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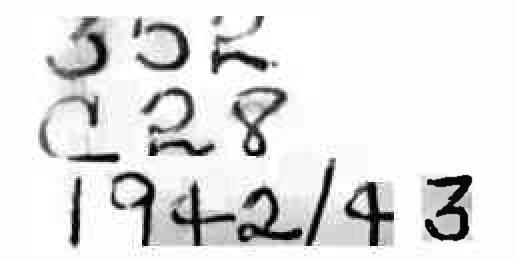


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REVIEW OFFICE, FORT FAIRFIELD

Town Officers

Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Fire Wardens

JAMES H. PHAIR

HAROLD O. BARNES

WILLIAM RICHARDSON

Town Clerk

ROBERT H UALDWELL

Treasurer and Tax Collector
BENJAMIN H. ADAMS

School Committee

HATTIE ST. PIERRE

MATTIE FINNEMORE

AUSTIN A. BARNES

Superintendent of Schools

ALBERT A. SPAULDING

Constable

AUSTIN A. BARNES

Road Commissioner

JAMES H. PHAIR

Health Officer

AUSTIN A. BARNES

Municipal Officers' Report

Following is a statement of the inventory and valuation of taxable property and polls as found in Caswell Plantation April 1, 1942, the same being a copy to the State Tax Assessor:—

Real estate, resident	\$83,315.00	
Real estate, non-resident	97,025.00	
Total real estate		\$180,340.00
Personal estate, resident	\$12,620.00	
Personal estate, non-resident	1,910.00	
Total personal estate		14,530.00
		104.050.00
Grand total		194,870.00
Total value of land	\$149,455.00	
Total value of buildings	30,885.00	

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Taxable Livestock	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses	73	\$90.06	\$6,575.00
Cows	134	26.15	3,605.00
Two-year olds (cattle)	33	24.20	800.00
Poultry (over 50 in number)	150	.50	75.00
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Total value			11,055.00

OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade	\$2,040.00
Gasoline pumps and attach-	• ,
ments	485.00

Tractors	150.00	
Equipment and machinery	800.00	
		\$3,475.00
Personal property brought		,
forward		11,055.00
Total personal property		14,530.00
Total valuation of real estate	\$180,340.00	
Total valuation of personal	,	
property	14,530.00	-
Total valuation		194,870.00
Number of polls taxed, 103		
Amount on each poll, \$3.00		
Rate of taxation, .094, \$94.00 per	thousand	
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ASSESSMENTS, 1942

On listed polls and estates, as per warrants from the State and County Treasurers, and as per vote of the inhabitants of the Plantation of Caswell at the annual meeting held on the thirtieth day of March, 1942, the following assessments were made for taxes for the municipal year ending March 1, 1943:—

State tax	\$1,564.68
County tax	418.31
Town charges	2,000.00
Poor	5,000.00
Schools	4,157.20
Roads	1,532.00
State-aid construction	799.50
Limestone Fire Department	200.00
Nursing	25.00

Overdrafts of previous years 2,000.00 Overlay	
Total assessments	\$18,626.78
Supplemental assessment	366.40
Total to collector	18,993.18
STATE TAX	
Voted	\$1,564.68
Expended	1,564.68
COUNTY TAX	
Voted	\$418.31
Expended	418.31
LIMESTONE FIRE DEPARTMEN	T
Voted	\$200.00
Expended	200.00
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Voted	\$60.00
Expended	60.00
NURSING	
Voted	\$25.00
Expended	25.00
GENERAL SCHOOL ACCOUNT	
Appropriation* \$3,650.00	
State school fund	
Equalization	

