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Warrant for Town Meeting.

*To George W. Jordan, a Constable of the Town of Cumberland,
in the County of Cumberland,*

GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Cumberland, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Town, on Tuesday, the second (2d) day of March, A D., 1897, at nine (9) o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit :

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and Assessors

Art. 4. To hear and act on the report of the Overseers of the Poor.

Art. 5. To hear and act upon the report of the Town Treasurer

Art. 6. To hear and act upon the report of the Superintending School Committee.

Art. 7. To hear and act upon the report of the Treasurer of the Cumberland school fund.

Art. 8. To hear and act upon the report of the Trustees of Geely Institute.

Art. 9. To choose all other necessary Town officers.

Art. 10. To raise money for support of schools for the the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To raise money for the support of the poor.

Art. 12. To raise money for the payment of town notes and interest.

Art. 13. To raise money or labor, or both, for the repair of highways, town ways and bridges.

Art. 14. To raise money for the payment of snow bills.

Art. 15. To raise money for contingent expenses.

Art. 16. To see what disposition the Town will make of the money received from the State in aid of free high schools.

Art. 17. To hear and act upon the request of any collector for abatement of taxes.

Art. 18. To receive bills against the Town.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen on Great Chebeague Island, and raise money to build the same.

Art. 20. To see what measures the Town will take to pay the Town debt or fund it at a lower rate of interest.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will allow a discount until a certain time on taxes paid and charge interest after a certain time.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise money for repairs of school houses.

Art. 23. To see what measures the Town will take in regard to unoccupied school houses.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will reconsider the vote of March, 1895, whereby the S. S. Committee were instructed to allow the school houses to be used for religious meetings,

Art. 25. To see what action the town will take, if any, in regard to use of school houses other than for school purposes.

Art. 26. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the Elizabeth I. Drowne legacy.

Art. 27. To see what action the Town will take in regard to purchasing a safe for Town Records.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to exempt all persons, 70 years of age and over, from poll tax.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise money for school books.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to reconsider the vote of March, 1896, whereby the Town voted to increase the Superintending School Committee to five.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town and hearing and deciding upon the application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list, at the Town House at eight (8) o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 20th day of February, A. D., 1897.

E. H. TRICKEY, } *Selectmen*
D. L. BLANCHARD, } *of*
S. F. HAMILTON, } *Cumberland.*

REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Cumberland:

We, the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Clerk and Superintending School Committee, herewith submit the following annual report for the municipal year ending February 15th, 1897, showing receipts and expenditures.

The total amount of property, as valued by the Assessors, as shown by the valuation for the year 1896, real and personal, is \$685,165.

The amount of money raised at annual town meeting, held March 3d, 1896, was as follows:

For town purposes,	\$7,094 56
Assessed for State tax,	1,748 54
Assessed for county tax,	1,010 07
Amount of overlay,	323 80

Selectmen and Assessors' Report.

MONEY TAXES ASSESSED, 1896.

For State Tax,	\$1,748 54
County tax,	1,010 07
schools,	\$1,190 40
interest,	1,300 62
road repairs,	1,200 00
contingent,	1,100 00

new school house,	700 00
almshouse poor,	600 00
outside poor,	300 00
bridges,	200 00
school books,	200 00
snow bills,	100 00
overlay,	323 80
collector's premium,	203 54
supplemental,	10 75
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Total assessment,	\$10,187 72
Number of polls, 457.	
Rate of taxation, 13 1-2 mills on the dollar.	
Poll tax, \$2 00.	
Total valuation,	\$685,165

ROAD REPAIRS.

Paid P. F. Blanchard, labor,	\$5 95
F. W. Blanchard, labor,	1 05
A. H. Strout, labor,	75
E. O. Russell, labor,	1 20
M. H. Nelson, Com.,	26 86
James L. Dunn, labor,	3 55
M. W. Pearson, labor,	2 83
E. R. Clough, labor,	4 00
R. S. Porter, labor,	2 02
C. H. Jones, labor,	7 13
Frank Jones, labor,	5 62
E. D. Merrill, labor,	1 20
Simeon Jones, labor	19 12
Frank Jones, labor,	4 50
Jacob H. Frost, labor,	12 68
Robert Goodenow, labor,	10 50
A. I. Greely, labor,	6 00
W. H. Rowe, labor,	8 05
S. F. Hamilton, Com.,	172 56
E. O. Russell, labor,	23 75

C. H. Morrill, labor,	44 93
Dexter Burnell, labor,	3 77
David E. Loring, labor,	8 75
F. S. Blanchard, labor,	8 30
R. B. Morrison, Com.,	105 56
Hale W. Russell, labor,	22 95
Charles E. Leighton, labor,	27 45
Geo. E. Mountfort, labor,	19 28
Shaw Bros., labor,	1 92
O. W. Lufkin, labor,	18 88
R. B. Morrison, labor,	47 38
F. H. Collins, Com.,	71 15
O. S. Collins, labor,	7 80
N. D. Farwell, labor,	50
Geo. S. Doughty, Com.,	69 46
Fred H. Collins, labor,	10 97
C. H. Mitchell, repairs road machine,	8 80
N. A. Cole, labor,	3 50
N. A. Cole, labor, 1895,	6 00
Chas. E. Herrick, watering place, 1895,	3 00
Geo. C. Porter, labor,	24 75
S. H. & A. R. Doten, railing,	11 94
J. R. Duren, labor,	10 25
R. N. Leighton, labor,	12 95
A. H. Strout, labor,	2 00
J. L. Dunn, labor,	46 77
W. E. Blanchard, labor,	5 10
E. H. Trickey, nails,	77
Albert Rideout, labor,	2 20
A. A. Sweetser, labor,	9 86
W. L. Merrill, labor,	7 00
H. W. Russell, labor,	18 30
Shaw Bros., labor,	9 80
S. F. Hamilton, labor,	31 17
R. G. Brackett, labor,	27 25
O. R. Sturdivant, labor,	4 12
Chas. E. Leighton, labor,	5 85
O. S. Thomas, labor,	14 64

