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# TOWN OFFICERS

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CLERK.

WILLIAM SPRAGUE.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ELI HODGKINS,

H. H. COBURN,

J. S. WEYMOUTH.

TREASURER.

H. W. GAMAGE.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

C. S. STETSON.

CONSTABLE AND COLLECTOR.

G. V. TODD.

# REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

## *Valuation of the Town, April 1, 1891.*

Real estate,	\$234,845 00	
Personal estate,	52,395 00	
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Total valuation,		\$287,240 00

## ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	\$908 92	
County tax,	456 66	
	<hr/>	\$1,365 58

## RAISED BY TOWN.

Roads,	\$500 00	
Schools,	800 00	
Current expenses,	800 00	
Debt and interest,	100 00	
Memorial Day,	15 00	
School books,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,315 00
Overlay,	\$101 90	
Delinquent highway,	101 60	
Non-resident highway,	86 83	
	<hr/>	\$290 33
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Total commitment to collector,		\$3,970 91

Rate of taxation, 11 1-2 mills on a dollar. Number of polls, 234. Poll tax, \$2.00. Paid for collecting, .02 on the dollar.

Raised labor tax for highways and put into the hands of sub-surveyors, \$1,600. Rate, 5 mills on the dollar. Poll tax, \$1.00.

## EXPENDITURES.

## ROADS.

J. S. Weymouth, cash paid for oxen,	\$135 00	
Elijah Stevens, breaking roads in 1890-91,	10 00	
H. L. Davis, labor,	1 95	
Eli Hodgkins, cash paid for oxen,	140 00	
Eli Hodgkins, time and expenses,	13 00	
H. W. and F. A. Morse, for oxen,	205 00	
Alanson Rose, labor and material,	3 60	
I. N. Thompson, labor,	4 50	
C. E. Carville, lumber,	3 80	
S. B. Lander, labor,	2 14	
Geo. Tylor & Co., repairs to road machine,	8 75	
R. C. Pingree & Co., lumber,	9 80	
Owen Taylor, labor,	13 32	
H. L. Davis, labor,	10 00	
E. E. Davis, labor,	7 50	
S. B. Rackley, labor,	28 24	
S. H. Harris, labor,	11 77	
I. N. Thompson, labor,	27 99	
J. S. Weymouth, labor and cash paid for labor,	265 47	
G. V. Todd, cash paid on pay-roll,	225 03	
J. M. R. Murray, shoeing oxen, etc.,	12 25	
Jordan & Frost, lumber and posts,	15 30	
E. S. Daly, labor,	5 00	
M. B. Sanborn, labor,	8 90	
F. E. Howe, labor,	16 40	
D. B. Wiley, labor,	5 90	
H. W. Gamage, feed and supplies,	73 63	
J. B. Murray, labor,	1 00	
W. S. & J. F. Wilkins, lumber,	8 48	
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Total amount of orders drawn for roads,		\$1,280 28
Sold one pair oxen to L. D. Manson,	\$140 00	
Sold one pair oxen to J. K. Briggs,	143 00	

Sold one pair oxen to Nealey & Miller,	\$180 32	
	<u>          </u>	\$463 32

Total money cost of repairs on roads and building Wales road,		\$816 96
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#### ROAD MACHINE.

Worked 48 days with road machine repairing roads. Cost of two men, keeping and shoeing oxen, and repairs to road machine,	\$270 84	
Loss on oxen,	16 68	
Time and expense, buying oxen,	13 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$300 52

Cost of running machine per day, \$6.26.

#### WALES ROAD.

Work done and paid for in 1890,	\$48 81	
Labor and material, 1891,	197 08	
	<u>          </u>	\$245 89

#### CURRENT EXPENSES,

Including Support of Poor.