Interest on reserved land	37.82	
Due from Town of Connor	180.00	
Bal. of 1941, school repair	277.95	
From gain and loss	102.03	
		6,879.98
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Expenditures:		
Teachers	\$2,932.00	
Janitors	847.75	
Conveyance	1,062.50	
Supplies	•	
Textbooks		
Fuel	920.95	
High School tuition	323.88	
		6,879.98
Teachers		
Georgia Nash	\$100.00	
Lea Tardiff		
Josephine Wright	600.00	
Eva St. Pierre	255.00	
Newman Pelkey	255.00	
Helen Erickson	50.00	
Emma Kierstead	221.00	
Bernice Greenier	288.00	
Fern Cyr	288.00	
James Phair	275.00	
		2,932.00
Janitors		
S. Hazelwood	\$447.75	
F. Pelkey	127.00	
W. Bernier	273.00	
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Conveyance		
James Smith	\$680.5 0	
R. Turcotte	34.00	
George Lavoie	188.00	
Elmer Cote	160.00	
		1,062.50
Supplies		
B. D. Perry	\$83.51	
G. M. Morgan		
J. L. Hammett Co	17.50	
		108.51
Textbooks		
J. C. Winston	\$21.22	
World Book Co	4.30	
F. A. Owen	17.88	
Webster Pub. Co	19.64	
Howard Brown		
McMillan Co	19.17	
American Book Co	25.76	
American Ed. Press Co		
A. E. Guyger	11.36	
State of Maine	8.00	
J. L. Hammett Co		
Scott, Foresman & Co		
Iroquois Pub. Co		
Florence Allen	5.62	
R. W. Wagner	5.40	104.90
Fuel		184.39
Charles Smith	\$10.00	

James Gerrard	72.65	
Elmer Cote	100.00	
Ben Adams	605.00	
Alfred Labreck	63.30	
		850.95

High School Tuition

Town of Limestone	\$706.12	
Town of St. Agatha	117.76	
		823 88

The sum of \$188.00 was paid to the Limestone Electric Company for lights and power. It was paid from town charges account.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Committee and Citizens of the Plantation of Caswell:

I hereby present the above annual report of the school department for the year ending Mar. 1, 1943.

We have been fortunate in our choice of teachers this year and the school work has progressed very satisfactorily. The attendance has been better than usual.

Some repair work was done on the buildings, but there is still need for more. A new furnace is needed at Pleasant Ridge. In considering appropriations for the coming year, provision should be made to meet these needs. Salaries will also be higher and in order to keep our good teachers we will be obliged to pay as much as the adjoining towns are paying.

The sum of \$4,500.00 is suggested for the appropriation for the general school account.

I wish to thank the teachers, school committee, and parents for all they have done during the past year to make the work of schools successful.

Respectfully submitted

ALBERT A. SPAULDING

Caswell, Maine

March 1, 1943

POOR

Expenditures:		
Bernier, Wilfred	\$332.54	
Bell, Dolphine	125.00	
Bell, Lucy	83.02	
Berube, Charles (children)	66.00	
Cantin, Ted	30.00	
Hendricksen, Mary	463.91	
Gerrard, Archie	117.27	
King, Leo	39.75	
King, Edmund	52.08	
King, Flivie	8.98	
King, William (1938)	13.75	
Labreck, Alfred G	312.33	
Lavoie, Noah	151.57	
Scott, Lottie	30.00	
Smith, John	272.56	
Thompson, Roy	65.31	
Walton, Fred	144.00	
		2,308.07

Expended on State and Other Towns, as Follows

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We owed the State \$1,399.60 for A. D. C. and \$7,904.-28 for board and care, making a total of \$9,303.88. The State transferred \$1,010.82 from our school fund; we sent a check for \$1,051.16 and are taking credit for \$348.44 the State owes us, making a total of \$2,410.42. This pays up all our A. D. C. and leaves a balance of \$6,893.46 that we owe on board and care.

This is the account that is the hardest to meet. We have 18 children on board and care, costing the plantation about \$2,500.00 per year. You add to that about \$1,000.00 for A. D. C. and about \$600.00 more for institutional services and you have a total of around \$4,100.00. Add this to our local poor account of about \$2,000.00 more and if you want to keep the account from overdrawing you must raise \$6,000.00.

There is not much of a chance that the account with the State will get any smaller for some years to come. With the cost of living going up, it would be reasonable to think it would get larger.

With our credits and payments we overexpended our appropriation of \$5,000.00 the sum of \$367.44.

SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS

Expended:

Fred Norton	\$16.61
Charles O'Neal	59.50
S. Hazelwood	3.00
L. McDougal	
P. McDougal	
N. Donovan	
H. True	11.25
B. Willard	20.00

B. D. Perry	5.50	
J. Caldwell	16.00	
B. Caldwell	10.00	
Spauldings	2.25	
Abe Labreck	10.00	
Edmund King	15.00	
Geo. McCallan	34.76	
Eddie King	7.00	
R. H. Caldwell	20.00	
Alice Labreck	20.00	
F. Labreck	15.00	
Lucy Bell	20.00	
Doris Bernier	20.00	
B. Adams	23.00	
-		
Total expended	349.87	
To gain and loss	.13	
Total		\$350.00
		•
Voted		350.60
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INTERE	ST	
Expended, E. Therriault	\$151.20	
To gain and loss	703.92	
		855.12
From excise tax	\$573.72	
From int. on taxes	281.40	
		855.12
		0 3 0 1.2 _
SUPERINTENDENT	OE GURUOT G	
SOLEVINTENDENT	OF BOHOOFS	
Expended, A. A. Spaulding		\$97.40
Voted	\$97.20	φυ • • • · · ·
From gain and loss	.20	
Troin gam and 1088		97.40
		01.10

THIRD-CLASS REPAIRS			
Voted	\$250.00		
Unexpended, trans. to liab	250.00		
ROADS			
Expended \$500.00			
To gain and loss			
T7 . 1	521.50		
Voted	521.50		
STATE HIGHWAY SNOW REMOVAL			
Expended	\$271.20		
Voted	271.20		
STATE HIGHWAY PATROL			
Expended	\$406.00		
Voted	406.00		
STATE-AID PATROL			
Expended	\$83.30		
Voted	83.30		
STATE-AID ROAD			
Voted	\$ 799.50		
Unexpended	799.50		
TOWN SNOW REMOVAL			
Expended	\$181.00		
From gain and loss	181.00		

The sum of \$68.62 spent on repairing the Special Resolve roads was taken from the town road account.

The sum of \$32.20 spent for cutting bushes along the road was taken from the town charge account.

A settlement was made with the Limestone Trust Company. The principal of their notes amounted to \$7,-208.81. No interest has been paid them for some time. The settlement was \$3,000.00—\$1,000.00 this year and \$1,-000.00 for each of the two following years. The first payment has been made.

We paid Edmund Therriault \$2,525.00 cash for his two notes amounting to \$2,670.00, plus some interest.

We paid the town of Monroe \$600.00 for their account and other small bills amounting to \$86.41.

The total amount of old bills settled for, not including interest due, amounted to \$10,211.41.

The actual amount paid by the
plantation in eash to settle
these bills was \$4,211.41

The amount still unpaid, all to
the Limestone Trust Co. is 2,000.00

6,211.41

There was no money voted this year to apply on the plantation debts. To settle these accounts, we took the \$2,000.00 voted for overdrafts and \$2,211.41 from the old tax accounts due the plantation.

TOWN CHARGES

Expended:		
J. H. Phair, assessor, and car	\$599.00	
Harold Barnes, assessor	200.00	
William Richardson, assessor	150.00	
B. H. Adams, treasurer	110.00	
B. H. Adams, tax collector	843.54	
B. H. Adams, constable	25.00	
A. A. Barnes, health officer	25.00	
R. H. Caldwell, clerk	40.00	
R. H. Caldwell, reporting births,		
etc	6.25	
R. H. Caldwell, school census	12.00	
E. Therriault, insurance	284.00	
Tax discounts	243.35	
Limestone Electric Company	188.00	
G. C. Gray, legal services	150.00	
W. P. Hamilton, legal services	150.00	
Other expenditures	563.31	
		3,589.45
Voted	\$2,000.00	
Overlay	930.09	
Supplementary tax	366.40	
From gain and loss	292.96	
		3,589.45

TAX ACCOUNTS, B. H. ADAMS, COLL.