Paid G. A. Ham, labor,		26 58
O. W. Lutkin, labor,		8 38
R. B. Morrison, labor,		23 71
O. A. Mountfort, gravel,		10 00
R. B. Morrison, Com.,		65 40
Geo. C. Porter, labor,		7 12
Hollis Doughty, labor,		2 75
Seward L. Field, labor,		18 37
A. C. Sturdivant, labor,		4 50
O. S. Thomas, railing,		1 30
Simeon Jones, labor,		3 75
Frank H. Jones, labor,		1 20
Geo. S. Doughty, Com.,		11 70
J. Melby, labor,		52
Hans P. Petersen, labor,		3 85
Fred H. Collins, Com.,		27 92
M. H. Nelson, labor,		54 65
Hulet Bros., labor,		2 80
Jeremiah Osgood, labor,		2 70
Dexter Burnell, labor,		2 25
C. H. Morrell,		14 82
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		\$1,348 68
Balance from 1895,	\$133 70	
Appropriation,	1,200 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,333 70
Balance against town,		\$14 98

SCHOOL BILLS.

Paid Luna M. Dolloff, teaching,	85 15
E. T. Hall, fuel,	10 50
R. J. Kimball, school maps,	9 00
Mrs. Rebecca Hill, cleaning,	4 00
A. S. Hamilton, cleaning,	4 50
J. R. Duren, fuel,	14 00
Inez M. Rowe, teaching,	64 00
Olive H. Merrill, teaching,	60 00

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Gertrude S. Merrill, teaching,	68 00
Luna M. Dolloff, teaching,	56 00
A. F. Trafton, teaching,	72 00
A. E. Hamilton, cleaning,	5 50
John F. Copp, carrying scholars,	12 00
Edwin S. Sweetser, teaching,	64 00
Nellie C. Groves, teaching,	48 00
Dexter Burnell, carrying scholars,	12 00
Hattie N. Blanchard, teaching,	48 00
Ethel C. Shaw, teaching,	52 00
Olive M. Hayes, teaching,	75 00
Geo. F. Pettingill, board of Lee Frost,	10 00
Rachel Miller, board of Calder children, 1896,	20 00
Roscoe S. Davis & Co., supplies for 1895,	1 70
H. Hansen, fuel,	6 25
G. M. Hansen, cleaning,	6 00
C. A. Merrill, fuel,	12 50
A. R. Littlefield, supplies,	11 73
Josiah Morrill, fuel,	10 00
Rachel Miller, board of Calder children,	17 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies,	60
F. M. Leighton and M. E. Shaw, cleaning,	3 00
Ethel C. Shaw, teaching,	70 00
Hamilton & Co., fuel,	36 00
Gertrude S. Merrill, teaching,	85 00
A. F. Trafton, teaching,	63 00
O. H. Merrill, teaching,	70 00
Luna M. Dolloff, teaching,	14 00
Inez M. Rowe, teaching,	80 00
Dexter Burnell, carrying scholars,	15 00
Albert Mountfort, cleaning,	3 75
John F. Copp, carrying scholars,	15 00
Edwin S. Sweetser, teaching,	80 00
Eunice Cressey, cleaning,	1 50
John Alex. Hamilton, preparing fuel,	3 00
R. G. Brackett, fuel,	16 50
N. M. Shaw, cleaning,	1 25
E. T. Hall, fuel,	7 87

Mary E. Moxcey, cleaning,	3 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies,	60
Hamilton & Co., fuel,	13 00
Roscoe S. Davis, supplies,	2 20
Olive M. Hayes, teaching,	100 00
Lizzie M. Colby, teaching,	60 00
Nellie C. Groves, teaching,	56 00
Belle J. Nash, teaching,	65 00
Rachel Nutter, board of Calder children,	12 50
Geo. F. Pettingill, board of Lee Frost,	14 00
Hamilton & Co., supplies,	1 85
A. R. Littlefield, supplies,	2 10
Nelson Tenney Co., supplies,	31 05
Dexter Burnell, carrying scholars,	15 00
Inez M. Rowe, teaching,	85 00
Annie W. Morrill, teaching,	65 00
A. F. Trafton, teaching,	92 50
E. D. Merrill, supplies,	4 03
Thomas P. Beals & Co., supplies,	6 02
Geo. W. Higgins, teaching,	70 00
Rachel Miller, board of Calder children,	12 50
O. H. Merrill, teaching,	70 00
Nellie C. Groves, teaching,	80 00
Edward Ross, janitor,	5 60
John F. Copp, carrying scholars,	15 00
Edwin S. Sweetser, teaching,	105 00
Lizzie M. Colby, teaching,	65 00
Gertrude S. Merrill, teaching,	90 00
Ethel C. Shaw, teaching,	80 00
Roscoe G. Davis, supplies,	9 85

\$2,656 60

Amount raised by town,	\$1,190 40
Amount received from State,	1,163 52
Received from Cumberland fund,	87 62
Balance from 1895,	521 97
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	\$2,963 51
Balance in favor of schools,	\$306 91