G. V. Todd, part pay collecting, 1890,	\$50 00
Geo. E. Parker, work over his year on farm,	3 00
C. A. Caswell, difference in cows,	10 00
McClellan & Mosher, books,	4 50
Expense of commissioners in case Wales vs. Greene,	110 87
A. M. Thompson, bushing on Wales line,	1 50
Eli Hodgkins, harrow for farm,	15 00
Mrs. Alvin Sprague, for hay,	48 00
O. Braumson, for hay,	21 59
H. H. Purinton, medical attendance to M. Pickett,	13 50
E. B. & H. S. Parker, pasturing oxen,	8 00
Thomas B. Mosher, books for town clerk,	12 00
Town of Turner, supplies to E. P. Wardwell,	39 88

S. W. Cary, guardian, cash for supplies to E. P. Wardwell,	\$144 69	
Town of Mercer, supplies to O. M. Kilgore,	52 89	
E. F. Pratt, aid to M. Pickett,	77 50	
C. S. Stetson, services as supervisor,	48 00	
C. S. Stetson, postage, stationery, etc.,	2 43	
Eli Hodgkins, cash paid witnesses, counsel, monuments, etc., in Wales line case,	25 35	
F. M. Drew, making papers in Wardwell pension case,	1 00	
G. V. Todd, bal. due for collecting, 1890,	12 71	
Wm. Sprague, services as clerk and fees,	11 15	
Eli Hodgkins, services as selectman, etc.,	69 50	
H. H. Coburn, services as selectman, etc.,	46 50	
J. S. Weymouth, services as selectman, etc.,	43 00	
H. W. Gamage, services as treasurer,	30 00	
G. V. Todd, services as constable,	10 00	
H. H. Purinton, health officer,	1 75	
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Total orders drawn for current expenses and support of poor,		\$1,117 14

### TOWN FARM.

Fred Pollard, superintendent. From April 4, 1891, to February 22, 1892, made 1,027 pounds of butter.

Sold 931 pounds at 20 cents,	\$186 20	
73½ dozen eggs,	14 26	
8 bushels potatoes at 40 cents,	3 20	
apples,	7 70	
1 pig, 250 pounds at 6½ cents,	16 25	
1 veal calf,	5 40	
1 sheep,	3 00	
16 pounds chickens,	1 28	
fowl,	2 45	
23 bushels oats at 40 cents,	9 20	
	<hr/>	\$248 94



The butter was sold at the door, therefore no extra expense for marketing.

Besides supporting the family and paying for all grain that has been fed to the cows, Mr. Pollard has bought the following articles and turned over to the treasurer \$12.88 in cash :

16 milk pans,	\$1 50
1 pork barrel,	1 20
1 tie chain,	20
1 bunch shingles,	40
3 curtains,	30
Window glass,	30
1 cord of wood for Eaton's room,	5 00
80 pounds of fence wire,	3 12
Help moving hay,	2 00
2 pigs,	4 50

The town has paid as follows :

Overseer's salary,	\$200 00
For hay,	69 59
For harrow,	15 00

There is now on the farm : 2 oxen, 4 cows, 1 two-year old heifer, 17 hens, 4 tons of hay, 40 bushels of potatoes, 1 bag C. seed meal, between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a barrel of pork, apples enough for the family,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bushels of beans,  $1\frac{2}{3}$  barrels of flour, 1 box salt, 1 pound coffee, 1 pound tea, 10 pounds sugar, 3 pounds lard.

The cows are in very excellent condition.

#### POOR OFF THE FARM.

Margaret Pickett,	\$77 50
Medical attendance on same,	13 50
Total cost for Miss Pickett,	<u>\$91 00</u>

#### OUT OF TOWN.

E. P. Wardwell and family, Turner,	\$184 57
O. M. Kilgore and family, Mercer,	52 89
	<u>\$237 46</u>
Total cost of poor off the farm,	<u>\$328 46</u>

