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Annual Report

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF

GUILFORD

For the Year Ending March 15th, 1897.

GUILFORD CITIZEN PRINT.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 22, 1897

To S. H. Stevens, constable of the town of Guilford, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Guilford qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Guilford hall, in the village of Guilford on Monday, the twenty-second day of March, A. D. 1897, at ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2.—To choose a town clerk.

Art. 3.—To hear all reports to be made at said meeting.

Art. 4.—To choose three or more selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor.

Art. 5.—To choose a town treasurer.

Art. 6.—To choose a superintending school committee.

Art. 7.—To see if the town will authorize the school committee to elect a superintendent.

Art. 8.—To choose one or more road commissioners.

Art. 9.—To choose a town agent.

Art. 10.—To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on taxes paid before certain days or dates, said date or dates and discount to be fixed at said meeting; or whether they will vote to add a penalty or interest to be fixed at said meeting to taxes not paid before certain date or dates.

Art. 11.—To choose a collector of taxes and see what method the town will adopt for collecting taxes.

Art. 12.—To choose one or more auditors of accounts.

Art. 13.—To choose one or more constables.

Art. 14.—To choose truant officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 15.—To choose surveyors of wood and bark and lumber and all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 16.—To see what sum the town will vote to pay the supervisor of schools for each day of actual service or to pay a stated salary.

Art. 17.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools.

Art. 18.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair schoolhouses and for insurance on the same.

Art. 19.—To see what sum of money the town will raise for support of Free High school at the village.

Art. 20.—To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of poor and other town charges.

Art. 21.—To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay outstanding interest bearing debts and interest on the same.

Art. 22.—To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of roads and bridges and how the same shall be expended.

Art. 23.—To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of electric lights for the bridge at the village.

Art. 24.—To see what sum of money the town will raise for the purchasing of school books.

Art. 25.—To see if the town will vote to raise twenty-five dollars to help pay the expenses of Memorial day and pay the same to John H. Morgan Post.

Art. 26.—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of water pipe and to lay the same for the better protection of property from fire in Guilford village. Also for the purchase of pails for fire purposes and authorize the selectmen to expend the same.

Art. 27.—To see if the town will vote to have printed town reports for next annual town meeting and pay for the same.

Art. 28.—To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise for the support of the Kindergarten school.

Art. 29.—To see if the town will vote to raise money for the purpose of grading the school lot in the Lows Bridge district, so-called, and how the same shall be expended.

Art. 30.—To see if the town will vote to buy a farm for a town farm and how the same shall be bought; also to see if the town will authorize the selectmen to hire money to pay for the same.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters at Guilford Hall association at (9) nine o'clock a. m., on the day of said meeting.

Given the 13th day of March 1897:

MICAJAH HUDSON, } Selectmen
E. O. STODDARD, } of
W. M. BEAL, } Guilford.

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Assessor's Department.

APPROPRIATIONS MARCH 23, 1896.

Supervisor of schools.....	\$100 00	
Common schools.....	1,600 00	
Insurance and repairs of school-houses.....	100 00	
Free High school.....	500 00	
Poor and other town charges.....	1,500 00	
Town debt and interest.....	500 00	
Roads and bridges.....	2,000 00	
Electric light for bridge.....	25 00	
School books.....	200 00	
John H. Morgan Post.....	25 00	
Fire purposes.....	500 00	
Printing reports.....	25 00	
Fixing old cemetery, near McPheter's.....	25 00	
Grading school-house lot near Low's bridge..	100 00	
Overlay.....	315 09	
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Total ...		\$7,515 09
State tax.....	\$1,200 51	
County tax.....	676 32	
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		1,876 83
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Total assessment		\$9,391 92

VALUATION OF PROPERTY APRIL 1, 1896.

Resident real estate.....	\$357,870 00	
Non-resident real estate.....	25,795 00	
Resident personal estate.....	125,380 00	
Non-resident personal estate.....	700 00	
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Total inventory.....		\$509,745 00
Number of polls, 412.		
Rate of polls, \$3.00.		
Amount assessed on estates.....	\$8,155 92	
Amount assessed on polls.....	1,236 00	
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Total tax.....		\$9,391 92
Rate per cent, .016.		