1935	delinquent	•••••	\$69.71
1936	delinquent	•••••	79.54
1937	delinquent		142.09
1938	delinquent	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	56.00
1939	delinquent	*******	133.52
1940	delinquent	******	305.10

1941 delinquent	823.04	
1942 delinquent	2,737.89	
Total outstanding tax	. <u></u>	4,346.89

1942 TAXES

Delinquent:	
Barnes, Woodrow	\$3.00
Berube, Leo	23.50
Barker, Horace	32.90
Brooker, George	14.28
Cantin, Ted	3.00
Cote, Elmer	163.83
Cote, Preston	3.00
Donovan, Angus	16.45
Finnemore, Bertha	6.58
Greenier, Patrick	21.15
King, Elie	12.40
Labreck, Alfred	36.68
Labreck, Abe	7.70
Labreck, Ferdinand	3.43
Labreck, Leonard	5.35
Lavoie, Noah	3.00
Martin, Ken (paid in Lime-	
stone)	3.00
McDougal, Steve	3.00
McKaleer, Edward	3.00
O'Neal, Charles	6.25
Pelkey, Ferdinand	7.05
Pelkey, Edmund	7.05
Pelkey, Joseph	4.70
Richardson, William	342.63
Smith Heirs	51.70
St. Pierre, Frank	10.05
St. Pierre, Leonard	13.34
St. Pierre, Geo	17.39

18,993.18

		
St. Pierre, Roy	131.60	
Tracy, Fred	9.40	
Willard, Herbert		
Willard, Howard	166.70	
Walton, Fred	3.00	
Non-reside:	nt	
Berube, Wilfred	128.78	
Fisher, Charles	385.40	
Foster, Fred		
Getchell, D. F.	28.20	
Howland, Burl	65.80	
King, Charles	42.30	
Lavoie, Channel	7.05	
Leighton Bros	296.10	
Parent, Baptiste	448.38	
Pierce and Taylor	56.40	
Standard Oil Co	2.35	
Total on tax books		18,993.18
Delinquent	\$2,737.89	
Discounts	233.35	
Treasurer's receipts	16,021.94	
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

From previous year	\$896.22
Elmer Gardner, for farm	342.00
Jasper Cote, payment on farm	100.00
N. J. Berube, payment of note	250.00
Excise tax	573.72
Interest on taxes	281.40
Discount on taxes	244.35
1938 taxes	11.05

1939 taxes	12.72	
1940 taxes	398.98	
1941 taxes	3,787.40	
1942 taxes	16,021.94	
Total receipts		22,919.78
Payments	S	
Total paid on warrants	\$20,693.67	
Dep. in Limestone Trust Co	1,071.80	
Bal. in V. B. Bank (No. Nat.)	340.04	
Checks paid and to deposit	697.52	
Paid last spring when the		
books were closed	116.75	
Total payments and credits		22,919.78

B. H. ADAMS

Treasurer

GAIN AND LOSS

Gained

Interest account Town roads		725.42
Loss		
Schoolhouse repair	\$0.13	
Supt. of schools		
Town charges	292.96	
Snow removal	181.00	
Schools	102.03	
-	_ _	576.32
Net gain		149.10

11,398.60

FINANCIAL STATEMENT MARCH 1, 1943

Cash on hand	\$697.52	
Cash in V. B. bank	340.04	
Cash in L. Trust Co	1,071.80	
1935 tax	69.71	
1936 tax	79.54	
1937 tax	142.09	
1938 tax	56.00	
1939 tax	133.52	
1940 tax	305.10	
1941 tax	823.04	
1942 tax	2,737.89	
Tax deeds	213.36	
Henry Bell	175.00	
Town of Connor	582.51	
Equipment	700.00	
James Pierce	63.00	
W. P. A. workers	32.25	
Wood	800.00	
Land and buildings	670.91	
Other property	350.00	
Other wood	78.50	
Small accounts	150.77	
Liabilities over assets	1,126.05	
		11,398.60
		,
LIABILITIES:		
Limestone Trust Co	\$2,000.00	
State	6,893.46	
County	2,505.14	

In regard to the financial standing of the plantation it might be in order to point out a few facts.

In the poor account it is shown that we have a burden all out of proportion to the size and value of the plantation. There is no way the accounts with the State can be reduced. Our local expenditures are not too heavy except emergency cases like doctors, hospitals and funerals. We perhaps could have kept within the \$5,000.00 appropriation but our emergency expenditures were heavy. There are too many people in this plantation who will not try to pay anything back after the plantation has guaranteed the bill. There is not much the officials can do if they do not want to play fair.

There is not a citizen of Caswell but would be proud to have all our roads open. The people on the crossroads should have the same advantages as those living on the main highway. They get them as far as it has been possible to do so. Every taxpayer on the highway gladly pays his share of the cost of bringing the children to school. There has been as much work done on the crossroads as the available funds would allow.