Mr. Wardwell owned a place in Turner,—a house, stable, and two acres of good land. Last year he mortgaged his place for \$117. Later there were two attachments put on. The selectmen of Turner then petitioned the Probate Court, and S. W. Cary was appointed guardian for E. P. Wardwell. Mr. Cary then settled the suits and paid the mortgage, getting a large discount on them all. The selectmen of Greene furnished the money as individuals, believing we had no right to purchase real estate for the town. There is now \$172 and interest since last July against the estate. The property is worth about \$300. Mr. Wardwell was a soldier, and he or his family cannot be removed to the town farm. He has a wife and four small children with a prospective increase. He draws a small pension. We recommend that the town pay the bill against the place, and take it into their possession, believing that the interest on the money will be less than rent would be elsewhere. We believe that Wardwell is entitled to a larger pension than he gets, and have been working for an increase. What the result will be we cannot tell.

O. M. Kilgore has had no help since January 21st, and thinks he will be able to get along without any more assistance.

#### EXPENSES IN LINE CASE, WALES vs. GREENE.

Cost of Commissioners, one-half of cost,	\$110 87	
Witnesses,	9 00	
A. R. Savage, counsel,	5 00	
Monuments, bushing, etc.,	12 85	
	—	\$137 72

#### SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid for school books,	\$100 11
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#### MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid G. A. R. Committee,	\$15 00
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#### LIABILITIES.

Notes bearing interest,	\$1,646 00
Interest due,	127 52
Due the several school districts,	234 06

Outstanding town orders,	\$141 00	
Outstanding school orders,	133 52	
Outstanding bills, estimated,	25 00	
Due for collecting taxes, 1891,	79 42	
Due for printing town reports,	16 00	
	—	\$2,402 52

#### RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury,	\$34 32	
Due from collector, 1891,	1,708 72	
Due on tax deeds,	48 24	
	—	\$1,791 28

Liabilities over resources, \$611 24

It is well understood that in breaking the roads in the winter season some of the tax-payers do a large amount of breaking necessarily while others do no work. Consequently the labor tax cannot be apportioned to pay all of the snow bills; therefore some of them have to be paid in money, as was the case the past year. We were obliged to pay the past year \$109.82 for that purpose, thus reducing the money appropriation for summer work that amount. This, with building the Wales road, will account for overrunning the sum raised by the town. You will readily see by the outside pauper bills why the sum raised for current expenses has been overdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

ELI HODGKINS,  
H. H. COBURN,  
J. S. WEYMOUTH,

*Selectmen of Greene.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 27, 1892.

## RECEIPTS.

Received from Treasurer of 1890,	\$496 55	
Non-resident tax of 1889,	2 84	
Non-resident tax of 1890,	24 18	
G. V. Todd, collector of taxes, 1890,	1,231 44	
G. V. Todd, collector of taxes, 1891,	2,274 09	
Eli Hodgkins, empty kegs sold,	1 50	
Sheriff, for empty kegs sold,	7 50	
State Treasurer, railroad and telegraph tax,	5 05	
State Treasurer, school fund and mill tax,	593 53	
State aid,	48 00	
L. D. Manson, oxen sold,	140 00	
Eli Hodgkins, overseer of poor,	41 50	
J. S. Weymouth, oxen sold,	323 32	
Eli Hodgkins, cash from farm,	12 88	
		\$5,202 38

## EXPENDITURES.

Town orders paid,	\$2,422 79	
School orders paid,	1,305 69	
Interest on town notes,	26 00	
County tax, 1891,	456 66	
State aid,	48 00	
State tax, 1891,	908 92	
Cash in treasury February 27, 1892,	34 32	
		\$5,202 38

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. GAMAGE, *Treasurer of Greene.*

# REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.

In compliance with a State law I herewith submit the following report of the public schools of this town for the past year :