FOR THE SUPPORT OF POOR FROM MARCH 18, 1896.

A. J. Chenery, to March 12, 1897, acc't of M.		
F. Wharff.....	\$468 00	
John Scales & Co., acc't of M. F. Wharff....	16 60	
M. & J. Hudson, " " " "	1 59	
J. K. Edes & Sons " " " "	1 50	
Q. A. Bridges, " " " "	1 75	
Total		\$489 74
J. W. Littlefield, acc't of J. C. Washburn,...	\$168 50	
A. K. Herring, " " " "	2 00	
Fred T. Leavitt, " " " "	17 00	
Q. A. Bldges, " " " "	47 00	
F. M. Briggs, " " " "	2 00	
John Scales & Co., " " " "	1 55	
M. & J. Hudson, " " " "	4 60	
Total		\$242 65
Mrs. Geo. Spearing to February 26, 1897.		
Mrs. Geo. Spearing, acc't of Dolly Robinson,	\$32 00	
Total		\$32 00
W. H. Pettingill, to March 15, 1897.		
W. H. Pettingill, acc't Benjamin Gordon....	\$24 00	
Total		\$24 00
Wm. H. Macomber and family.		
R. H. Marsh, bill.....	\$10 00	
John Scales & Co., bill.....	23 30	
M. & J. Hudson, bill.....	149 92	
Hussey & Goldthwaite, bill.....	3 04	
Total		\$186 26
Amount resident pauper bills.....		\$974 65

FOR THE SUPPORT OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

DOVER.

Account of A. E. Butler and family.		
J. C. Butterfield, bill	\$68 25	
M. & J. Hudson, bill	3 25	
Total		\$71 50

FOXROFT.

Account of Wm. Gallison.

Paid State Reform School..... \$13 00

Total \$13 00

GREENVILLE.

Account of Harry Edes.

F. L. Bartlett \$7 50

Total \$7 50

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

S. H. Stevens, constable, 1896.....	\$7 50
S. H. Stevens, voting booths	3 00
F. M. Briggs, board health	3 00
Henry Hudson, legal services	35 00
Q. A. Bridges, reporting 6 births, 1 death....	1 75
C. F. Scales, collector of taxes 1896.....	234 80
C. F. Knowles, watering tub, 1896.....	3 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, town books.....	8 20
R. Turner, tramp bill	21 50
R. Turner, duplicate order.....	3 25
C. N. Rand, printing	1 65
R. L. Harlow, care Centre cemetery.....	2 00
John Houston, ballot clerk.....	5 00
C. F. Scales, " "	5 00
A. F. Edes, " "	5 00
W. W. Edes, " "	5 00
C. W. Ellis, moderator, 1896.....	2 00
J. W. Butterfield, reporting 4 deaths, 6 births	2 50
C. W. Ray, reported 2 deaths, 10 births.....	3 00
A. Holmes, land damage on road.....	20 00
C. F. Scales, constable, 1896.....	5 00
D. R. Straw, auditor, 1895.....	3 00
John Scales, office rent.....	5 00
John Scales, secretary board of health.....	5 00
John Scales & Co, town books.....	1 95
James Hudson, recording 50 births 26 deaths.	11 40
James Hudson, express and postage	1 37
M. & J. Hudson, paper, ink etc.....	65
M. & J. Hudson, tramp bill.....	4 00
M. Hudson, recording deed, Mrs. Bray lot ..	50
R. H. Marsh, reported 16 births, 6 deaths....	5 50

 \$415 52

Appropriated for town reports for 1895.....		\$25 00
Paid J. E. Brawn.....		22 50
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Unexpended		\$2 50
Appropriated for John H. Morgan Post . . .		\$25 00
Paid John H. Morgan Post.....		25 00
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Appropriated, old cemetery.....		\$25 00
Paid Mark McPheters, labor.....	\$21 00	
Paid M. & J. Hudson.....	6 25	
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		27 25
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Overdrawn.....		\$2 25
Appropriated for supervisor of schools.....		\$100 00
Paid J. S. Williams, supervisor of schools		100 00
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TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