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid Loring, Short & Harmon,	\$44. 66
Loring, Short & Harmon,	1, 03
D. C. Heath & Co.,	9, 00
Ginn & Co.,	5, 63
Loring, Short & Harmon,	45 83
D. C. Heath & Co.,	11 50
Loring, Short & Harmon,	7 19
Loring, Short & Harmon,	2 36
Loring, Short & Harmon,	10 48
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	13 50
Loring, Short & Harmon,	59 09
Loring, Short & Harmon,	16 93
E. D. Merrill,	1 35
Loring, Short & Harmon,	4 02
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	\$232 57
Appropriation,	\$200 00
School books sold,	6 35
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Balance against the town,	\$206 35
	26 12

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Paid A. R. Littlefield,	1 95
Legrow Bros.,	6 97
C. H. Greely,	2 70
John M. Rose,	50
Royal Hamilton.	1 00
E. E. Bates,	1 00
F. L. Haskell,	50
Hamilton & Co.,	51
Edward Ross,	15 41
C. P. Eastman,	1 53
E. D. Merrill,	2 87
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	\$34 94
Reappropriation	\$133 64
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Balance in favor of town	\$98 70

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Trustees Greely Institute, one-half year's interest on town note,	\$624 00
Trustees Greely Institute, one-half years interest on town note,	624 00
Treasurer of Cumberland school fund, interest on town note,	52 62
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	\$1300 62
Appropriation,	\$1300 62

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid County tax,	\$1010 07
State tax,	1748 54
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	\$2758 61

SNOW BILLS.

BREAKING SNOW.

Paid W. H. Rowe,	3 80
A. A. Sweetser,	60
A. B. Wyman,	1 00
A. H. Farris,	12 80
F. P. Blanchard,	7 20
F. W. Blanchard,	10 80
Frank H. Jones,	2 90
David E. Loring,	3 00
Andus Larsen,	2 10
S. F. Hamilton,	12 30
S. Higgins,	1 50
Jos. Fisher,	40
Fred O. Ross,	1 40
Charles Westman,	40
Walter Moore,	1 40
Edward Moore,	1 40
George Moore,	1 00
Eugene Groves,	40

Herman W. Hamilton,	1 50
William Long,	80
Wm. F. Bennett,	80
John Alvin Hamilton,	4 80
Benj. F. Hamilton,	80
Alonzo S. Hamilton,	80
Geo. W. Hamilton,	1 30
Royal T. Hamilton, †	80
E. O. Russell,	6 00
J. N. Farwell,	90
G. L. Farwell,	80
M. H. Nelson,	6 40
F. L. Haskell,	1 70
Robert Goodenow,	1 80
Moses W. Pearson,	3 50
Wm. M. Merrill,	2 60
E. R. Clough,	4 50
A. W. Breiel,	2 80
Hale W. Russell,	2 30
C. H. Prince,	4 20
Albert Mountfort,	5 60
R. B. Morrison,	3 00
S. L. Field,	3 00
E. D. Merrill,	1 62
Alvin Leighton,	2 25
J. A. Blanchard,	1 00
Shaw Bros.,	2 10
David .E Loring,	3 00
O. W. Lufkin,	1 70
Geo. S. Doughty,	3 60
F. H. Collins,	2 00
Jos. T. Blanchard,	1 05
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	\$143 42
Appropriation,	100 00
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Balance against the Town,	\$43 42

BRIDGE BILLS.

Paid O. S. Thomes, plank,		\$ 5 37
Shaw Bros., hauling stone,		7 00
C. E. Merrill, labor,		3 00
Albert Mounfort, labor,		12 69
Henry Leighton, labor,		12 69
Maine Central R. R., freight,		1 62
Shaw Bros., labor,		7 50
Robert N. Leighton, labor,		35 50
Nellie W. Thurston, highway bridge,		10 00
Robert Goodenow, labor,		12 00
Hans Hansen, stone and labor,		7 73
A. Cleaves, labor,		13 13
F. L. Haskell, cutting sills,		1 25
Berlin Mills Lumber Co., plank, etc.,		21 20
C. H. Lord, labor,		15 00
M. W. Pearson, stringers, sills, etc.,		12 00
Simeon Jones, labor,		10 06
E. O. Russell, labor,		1 05
J. L. Dunn, hauling stone,		12 53
Town of Falmouth, use of derrick,		10 00
F. H. Collins, labor,		1 75
Wm. M. Merrill, plank, (1895),		8 96
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		\$222 03
Appropriation,	\$200 00	
Balance from 1895,	110 76	
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Balance in favor of Town,		\$ 88 73

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid L. L. Hale, M. D., medical attendance for Eva Webber.		\$12 00
Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc., Justina Moulton,		32 50
Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc., Elizabeth H. Norton,		32 95

H. M. Moulton, M. D., medical attendance child, L. J. Walker,	22 50
Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc., Justina Morton,	36 23
Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc., Elizabeth H. Norton,	35 89
J. L. Dunn, supplies furnished Chas. R. Black,	6 00
S. S. Rich, ambulance,	15 00
City of Portland, board, etc., furnished Mrs. Sarah J. Prince,	32 34
Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc., Justina Morton,	33 91
Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc., Elizabeth H. Norton,	33 46
L. L. Hale, M.D., medical attendance, Eugene Groves,	6 00
Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc., Elizabeth H. Norton,	33 11
Maine Insane Hospital, board, etc., Justina Morton,	36 62
L. L. Hale, M. D., medical attendance Jerusha A. Jones or Groves,	45 85
H. M. Moulton, M. D., medical attendances, Chas. R. Black and family,	7 75
A. R. Littlefield, supplies furnished family of Ira Ridlon,	5 83
City of Portland, board, etc., of W. E. Gould,	186 00
Town of Windham, supplies and medical at- tendance, family of E. B. Field,	188 15
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	\$802 09
Appropriation,	\$300 00
Received from Town of Poland,	22 50
Due from Town of Manchester,	6 00
City of Hallowell,	45 85
City of Westbrook,	13 75
Town of Phippsburg,	5 83
Willis Prince,	32 34
C. B. Norton, for 1896,	135 41
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	\$561 68
Balance against the Town,	<hr/>
	\$240 41