Can the plantation afford to open the roads? That is the question.

When you stop to consider that it costs every man, woman and child in this plantation \$11.75 tax money to care for the poor and another \$10.00 each to send the children to school, you are getting quite a bill on your hands for a place of this size. This is a small plantation and not too many large taxpayers. These two expenditures must be taken care of.

The taxpayer on the crossroad says, "I help pay the open-road bill for the highway." That is true, but did he ever stop to consider that it only costs him about \$1.00 out of every \$70.00 tax money he pays, while the taxpay-

er living on the highway must pay about \$1.00 out of every \$9.00 tax money he pays if the crossroads are kept open.

The trouble with the present setup is that the State will only keep state highways open. This, in my opinion, is wrong. The man on a back road with a car or truck pays his share to the State as well as the man on the highway and the State should give him the same treatment. If this were done, the small towns and plantations could have all their roads open without too much expense.

I am not saying this to be against open roads. I am not. As a selectman I feel it my duty to present the facts as I see them. You must all remember this plantation has passed through a tough time. It went into the depression with a debt of around \$32,000.00. By hard work on the part of everyone and certain advantageous trades on the part of the selectmen, we are in a much better condition. You should be careful not to get that way again and when the next depression comes you will have a surplus instead of a debt.

The above statements are my own and do not reflect in any way the opinions of the other members of the board of selectmen.

JAMES PHAIR

CLERK'S REPORT

Births	13
Marriages	5
Deaths	7

WARRANT

To Benjamin Adams, Constable of the Plantation of Caswell, in the County of Aroostook and State of Maine,

Greeting:--

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Caswell Plantation, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the PLEASANT RIDGE SCHOOLHOUSE on MONDAY, the TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1943, at TEN O'CLOCK in the FORENOON, to act upon the following articles, viz.:—

- Art. 1 To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2 To choose a plantation clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3 To see if the plantation will vote to accept the plantation report.
- Art. 4 To choose all necessary plantation officers for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5 To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for the support of schools, school committee, superintendent and repairs.
- Art. 6 To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for the payment of all plantation officers and plantation charges, including insurance.
- Art. 7 To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for the support of the poor, including A. D. C. and board and care.

- Art. 8 To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise for ways and bridges, including third-class repair, snow removal and mainted nance of state highway, maintenance of state aid and snow removal of state-aid and town roads.
- Art. 9 To see what sum of money the plantation wil vote to raise for the Limestone Fire Depart ment.
- Art. 10 To see what sum of money the plantation wil vote to raise for nursing, health and tubercu losis.
- Art. 11 To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise to buy United States government bonds.
- Art. 12 To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to raise on plantation debts.
- Art. 13 To see what disposition the plantation will make of money received from excise tax.
- Art. 14 To see what action the plantation will take in regard to a new road on the Woodman Potato Company farm.
- Art. 15 To see if the plantation will vote that poll taxes be due and payable May 1, 1943.
- Art. 16 To see if the plantation will vote to determine a date when taxes shall be due and payable, and the rate of interest to be collected thereafter.
- Art. 17 To see if the plantation will vote to allow a discount on the 1943 taxes paid prior to Sept. 1, 1943, said discounts to be determined by selectmen.

CASWELL PLANTATION

- Art. 18 To see if the plantation will vote to authorize the treasurer and selectmen to issue a note or notes for temporary loans in anticipation of taxes, said note or notes not to exceed the total tax levy of the preceding municipal year and said note or notes to be paid during the current municipal year out of money raised during said current municipal year by taxation.
- Art. 19 To see if the plantation will vote to authorize the selectmen and treasurer on behalf of the plantation to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the plantation for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.
- Art. 20 To transact all other necessary business.

NOTICE

The selectmen will be in session at the Pleasant Ridge Schoolhouse on Monday, the twenty-ninth day of March, A. D. 1943, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of March, A. D. 1943, at said Caswell Plantation.

JAMES PHAIR
HAROLD BARNES
WILLIAM RICHARDSON

Selectmen of Caswell Plantation

A true copy, attest:

BENJAMIN ADAMS

Constable of Caswell Plantation

RESTRICTED CIRCULATION
INQUIRE AT DESK