M. Hudson, Selectman.....	\$90 00	
E. O. Stoddard, "	40 00	
W. M. Beal, "	40 00	
James Hudson, clerk.....	5 00	
S. H. Stevens, truant officer.....	15 00	
F. M. Briggs, road commissioner	100 00	
Henry Hudson, treasurer.....	50 00	
Henry Hudson, town agent.....	5 00	
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Total		\$345 00
Appropriated for electric lights in bridge.....		\$25 00
Paid Piscataquis Woolen Co.....	\$19 50	
Joseph Hamer.....	2 30	
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		21 80
Unexpended.....		\$3 20

ABATEMENTS FOR 1896.

C. F. Scales.....		\$85 58
Appropriated for town debt and interest.....		\$500 00
Paid interest bearing order No. 377.....	\$225 00	
" " " " " 718.....	411 73	
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		\$636 73
Paid interest on town debt.....		201 55
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Total		\$838 28

HIRED MONEY.

Order No. 276.....	\$300 00	
“ “ 370.....	50 00	
“ “ 371.....	100 00	
“ “ 383.....	411 73	
“ “ 477.....	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$1011 73

FIRE ACCOUNT.

Appropriated.....		\$500 00
Paid Chas. Demons.....	\$20 92	
Ben. Sherburn.....	5 85	
Freight on pipe.....	39 79	
Pearl Bennett.....	15 70	
Thomas Priest.....	1 50	
Oscar Stowell.....	14 02	
J. L. Bennett.....	63 40	
Geo Stafford.....	14 92	
B. L. Page.....	6 28	
Wm. Waite.....	16 20	
Joseph McMullen.....	15 75	
Geo. Nesbit.....	14 55	
Samuel Mitchell.....	20 92	
A. E. Hatch.....	2 50	
I. B. Richards.....	13 62	
Page, Spearing & Co.....	4 68	
A. Holmes.....	6 15	
Walworth Manufacturing Co. pipe.....	222 37	
Guilford Lumber Co.....	1 25	
C. W. H. Moulton, fire hook.....	15 00	
H. Douglass & Co.....	10 57	
M & J. Hudson.....	3 00	
Thomas Butler.....	2 00	
F. H. Bennett.....	2 00	
A. J. Stevens.....	1 60	
Nelson Richards.....	1 60	
Piscataquis Woolen Co., fixing grate....	8 00	
F. M. Briggs.....	1 75	
L. W. Robbins.....	3 15	
Hussey & Goldthwaite.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$552 04
Overdrawn.....		\$52 04

LOW'S BRIDGE SCHOOL HOUSE GROUNDS.

Appropriated.....		\$100 00
Paid J. H. Dearing, cart tongue and posts...	1 65	
John Scales, use of scraper.....	1 00	
F. M. Briggs and team.....	33 25	
Wm. Burgess, labor.....	8 25	
Fred Burgess “	6 75	
H. L. Crafts “	14 25	
A. J. Stevens “	7 50	
Henry Merrill “	14 25	
E. P. Merrill “	12 00	
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Total		\$98 90

Unexpended \$1 10

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Amount appropriated.....		\$2,000 00
Expended, winter and spring, 1896.....	\$383 01	
“ summer.....	1,287 79	
	<hr/>	\$1,670 80
Unexpended.....		\$329 20

NEW SIDE-WALK.

