlton, 11.50
Cash in the Treasury March 20, 1855, 79.21

$1424.12
LIABILITIES.

Town Orders outstanding, drawn since 1840, up to the current year, Viz:

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Orders Outstanding, Drawn the Current Year of 1855:

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Total amount of old orders, 1142.46

Total amount of orders outstanding March 20, 1855, $2226.83

Amount due School Districts, 282.60

Outstanding Bills, 200.00

Total Liabilities, 2709.43

Total Resources, 1424.12

Town Debt, 1285.31
The following statement shows the amount of money due to and from the School Districts for the year 1854, after deducting the overdrawn and adding the undrawn of 1853.

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In the case the Inh's of Pittston vs the Inh's of Whitefield for the support of John Pottle and Wife. Whitefield obtained Judgement and Execution against Pittston for the sum of $45,75, costs thereby settling the pauper residence of said paupers on the town of Pittston.

The Auditor recommends that the following sums be raised the ensuing year, Viz:

For support of schools $1100.00
" " the Poor 600.00
" " Incidental Expenses 1000.00

TOTAL $2700.00

In auditing the accounts, I find proper vouchers for all orders drawn and all sums paid out; and the books and account properly kept.

February 21st 1855.

ABIEL LONGFELLOW, Auditor.
TOWN OF WHITEFIELD.

SCHOOL REPORT.

FOR 1854–5

The Superintending School Committee of the Town of Whitefield, for the year ending Feb. 23d, 1855, respectfully submit the following REPORT:

The number of Schools taught in Town, in the Summer, thirteen; and in the Winter sixteen, making twenty-nine in all. Each of the Schools has been visited by the Committee, and with the exception of one in the summer, and three in the Winter, which closed unexpectedly, have been each visited twice. The Committee have granted Certificates to sixteen females and fourteen males, making thirty in all. We very much regret to say, we have been called upon to investigate formally, two cases of difficulty, and have excluded two scholars as “obstinately disobedient and disorderly.”
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No. 1.—MILLER DISTRICT.

No summer school.

The Winter term commenced in a new convenient House and under the charge of an Instructor of some experience. At our first visit we found the school in good order. Scholars attentive and the teachers method of communicating instruction satisfactory. We expected to be able to give a good account of this school, but in this we are disappointed.—The School having closed abruptly without notice from Teacher or Agent.

No. 2.—LEWIS DISTRICT.

Summer Term. The Scholars of this school appeared studious, and well disposed,—the Teacher actively engaged in promoting the interest of the school. At the close we were satisfied that the scholars had made good proficiency. Reading classes improved, grammar and arithmetic well advanced for the time, other lessons in good order. The scholars generally appeared to be under good discipline.

The Winter term of this School was under the charge of an inexperienced Instructor—at the first visit we found the school under good discipline, and a determination on the part of the scholars to sustain their former reputation. At the close the several classes acted their part with credit to themselves and their Teacher. First class in arithmetic solved and explained some of the most abstruse questions in Proportion and square root in Greenleaf. A class of six in Smith's through Federal money,—small class in Grammar analyze and parse correctly. Spelling and defining as good as in any Town.

No. 3.—NORTHEY DISTRICT.

Summer Term. This school was taught by an inexperienced teacher. At our first visit we found the school in good order. A short time subsequently a dissatisfaction was expressed by some of the District against the Teacher, and we were notified to revisit the school. We attended but saw no cause for complaint. Some of the Inhabitants not yet satisfied, and their dislike to the teacher increasing, a number of scholars was withdrawn from the school, the result of which was that the school was an unprofitable one for the District.

At the winter term we found the school well arranged and disciplined, and a determination on the part of both Teachers and scholars to employ their time to the best advantage. At the closing examination the several classes gave evidence of close application on their part, and perseverance on that of the Teacher. Unlike the summer school the district was generally satisfied.
No. 4.—BATES’ DISTRICT.

**Summer Term.** The examination of this school showed an improvement. Class in Fourth Reader read correctly, and recited rules well; class in Third Book read with good inflections and gave the sounds of letters; class in Second and First Book improved. Specimens of penmanship neat; classes in Arithmetic, Geography and Grammar made good improvement; order good.