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid heirs of John Webber, for school house lot,	\$20 00
Scott Wilson, for examining title, making deeds, etc.,	7 00
Charles S. Chase, lime and cement,	3 65
Leonard J. Wescott, mason,	12 00
E. L. Rose, labor,	38 25
Joshua L. Curit, trucking lumber,	5 25
John Alvin Hamilton, trucking lumber,	4 37
R. E. Hamilton, lumber,	5 88
Harpwell S. B. Co., freight,	20 49
S. F. Hamilton, trucking lumber, stone, etc.,	42 03
Ellsworth L. Smith, painting, etc.,	13 00
John Alex. Hamilton, foundation,	25 00
M. Hamblet, brick,	8 50
Berlin Mills Co., lumber,	525 75
King & Dexter, hardware, nails, etc.,	43 47
J. E. Gould & Co., lead and oil,	17 55
John Alex. Hamilton, painting,	15 00
Silas Skillin, surveying lot,	4 00
H. S. Hamilton, labor,	81 00
H. L. Hamilton, labor,	104 05
S. F. Hamilton, trucking,	3 15
S. Higgins, trucking,	6 82
B. & M. R. R. Co., freight,	3 75
A. H. Freeman, trucking,	1 75
A. R. Littlefield, material,	11 98
J. L. Coburn & Son, plan,	25 00
Chas. A. Grannell, grading lot,	1 50
E. E. Bates, labor,	77 62
Edward Ross, labor,	56 25
J. E. Gould & Co., shellac and varnish,	27 70
James A. Leavitt, doors, sash, etc.,	53 95
Falmouth S. S. Co., freight,	60
Bobrick School Fur. Co. desks,	131 32
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	\$1,397 63

Appropriation,	\$700 00
Reappropriation,	500 00
Material sold and rebate on desks,	10 09
White lead on hand,	9 00
	<hr/> \$1,219 09
Balance against the Town,	\$178 54

TOWN FARM BILLS.

Paid Mrs. L. J. Hamilton, supplies,	\$ 17 39
Jas. L. Dunn, supplies,	26 83
Robert Goodenow, supt. bal. salary, 1895,	125 00
Jas. L. Dunn, supplies,	10 49
Jas. L. Dunn, supplies,	10 55
Jas. L. Dunn, supplies,	10 11
Mrs. L. J. Hamilton, supplies,	34 67
Jas. L. Dunn, supplies,	21 99
Robert Goodenow, supt. salary in part,	25 00
Mrs. L. J. Hamilton, supplies,	18 19
Jas. L. Dunn, supplies,	13 93
Jas. L. Dunn, supplies,	4 53
O. M. & D. W. Nash, stove pipe,	65
Jas. L. Dunn, supplies,	22 49
Mrs. L. J. Hamilton, supplies,	20 88
Robert Goodenow, salary in part,	100 00
E. G. Powell, supplies,	7 00
Jas. L. Dunn, supplies,	15 18
Jas. L. Dunn, supplies,	9 44
Mrs. L. J. Hamilton, supplies,	16 57
Jas. L. Dunn, supplies,	13 79
H. M. Moulton, medical attendance,	1 60
Robert Goodenow, salary in part,	50 00
E. H. Trickey, supplies,	32 57
	<hr/> \$608 85
Appropriation,	600 00
Balance against the Town,	<hr/> \$8 85

SCHOOL NO. 8.

Amount raised for repairs and unexpended, '95,	\$500 00
Reappropriated for new school house,	500 00
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DOG TAX.

Balance unexpended,	\$50 05
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DOGS LICENSED.

76 males,	\$76 00
7 females,	21 00
1 kennel license,	10 00
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	\$107 00

CONTINGENT BILLS.

Paid O. H. Fellows, printing town reports,	\$22 25
Martin B. Hamilton, funerals with hearse, '95,	20 00
W. H. Stevens. bal. books,	12 25
W. W. Thomas. cer. of births and deaths,	2 00
A. H. Burbank, Esq, cer. of births and deaths,	4 00
C. H. Blanchard, Col. prem., in part, 1894,	50 00
C. H. Blanchard, Col. prem., in part, 1895,	20 00
N. M. Shaw, auditor,	3 00
J. L. Dunn, postage, etc.,	2 00
W. H. Stevens & Co., town books,	4 00
Joseph McKearney, injury on highway,	250 00
G. Fred Murch, mortgage list,	2 00
John F. Copp, supt., cemetery,	2 00
N. D. Farwell, supt., cemetery,	2 00
Albert Grannel, rent ward room,	5 00
W. S. Blanchard, constable services in part,	16 75
Southworth Bros., election blanks,	8 00
A. H. Strout, carrying election clerk,	3 00
Herman W. Hamilton, ward clerk,	8 00
A. H. Strout, Board of Health bill,	6 00
Silas Skillin, running Town line,	7 00