## TABULAR STATEMENT.

District No.	Total No. of Pupils in District.	Total No. Attending School.	Average No. attending Spring and Summer Terms.	Average No. attending Fall and Winter Terms.	Total No. Weeks of School.	No. of visits to Schools by Citizens.	No. of visits to Schools by Supervisor.	Weekly Compensation of Teachers, Spring and Summer Terms.	Weekly Compensation of Teachers, Fall and Winter Terms.
1							1		
2	8	7	6	6	20	26	4	\$3.25	\$4.50
3	27	22	15	19	17	11	4	6.00	7.00
4	20	14	12	8	20	3	4	4.50	5.25
6	25	13	9	10	19	13	4	5.00	*25.00
7	22	13	8	9	28	14	5	5.00	5.00
8	19	15	13	13	18	15	5	5.50	*25.00
9	20	11	10	9	19	10	4	4.75	6.00
10	27	17	13	14	20		4	6.00	6.00
11	20	10	9	9	19	26	3	5.50	6.00
16	13	11	7	10	21	3	4	4.25	5.00

\*Per month.

### DISTRICT No. 1.

D. B. Wiley, agent. Lizzie Spofford, teacher. The school in this district is the smallest in town and is composed of small scholars. The school is still in session, and, so far as a teacher can in a school of this size, Miss Spofford has obtained good results.

### DISTRICT No. 2.

J. O. Beals, agent. Laura E. Thomas, teacher. The *Summer and Fall Terms* in this district were both taught by Miss

Thomas. These were her first schools. Miss Thomas shows marked ability in governing and instructing a school. I predict for her a successful future as a teacher.

#### DISTRICT No. 3.

D. Gilbert, agent. *Summer Term.* Mrs. Mabel Carville, teacher. This term was short, owing to some misunderstanding in the district as to when the term should begin. Mrs. Carville is an experienced teacher, and in the short time allowed her accomplished good results.

*Fall Term.* Cora E. Gilbert, teacher. Miss Gilbert is a veteran teacher, having taught a large number of schools. She is one of the most successful teachers ever employed in Greene. She is up with the times and is constantly studying out new methods to interest her pupils.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

Eli Hodgkins, agent. *Spring Term.* Alice M. Jackson, teacher. This term of school was nearly a failure, owing, I think, to lack of ambition on the part of the teacher. Miss Jackson might succeed were she to put a little energy into her work.

*Fall Term.* Della E. Foss, teacher. Miss Foss possessed in a marked degree just those qualities which the teacher for the previous term lacked. She is a strict disciplinarian, full of interest in her school, and I think a good "all round" teacher.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

W. F. Mower, agent. *Spring Term.* Nellie M. Patten, teacher. This was Miss Patten's first school. She lacked in discipline, but is destined to make a successful teacher. She is conscientious and hard-working, and only needs experience to make one of the best teachers.

*Winter Term.* Charles M. Mower, teacher. Mr. Mower taught a successful term of school. He is a fine scholar and has a happy faculty of imparting his knowledge to his scholars.

## DISTRICT No. 7.

No agent. Edith Smith, teacher. Miss Smith had charge of the schools in this district for the year. She is a very careful, painstaking teacher, and I cheerfully recommend her as one of the best.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

Wyman Stevens, agent. *Spring Term.* Lizzie L. Rackley, teacher. Miss Rackely has taught this school quite a number of terms, and always with credit to herself and profit to her school. She is a first-class teacher. She has a happy faculty of impressing upon the unruly element the idea that it is dangerous to go too far.

*Fall and Winter Terms.* Walter L. Mower, teacher. These terms of school were profitable. Mr. Mower shows marked interest in his school, and is hard working for its advancement. He is destined to shine in a more elevated position than a district school.

## DISTRICT No. 9.

Charles Foss, agent. *Summer Term.* Fannie M. Rose, teacher. This was Miss Rose's first attempt at teaching. I think she is one of the most honest conscientious persons in a school-room that I ever saw, and with experience will make one of the best of teachers.

*Winter Term.* Blanche Brackett, teacher. Miss Brackett is mistress of the situation in a school-room. She is hard working and insists on, and will have, good order. A pupil who cannot learn under her instruction is too dull to attend district schools.