**Winter Term** was taught by Miss Clark, of Chelsea, and we feel justified in saying that she has discharged the trust confided to her care, with credit to herself and profit to the District. At the closing examination, the several classes in Reading showed improvement, first class in Arithmetic through to Compound interest; second as far as Reduction; a class of five in Geography recited one hundred and seven pages. Four in Grammar analyzed and parsed correctly. Defining class very large and not to be excelled.

No. 5.—CROWEL DISTRICT.

**Summer Term.** The services of an efficient and experienced Instructress was engaged to take charge of this school. The exhibition at the examination fully answered our expectations. The proficiency made, the good arrangement and government of the school, justify us in placing this first, upon the list of summer schools. In reading, arithmetic, grammar, and geography, the improvement had been great; all the exercises were conducted with accuracy and promptness. Fourteen very good pieces of composition were read, and at the close heard some very good juvenile singing. Miss King understands well how to train the young Idea.

In the Winter term, order good, teacher systematic and interested; it had continued but a short time, however, when charges were preferred against two scholars for impropriety of conduct, who after an investigation were expelled. The examination showed very good advances in the reading classes: classes in grammar recited, analyzed and parsed very well; classes in arithmetic had made good improvement, and illustrated on the board in various rules to Mensuration.

No. 6.—PLAIN'S DISTRICT.

In the Winter term a word of praise is due to the scholars for their regular attendance, diligence, and general deportment: classes in reading paid good attention to the rules; eleven in Geography recited about 200 pages; class in Greenleaf made good progress, and worked on the board; ten in Smith's Division of Fractions; and performed on the board daily; in all studies good improvement. Since the last winter term the inhabitants of this district have remodeled their school house, which is now very commodious and comfortable.
No. 7.—FOWLES’ DISTRICT.

_Summer Term._ At our first visit in this school, we found it well classed, good order established and in a fair way to improve. The proficiency in the several branches of study showed that their time had not been misimproved, and that the teacher had not been unfaithful in the discharge of her duty to her pupils.

The winter term was taught by a beginner in teaching. The scholars appeared orderly and studious; the modes of instruction good, and the prospects fair. At the close there was decidedly an improvement in all the studies; the recitations in Arithmetic and Algebra were thorough; Grammar classes answered readily and parsed correctly; penmanship neat. We think Mr. Palmer will make a useful teacher.

No. 8.—WHEELER DISTRICT.

No Summer school.

The winter term of the school was taught by an experienced Instructor. At our first visit a good degree of interest was manifested by the several classes. Four attended to the study of Physiology, eight to Geography, and a large class in Arithmetic. At the closing examination the several classes above mentioned were considerably diminished in numbers; and we learned with regret that some had left the school. The majority of those present appeared interested and showed fair improvement:

No. 9.—CHOAT DISTRICT.

_Summer School._ The members of the Reading classes in this school made general improvement, and gave definitions and rules. First class in Arithmetic to Interest; second class to Compound Addition, recited well; class in Grammar gave evident signs of improvement; spelling and defining accurate, and upon the whole the school prospered well for the time it continued.

The Winter school was under the instruction of a female Teacher, who tried to promote the best interest of her charge; the scholars were quiet and studious, lessons in reading satisfactory, questions in Fractions were explained on the board. Not visited the second time, it having closed without our being notified.

No. 10.—POTTER DISTRICT.

No Summer School.

The winter term of this school opened in a new and convenient House upon an improved plan that reflects credit on the District. At the commencement we found both Teacher and pupils diligently employed, and they gave satisfactory evidence, that their time was to be spent to the best advantage; at the second visit it was manifest that the same perseverance
continued through the school and resulted in making as much proficiency as could be expected in the time.

No. 11.—COOPER’S MILLS DISTRICT.

Summer School. At the commencement of this school the scholars were generally backward, but being under the charge of an active and efficient Teacher, we shortly expected a change. On visiting the second time, we found the desired change had taken place, and a degree of improvement was noticed in all the branches studied.

The winter school like that of the summer was favored with an able and experienced Teacher, and as usual with him he has succeeded in giving satisfaction to the District and Committee, by instilling in the minds of his pupils, lessons that will not be soon forgotten. This is one of the largest schools in Town, and we would suggest to the District the propriety of making some alteration in the plan of their school house.

No. 12.—DUNPHY DISTRICT.

No school in Summer or Winter.