C. H. Blanchard, tax bill in by town,	20 92
E. E. Bates, election booths,	1 75
Ervin L. Ross, services ballot clerk,	8 00
C. H. Blanchard, Col., prem. in part for 1895,	50 00
C. A. Merrill, ballot clerk,	8 00
Jas. L. Dunn, oil, etc., for town house,	1 55
G. Fred Murch, record of deeds,	1 00
O. R. Sturdivant, Supt. of cemetery,	4 00
O. R. Sturdivant, ballot clerk,	8 00
W. H. Stevens, order book,	2 25
H. C. Blanchard, funerals with hearse,	30 00
J. F. Copp, Supt. cemetery,	2 00
Edward Ross, services as constable,	4 00
Albert H. Grannell, services Board of Health,	5 00
Albert H. Grannell, election clerk,	4 00
David E. Loring, procuring and setting stone monuments,	13 25
Silas Skillin, running and making plan for Island road,	5 00
Symonds, Snow & Cook, legal advice,	22 00
D. L. Blanchard, Supt. cemeteries,	10 50
D. L. Blanchard, services as town clerk,	40 36
E. D. Merrill, services as Supt. of schools,	120 15
L. L. Hale, cer. of births and deaths,	5 25
L. L. Hale, investigating scarlet fever case,	4 00
Mrs. M. A. Doughty, cer. of births,	3 00
S. F. Hamilton, Supt. cemetery,	5 00
Trustees Greely Institute, amount received from State in aid of free high schools,	255 12
Loring, Short & Harmon, Col. blanks,	1 78
H. M. Moulton, secretary Board of Health,	35 94
Samuel Merrill, town weights and measures,	12 50
Samuel Merrill, services as Treas., 1896,	50 00
S. F. Hamilton, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, for 1896,	74 90
R. N. Leighton, Supt. cemetery,	2 00
D. L. Blanchard, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	135 90

E. H. Trickey, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,		140	80
H. M. Moulton, certificates births and deaths,		4	00
C. H. Blanchard, Col. prem., in part, for 1896,		100	00
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		\$1,641	17
Appropriation,	\$1,100	00	
Amount received from State,	255	12	
		<hr/>	\$1,355
Balance against the town,			286 05

TAXES ABATED 1896.

Abated on list of C. H. Blanchard, by vote of Town,	\$8	00
Abated on list of C. H. Blanchard by Selectmen,	27	55
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	\$35	55

ABATEMENTS.

The following abatements have been made by the Selectmen during 1896:

	Cause.	Real Es.	Per. Est.	Poll tax.	Total.
Charles W. Thompson,	'95. old age			2.00	2.00
Elizabeth C. Black,	'96. error		10.80		10.80
Peter H. Peterson,	'96. not of age			2.00	2.00
Bessie M. Drinkwater,	'96. error	6.75			6.75
L. O. Hamilton,	'96. non-res.			2.00	2.00
Wm. H. Johnson,	'96. non-res.			2.00	2.00
Hugh Newcomb,	'96. not of age			2.00	2.00
				<hr/>	\$27.55

SUMMARY.

	Amount assessed and from other sources.	Amount expended.
Schools,	\$2,963 51	\$2,656 60
Interest,	1,300 62	1,300 62
Road repairs,	1,333 70	1,348 68
Bridges,	301 76	222 03
Snow bills,	100 00	143 42
Almshouse poor,	600 00	608 85
Outside poor,	300 00	802 09
School books,	200 00	232 57
School house repairs reappro- riated,	133 67	34 94
Island school house,	700 00	1 397 63
Reappropriation,	500 00	
Contingent,	1,100 00	1,641 17
Collector's premium,	203 54	
Overlay,	323 80	
Supplement,	10 75	
	<hr/> \$10,080 32	<hr/> \$10,388 60
Amount received from State aid, free high school,	255 12	Abatements, 35 55
Supt. Town farm, products sold,	65 50	
Supt. Town farm, labor,	24 30	
School books, sold,	6 35	
Material sold from Island school house,	10 09	
Due from Chas. B. Norton, In- sane Hospital bill,	269 37	
Due from town of Manchester,	6 00	
Due from city of Hallowell,	45 85	
Due from town of Phippsburg,	5 83	
Due from town of Westbrook	13 75	
Due from Willis Prince	32 34	
Rec'd from town of Poland	22 50	
	<hr/> \$10,837 32	<hr/> \$10,424 15
Balance in favor of Town,		\$413 17

LIABILITIES.

Notes due Greely Institute,	\$20,800 00
Notes due Cumberland School Fund,	877 00
Balance due schools,	306 91
Bills outstanding, estimated,	150 00
Town orders unpaid,	2 80
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	\$22,136 71

ASSETS.

Bal due from Treasurer, as per his report,	\$8,212 80
Bal. due from Treasurer on tax deeds,	160 00
Town farm with buildings thereon, stock, farming tools, etc., valued at	2,800 00
Town House and lot	800 00
School houses	5,400 00
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	\$17,372 80

E. H. TRICKEY, } *Selectmen*
D. L. BLANCHARD, } *of*
S. F. HAMILTON, } *Cumberland.*

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

N. M. SHAW, *Auditor.*

Report of Overseers of Poor.

To the Citizens of the Town of Cumberland:

Your overseers would submit the following report: We commenced the year with the following persons receiving aid or support from the town: Oliver Titcomb, Mary Cowdrey and Willie Morton, at the Almshouse. Willie Morton has been no expense, except board, to the town the past year. Robert Goodenow and wife have petitioned the Judge of Probate for adoption of Willie Morton. Mrs. Oliver J. Field was taken to the town farm October 29th. Watson E. Gould was taken to the farm December 19th. All of the above are inmates of the Almshouse at the present time.

We have paid the Town of Windham doctor's bill for the family of E. B. Field, \$94.00; and \$94.15 for supplies. We have paid the City of Portland, for board of Watson E. Gould, \$186.00. The above case has been pending for about two years, and was decided against the town. Paid L. L. Hale, medical attendance for Eva Webber, \$12.00. Paid City of Portland, for board etc. of Sarah J. Prince at Insane Hospital, \$32.24. Paid Maine Insane Hospital, for board etc., of Justina Morton, \$139.26. Paid Maine Insane Hospital, for board etc. of Elizabeth H. Norton, \$135.41, which is to be paid by her husband, C. B. Norton. Paid to H. M. Moulton, medical attendance, child of L. S. Walker, \$22.50, which has been paid by town of Poland. Paid James L. Dunn and H. M. Moulton, supplies and medical attendance to family of Charles K. Black, \$13.75, which is to be paid by the City of Westbrook. Paid L. L. Hale, medical attendance for Eugene Groves, \$6.00, which is to be paid by the Town of Manchester. Paid L. L. Hale, medical attendance

for Jerusha A. Jones, Groves, \$45.85, which is to be paid by the City of Hallowell. Paid A. R. Littlefield, for supplies to family of Ira Ridlon, \$5.83, which has been charged to the town of Phippsburg.

ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM MATTERS.

At the commencement of the year Robert Goodenow and wife, had charge of above term ending April 9th, 1896. At the close of that term we engaged the same parties to take care of the inmates and farm for one year, to end April 9th, 1897. They have taken good care of the poor and also worked for the interest of the town. They have raised on the farm 15 tons of hay, 100 bushel potatoes, 5 bushel beans, 200 bushels apples, 914 lbs., pork, 46 bushels barley.

The net expenses of poor at the Almshouse were :

We took an inventory of all stock, produce, farming tools, etc., at the farm February 18th, 1897. A schedule of which may be seen at the office. We estimate the same to be worth \$713.43. Amount of dry wood in shed prepared for use is 14 cords. Green wood at the door 14 cords, and 4 cords cut in the woods.

TOWN FARM AND ALMSHOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF CUMBERLAND.

DR.

To value of stock as appraised Feb. 15th, 1896,	\$794 95
To paid by Superintendent as per account rendered for supplies, etc., Feb. 18th, 1897,	112 86
To amount in town orders as shown in Selectmens' report,	608 85
To goods received in exchange for products,	12 75
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	\$1,529 41

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By cash received by Superintendent as per account rendered for sale of products,	\$122 15
By cash paid Town Treasurer by Superintendent for products sold,	65 50
By cash paid Town Treasurer by Superintendent for labor,	25 30
By meals and lodging for 74 tramps,	29 60
By value of stock, farming implements, household goods, etc., as per inventory made Feb. 15, '97,	713 43
By products sold in exchange for supplies,	12 75
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	\$968 73
Balance against the town,	\$560 68

E. H. TRICKEY, } *Overseers*
D. L. BLANCHARD, } *of*
S. F. HAMILTON, } *Poor.*

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N. M. SHAW, *Auditor.*

Treasurer's Report.

Balance in treasury March, 1896,	\$9,276 12
Received from state bounty on seals reimbursed,	16 00
from State, this towns proportion, dog license, refunded,	102 46
Assessors' commitment, 1896,	10,187 72
from State, for schools, 1896,	1,163 52
Cumberland school fund,	87 62
State for free high schools,	250 00
accumulated interest in savings banks on sinking fund,	49 92
S. Reed, interest on deposits in First Nat. Bank,	79 55

Received from Portland Savings Bank, interest on free high school money,		5 12
4 lots sold in Moss Side Cemetery,		16 00
4 lots sold in Island Cemetery,		16 00
railroad and telegraph tax,		1 03
from L. T. Hall reimbursement for school house rebate,		15 00
Town of Poland, pauper supplies, for lumber and materials from Island schoolhouse,		22 50
from Berlin Mills Co, rebate on lumber,		5 15
O. S. Collins for use of farm wheels,		1 00
produce sold from Town Farm,		2 00
Robert Goodnow for labor on road and bridge,		65 50
rebate on desks for Island school house,		24 30
books sold,		3 94
		6 35
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		\$21,396 76
Paid out town orders,	\$13,179 96	
bounty on seals,	4 00	<hr/>
Balance due the town,		\$8,212 80
Due from C. H. Blanchard, Col., 1894 tax,	\$13 50	
Due from C. H. Blanchard, Col., 1895 tax,	20 17	
Due from C. H. Blanchard, Col., 1896 tax,	4,116 17	
Due from Portland Savings Bank sinking fund,	647 44	
Due from Maine Savings Bank sink- ing fund,	639 08	
Due from Portland Savings Bank, free high school money,	250 00	
Cash to bal. in First Nat. Bank,	2,526 44	
	<hr/>	\$8,212 80

SAMUEL MERRILL, *Treasurer.*

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N. M. SHAW, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF GREELY INSTITUTE.

The Spring term commenced March 2d, 1896 ; closed May. Mr. Edgar L. Pennell, A. B., Principal ; Miss Cora B. Pennell and Miss Ethel C. Blanchard, assistants.

The Fall term commenced August ; closed November. Mr. Edgar L. Pennell, Principal ; Misses Pennell and Blanchard, assistants.

The Winter term commenced December ; closed February. Mr. Edgar L. Pennell, Principal ; Miss Margaret F. Knowles, Miss Pennell and Miss Blanchard, assistants.

The Spring term will commence March 1st.

PERMANENT FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note,	\$12,000 00
For Town of Cumberland note,	6,000 00
For Town of Cumberland note,	2,000 00
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	\$20,000 00

PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note,	\$300 00
For one years' interest,	18 00
For cash balance from 1895,	18 01
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	\$336 01
Paid H. H. Hay & Co.,	\$3 07
Cash on hand,	32 94 36 01
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Town of Cumberland note,	\$300 00

LIBRARY FUND.

For amount in Portland Saving Bank,	\$592 68
For May and November dividends,	23 92
Cash from 1895,	65
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	\$617 25
For amount in Portland Saving Bank,	\$616 60
Cash on hand,	65
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	\$617 25

ACCUMULATED FUND.

For Town of Cumberland note,	\$500 00
For amount due on tuition book,	103 50
Cash on hand,	

GENERAL INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND
AND OTHER SOURCES.

IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES GREELY INSTITUTE.

Paid C. P. Graves, tuning piano,	\$ 2 50
P. A. Leighton, janitor,	18 00
H. C. Blanchard, express,	60
Ethel C. Blanchard, assistant,	40 00
Cora B. Pennell, assistant,	100 00
Edgar L. Pennell, principal,	234 96
Express,	35
F. L. R. Gould, printing reports,	4 00
Insurance,	153 00
Carrie B. Curry, cleaning,	13 43
R. P. Greely, coal,	42 00
Edgar L. Pennell, principal,	327 25
Cora B. Pennell, assistant,	120 00
Ethel C. Blanchard, assistant,	48 00
P. A. Leighton, janitor,	18 00
Margaret F. Knowles, assistant,	56 00
C. A. Merrill, wood,	5 00
stove pipe and express,	65
J. L. Dunn, supplies,	5 88
Cora B. Pennell, assistant,	50 00
C. H. Greely, labor,	2 40
Ethel C. Blanchard, assistant,	44 00
Southworth Bros., printing,	28 00
P. A. Leighton, janitor,	20 00
E. H. Trickey, supplies,	1 75
Edgar L. Pennell, principal,	300 00

Report of Schools.

Citizens of Cumberland:

I herewith submit to you for consideration a report of your schools for the past year, together with other matters connected with the school work. Such suggestions as I shall make for the future I ask you to consider candidly, and accept only if found to be for the best good of our schools. Owing to difficulty in regard to the school committee, the spring term of schools was delayed. On the 30th day of April 1896 the committee was organized, and on the 4th day of May nine schools commenced, and the tenth school the day following. In so short a time, and at that late day, it was impossible to get the teachers most to be desired in every case, but I think the teachers generally did very good work, and many of them have been continued for the year. Of the fourteen teachers employed, nine are residents of Cumberland. Ten had had previous experience, four had not. Of the beginners, Mr. Sweetser did very fine work for two terms in No. 10, and although he did not have so good success in No. 9, I believe with more experience he will make a fine teacher. Mr. Higgins' first experience has shown good work, and is deserving of commendation, as are the pupils and parents of No. 10, average attendance being 100 per cent. for the full year. Miss Blanchard and Miss Morrill taught in Primary school No. 9. Both are well qualified educationally, but unfortunately, the school was in a very disorderly condition when taken by Miss Blanchard, and being inexperienced, she did not have so good success

D. L. Blanchard, trustee,	2 50
E. H. Trickey, trustee,	17 00
Amount in Maine Savings Bank,	290 00
Cash to balance,	80 87
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	\$2026 14

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For cash balance from 1895,	\$397 12
For cash from Town Treasurers money received from State in aid Free High School,	255 02
For interest on \$12,000, \$6,000, \$2,000 and \$500 Town notes,	615 00
For tuition Spring term,	15 00
For tuition Fall term,	59 00
For interest on \$12,000, \$6,000 \$2,000 and \$500 Town notes,	615 00
For tuition Winter term,	42 00
For back tuition received during year,	28 00
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	\$2,026 14

E. H. TRICKEY, } Trustees
D. L. BLANCHARD, } of
S. F. HAMILTON, } Greely Institute.

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as she might have had in a school that had been well managed previously. The fall term of the Primary school was taught by Miss Belle Nash of Alfred, Me., who has had much experience in primary work, and I believe that if many who think anything will answer to teach small children had visited Miss N.'s school, would have been convinced that a short term under the instruction of such a teacher is worth far more to the children, than a much longer term of a lower grade. The winter term was taught by Miss Morrill, who took the school in good condition and has left it for her successor as she found it. The little school is now in as good shape as any in town. Of our more experienced teachers I think it unnecessary to mention each one especially, as all have done very good work, and there are many scholars whose attendance has been regular, and deportment perfect, who are deserving of special praise were space allowed. Of our home teachers I can say that we have some of the best, and as I have the best of wishes for others who have not yet become their equals but may yet become so, I refrain from calling names.

In regard to teachers who are not residents of Cumberland I would mention Miss Hayes, who taught spring and fall terms in No. 9, Grammar Department, as one of our very best teachers, and I hope she may be retained as a teacher in our town hereafter. We all want to have good schools. How shall we have such is the question with us. I think we could have a great improvement in our schools if all who want such would do their part faithfully. First, I think we want the best teachers we can employ, exercising fair reason, and then give them our hearty support. But a fine teacher alone cannot make a school perfect. To have the best results we must have a united feeling among parents, children and teacher. We need regular attendance and faithful, determined perseverance on the part of the pupils. The parents should encourage their children in such efforts, not only in words at home, but by visiting the schools often, where they can see personally, and thus know what their schools are. Our text books are very badly worn in many

cases and we are obliged to furnish new ones every year to replace such as have become worthless. This year I was obliged to expend more than the appropriation. Have put Dole's American Citizen in part of our schools and Thayer's "Ethics of Success" in Greely Institute for a reader. Have made no changes in text books, but think the committee of the coming year will need the same appropriation for books that we had last year. The repairs on school buildings have been quite small the past year, as no appropriation was made for such but I think it would be well to provide the coming committee with a reasonable amount for repairs, as there is considerable needed. Our old school house, No. 8, stands unoccupied, as a new one has been erected within the year, and now it is for the town to say what disposal they will make of the old building; also I hope the town will take action in regard to school house No. 13, as it is fast going to decay, and if the town wishes to keep it in their possession it will be necessary to make quite extended repairs on same without delay. Greely Institute school, not before mentioned, has been under the instruction of the same corps of teachers, as last year, viz.: E. L. Pennell, Principal, and Misses Cora B. Pennell and Ethel C. Blanchard, Assistants. I have reason to believe that the teachers have been faithful and capable in their work; but this school does not rank so high *as it should*. It seems to me, as it always has, that parents are too much in a hurry in allowing their children to enter this school unprepared. Why should they go to *this* school when they have so much *more* help in the common schools? I know it is natural for children to wish to become high school scholars, but it is of far more importance that they should become thorough scholars. Parents, will you consider this? It is for you to say what the grade of this school shall be.