## DISTRICT No. 10.

John Moulton, agent. *Spring and Fall Terms.* Ellen W. Bishop, teacher. Miss Bishop is a teacher of long experience, and is counted as one of the best. She had marked success in district No. 10. She is tireless in her efforts to interest her scholars, and the results of her hard work were plainly evident at the examination.

## DISTRICT No. 11.

A. B. Parker, agent. *Summer and Winter Terms.* Alice Bradbury, teacher. Miss Bradbury has taught the school in district No. 11 for several terms, and always with uniform success. She has a happy faculty of devising methods of keeping up the interest in her school. She is a "New Fashioned Teacher" in its best sense. She is out of the ruts.

## DISTRICT No. 16.

Fred Hill, agent. *Spring Term.* Bertha Marrow, teacher. Lack of discipline spoiled this term of school. If Miss Marrow could have drawn the reins up close, she possessed the other qualities for teaching a successful term of school.

*Fall Term.* Susie L. Pratt, teacher. This term of school was a decided success. Miss Pratt won the hearts and confidence of her scholars at once. She knows how to impart knowledge, and she knows how to insist on a quiet orderly school. She won the golden opinions of every one in district No. 16, and took with her their best wishes.

It has been the aim of your Supervisor to obtain the best teachers possible with the means provided for their compensation. It is not always possible to obtain a first-class teacher at a third-rate salary. The schools for the past year have been profitable and I think good work has been accomplished. The pupils have shown a desire to learn that has been highly gratifying to teachers, while it has encouraged them to extra efforts in their behalf. The teachers, in nearly all cases, have taken an interest in their work that has accomplished remarkably good results. From a comparison of results I find some of our best teachers are residents of Greene. I would respectfully recommend school agents and supervisors to employ home talent when it can be done. It encourages our teachers to let them know that we trust and have confidence in them.

The most of the school-houses in town are in good repair and are comfortable. There are, however, two or three houses which are almost wholly unfit for school purposes, especially in cold weather. Let those who are most interested in these



so-called houses see to it that they are repaired while there is still something left to repair.

I would earnestly recommend that parents take a more active interest in our schools. Every person directly interested in their school should visit that school at least twice each term. Your children will respond quickly to the interest you take in their welfare. Let them know that you are interested in their school life and that you are proud of them when they excel in their studies.

It has been the aim of teachers and of your Supervisor to instill into the minds of all pupils the idea that thoroughness and not rapidly skimming over their books must be their motto. One-half the time of many pupils has been wasted by going over the same work term after term.

Much more and better work has been accomplished during the past year than could have been done with our old books. We now have a uniformity of text-books throughout the town. We can now have larger classes and fewer recitations than was possible with the old books. The new books have been remarkably well cared for. The most of them have been neatly covered, and nearly all pupils seem to take pride in seeing how well they can use the town's property.

I would respectfully call the attention of all who are in any way interested in our schools to the fact that the time has come when something ought to be done to obtain more schooling for the amount of money that you each year take from your pockets to support the public schools. We will take, for instance, the school where the average attendance was the largest. In district No. 3 it was nineteen (19) for the Fall Term. The teacher's compensation per week was \$7.00. The same teacher could have taken charge of forty scholars properly classified as easily as nineteen. In district No. 2 you paid a teacher \$4.50 per week for teaching a school of six scholars. If the eleven districts in town could be reduced to four or five you would have longer and better schools at less expense than the schools now cost. This may not be the best way of consolidating the schools. It is offered as a suggestion for you to think of, that some one may think out and bring forward the best method for

obtaining the longest and best schools possible for your money. There are many ways to choose from and you want the best. You can certainly rest assured the time is close at hand when something must be done. The sooner it is done the better.

It is certainly the duty of communities to provide for the care of children mentally to the very best advantage. The schools should be conducted on business principles. The best and greatest returns possible should be obtained for money expended.

In conclusion I desire to thank the school agents for their promptness in forwarding information required, and the teachers and scholars for their uniform kindness and courtesy.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. STETSON, *Supervisor of Schools.*