No. 13.—CHURCH DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—At our first visit the number of scholars in attendance was small, but those present appeared to take a lively interest in their studies. The Teacher was active and industrious, and the scholars attentive and well behaved. At the close the number was still less than at our first visit, consequently we are unable to say much in regard to the proficiency made.

The winter term was taught by one of your Committee and for fear of exaggerating we decline saying more, than the Teacher used his best endeavors to promote the moral and intellectual welfare of the pupils under his charge.

No. 14.—TURNER’S CORNER DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—The summer school was commenced by a young Teacher at our first visit. The scholars were orderly, and the exercises passed through with precision. The school closed however at the end of four or five weeks without notice to the Committee. Miss Proble who succeeded, was very pleasing and interesting in her mode of instruction; regular attendance, good deportment and general advancement were the gratifying results. We have no hesitancy in saying that this was a profitable school.

The winter school was under the charge of a young and inexperienced Teacher, but perfectly at home in imparting instruction in an easy, familiar and scientific manner. The exercises of the school were exhibited very systematically. The prospects for a profitable school were very flattering. When we called to make a second visit we found no school on ac-
count of indisposition of the Teacher,—any further we cannot
report from certain knowledge.

No. 15.—TURNER DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—The classes in the several studies of this
school, with but few exceptions made an ordinary appearance
in the recitations generally during the first visit. At the
second visit reading classes improved; three in grammar an-
alyzed and parsed very well in simple sentences; class in
graphology to part 2d; one in common school arithmetic to
interest and worked well on the board; two in National
arithmetic in fractions; classes in mental arithmetic and de-
fining recited very well.

In the winter school the Teacher was energetic; scholars
orderly and well engaged in study; at the last visit the read-
ing classes gave good inflection; algebra well advanced;
class in Greenleaf’s arithmetic from interest to proportion;
common school arithmetic had gone over 130 pages; class in
Smith’s were in federal money; the classes of all other stu-
dies showed a marked improvement; order good.

No. 16.—KYES CORNER DISTRICT.

Summer Term.—The appearance of this school at the com-
mencement was promising. We found good discipline and
the Teacher using every means to interest her pupils. Ac-
cordingly we expected to find that the progress made during
the term would be such as to satisfy the most fastidious. At
the closing examination our anticipations were fully realized.
Most of the scholars present were quite young but gave evi-
dence of their being well trained by a faithful and competent
Teacher. The winter term by a young and inexperienced
Teacher. At our first visit we found the school in good or-
der, but a majority of the scholars superficial in the elemen-
tary branches of every study. We used every means to ef-
fect a change, but in this we have been disappointed. At
the close about one half of the scholars were present, and
among that number one was not to be found to answer the
question, what is Arithmetic. Two in Grammar parsed sim-
ple sentences; class in defining pretty good. The above
statement is reproachful to a District, having at its control
$110,60 to be expended in educating their children the past
year.

No. 17.—PARTRIDGE DISTRICT.

Summer School.—This school appeared to be well conducted,
the Teacher using her best exertions to improve the school.
The deportment of the scholars was such as to command re-
spect. We have every reason to suppose, that from the ap-
pearance of this school at our first visit, it has been one of
profit. But having prematurely closed we are unable to re-
port the progress made.
No. 18.—KING'S MILLS DISTRICT.

The summer term of this school was under the charge of a teacher whose manner of instructing was well calculated to interest her pupils; the advancement made by the reading classes was very good; arithmetic, grammar, and geography commendable; some very neat specimens of writing were exhibited; spelling and defining fair.

The winter term was taught by an efficient Instructor.—The manner of imparting instruction and the progress made in the studies of the several classes were such as to give good satisfaction to the committee. We hope the scholars of this district will feel a greater interest in their studies than they have formally manifested; that their future attendance may be regular and their general deportment worthy of imitation.

In conclusion we would recommend to teachers, to meet each other from time to time, to compare their modes of instruction and government, and endeavor to learn and profit by each others experience; and so far as practicable resort to every other means of perfecting themselves in their vocation. And to teachers, parents and all connected with schools, we would say once more, let us be assiduous, and do what lies in our power, to teach the young unformed minds, whose preparation for life, its duties, its dangers and its destinies are committed to us in one hand to another so that they may fulfill their future course with honor to themselves and advantage to society.

HENRY PEASLEE, (Su p't. Schoo[...]n.

JOHN RYAN, Jr. 

Whitefield, Feb. 23, 1855.