In conclusion, I have to say, that in my three years' experience as a member of the School Committee there have been many things that I shall be happy to remember; and, leaving whatever may have been unpleasant, unmentioned,

would say in sincerity, that it has been my aim to do the best I could to help build up our schools and the cause of education. Before closing I wish to express my thanks to my friends generally for their very many kindnesses shown; and, in closing, would say that I hope that our schools may be *still more* successful in the future than they have been in the past

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND D. MERRILL,

Superintendent of Schools.

Cumberland, Feb. 18, 1897.

TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1896-7.

School.	Name of Teacher.	Term.	Whole Attend.	Av. Attend.	Wages per Week.	Number of Weeks.
No. 1,	Nellie C. Groves,	Spring,	7	6.48	\$6	8
	Lizzie M. Colley,	Fall,	8	6.88	6	10
	“ “	Winter,	8	7	6.50	10
No. 2,	Inez M. Rowe,	Spring,	30	19.7	8	8
	“ “	Fall,	28	22.2	8	10
	“ “	Winter,	22	17.6	8.50	10
No. 3,	Gertrude S. Merrill,	Spring,	38	31	8.50	8
	“ “	Fall,	38	34.4	8.50	10
	“ “	Winter,	39	32.4	9	10
No. 4,	Luna M. Dolloff,	Spring,	20	19	7	8
	Nellie C. Groves,	Fall,	21	19.7	7	10
	“ “	Winter,	21	18.15	8	10
No. 5,	Olive H. Merrill,	Spring,	18	13.3	7.50	8
	Ethel C. Shaw,	Fall,	19	16	7	10
	“ “	Winter,	20	12	8	10
No. 7,	Ethel C. Shaw,	Spring,	11	9	6.50	8
	Olive H. Merrill,	Fall,	12	10	7	10
	“ “	Winter,	10	9.2	7	10
No. 8,	Mrs. A. F. Trafton	Spring,	49	39	9	8
	“ “	Fall,	38	25	9	7
	“ “	Winter,	34	20	9.25	10
	Grammar Dept.					
No. 9,	Olive M. Hayes,	Spring,	50	42.05	9.50	8
	“ “	Fall,	46	39.6	10.00	10
	Edwin S. Sweetser,	Winter,	40	35	10.50	10
No. 9, Primary,	Harriet N. Blanchard,	Spring,	20	13.3	6	8
	Belle J. Nash,	Fall,	24	18	6.50	10
	Annie W. Morrill,	Winter,	24	16.5	6.50	10
No. 10,	Edwin S. Sweetser,	Spring,	4	4	8	8
	“ “	Fall,	4	4	8	10
	Geo. W. Higgins,	Winter,	4	4	7	10

Schools No. 6, 12 and 13, suspended for the year.

RECORD : OF : DEATHS.

FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 15th, 1897,

Date of Death.	Name.	Place of Death.	Age.		
			Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
Jan. 8, 1895.	Ina M. Andrews,	Cumberland,	2	2	16
July 9,	George W. McLellan,	Cumberland,	63	1	29
Feb. 19, 1896.	Edwin T. Drinkwater,	Cumberland,	63	7	
Mch. 7,	Emery W. Hamilton,	Chebeague,	48	11	19
Mch. 4,	Caroline A. Huston,	Cumberland,	62	11	20
Apl. 5,	Beatrice L. Curit,	Chebeague,		7	15
Apl. 25,	Rachel W. Moxcey,	Cumberland,	83	1	13
May 5,	Charles McLellan,	Cumberland,	70	3	
May 12,	Eunice S. Farwell,	Cumberland,	70	7	19
May 21,	May Belle Pennell,	Cumberland,	25	7	25
May 17,	Lewis H. Lawrensen,	Deering,	1	5	22
June 26,	Nathaniel B. Wilson,	Cumberland,	68	11	
July 15,	Anna B. Chase,	Cumberland,	57	9	
July 18,	John Neil Farwell,	Cumberland,	60	9	14
July 18,	Elias B. Shaw,	Cumberland,	75	9	
July 26,	Charles L. Walker,	Cumberland,		5	26
Aug. 4.	Amanda E. Doughty,	Chebeague,	21	4	
Aug. 9,	Phebe Hill,	Chebeague,	83		3
Sept. 5,	Eunice C. Eaton,	Cumberland,	78		
July 11, 1888.	Allen A. Morton,	Framingham, Mass.,	66		
Sept. 16, 1896.	Frank I. Jordan,	Deering,	46		
Sept. 22,	Clara W. Blanchard,	Deering,	49		6
Oct. 8,	Edward A. Johnson,	Chebeague,			21
Oct. 11,	Loring B. Sweetser,	Portland,	37		7
Oct. 13.	Annie Hamilton,	Chebeague,	25	10	28
Oct. 15,	Harriet N. Sweetser,	Cumberland,	82	10	11
Oct. 31,	Edward W. Hamilton,	Chebeague,	56	11	6
Nov. 9,	Dora B. Petersen,	Cumberland,	6	7	18
Nov. 23,	Sarah E. Sawyer.	Cumberland,	65	9	
Nov. 26,	Harriet N. Stetson,	Cumberland,	82	5	
July 10,	Perses J. Prince,	No. Yarmouth,	77	11	6

No. of Births for the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1897, 27. No. of Marriages, 27.



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