Paid E. P. Merrill, labor.....	\$114 75
Henry Merrill, “	66 00
S. B. Richards, “	7 15
E. B. Richards, “	80 63
E. B. Richards, granite	12 70
F. M. Briggs, team	128 00
N. Richards, labor.....	38 03
N. Richards, granite	6 70
Thomas Prest, labor	45 90
Bath Gas & Electric Co., 45 bbls. tar....	191 75
Chas. Smith, labor.. ..	8 00
L. D. Rice, “	3 50
M. S. Fogg, “	36 75
C. C. Merrill, granite	26 10
Briggs & Murray “	42 20
B. & A. R. R., freight on tar.....	55 13
H. B. Chase, labor.....	10 75
John Fundie. “	3 00
Fred McClellan, labor.....	3 00

Paid H. McPherson	7 50	
E. P. Smith, labor team.....	49 35	
D. B. Welts, granite.....	40 00	
George Stafford, labor	8 03	
Chas. Demons, "	5 00	
E. L. Mitchell "	23 40	
N. Rainor "	1 50	
		\$1,014 32
Cash from F. S. Stevens, gift.....	\$100 00	
F. S. Stevens, tar and granite.....	61 20	
Piscataquis Woolen Co., tar.....	18 80	
Manly Morgan	8 75	
H. W. Davis.....	12 00	
John Houston.....	12 00	
John Basket.....	2 33	
C. F. Cole.....	4 75	
C. E. Lombard.....	5 00	
Tar on hand, 15 bbls.....	82 50	
100 feet granite on hand.....	20 00	
		\$827 33
Expended on new side-walk.....		\$686 99
Unexpended road money.....		329 20
		\$857 79

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Appropriated by town.....	\$1,600 00	
Bank and Mill tax	1,095 37	
Rent of old school-room.....	7 00	
Received for tuition, J. B. Greenleaf.....	3 00	
Velva Rollins	6 50	
J. H. Blanchard.....	10 00	
W. C. Noyes.....	1 50	
Mrs. Whitehouse.....	3 30	
Unexpended from 1895.	34 58	
		\$2,761 25
Total		
Paid for supplies and appliances.....	\$88 89	
Fuel.....	453 08	
Teaching and board.....	2,428 32	
Janitor.....	258 45	

Paid for carrying scholars	82 25	
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		\$3,260 94
Overdrawn.....		\$499 69
FOR HIGH SCHOOL.		
Appropriation.....		\$500 00
Received from State.....		250 00
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Total		\$750 00
Paid L. A. Ross	\$566 68	
Janie C. Michaels.....	110 00	
Abbie M. Sanger.....	110 00	
Overdrawn in 1895.....	5 33	
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		\$792 01
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Overdrawn.....		\$42 01
Appropriated for insurance and repairs.....	\$100 00	
Unexpended from 1895.....	30 93	
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Total		\$130 93
Paid repairs on school buildings.....		223 18
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Overdrawn.....		\$92 25
Appropriated for purchase of Text books.....		\$200 00
Sale of books, 1896.....		40
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Total		\$200 40
Paid for Text books.....	\$120 75	
Overdrawn in 1895	78 58	
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Total		199 33
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Unexpended.....		\$1 07

AMOUNT EXPENDED ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To whom paid.

F. M. Briggs.....	\$163 50
L. W. Robbins.....	140 75
Henry Merrill.....	97 50
Elijah Richards.....	25 00
E. Smith.....	15 75
C. A. Marsh	12 00
H. W. Applebee.....	93 10
Murray & Briggs.....	101 92

To whom paid.

W. K. Murray	7 00
Nelson Richards.....	4 50
Fred Burgess.....	6 00
Mrs. H. S. Brown.....	16 87
J. A. Tyler.....	2 25
L. H. Whittier	1 00
H. W. Herring.....	7 70
S. B. Farrer.....	2 25
G. W. Sanford	6 14
A. M. Titcomb.....	25 70
Stanley Bennett.....	3 25
E. Washburn.....	3 50
A. F. D. Harlow.....	3 50
M. C. Maxfield.....	6 67
J. M. Brawn.....	2 60
S. B. Richards	7 15
A. K. Herring.....	9 60
L. H. Colson.....	2 10
A. R. Hussey	80 00
F. L. Bartlett.....	2 10
H. B. Chase.....	46 50
J. W. Littlefield.....	15 75
Andrew Stevens.....	41 63
E. P. Merrill.....	48 00
J. E. Herring	90
H. B. Folley	60
H. M. Stedman	12 00
L. B. Cornner.....	58 95
Willis Bennett	4 65
L. Trafton	3 00
Perley Bennett.....	1 50
W. L. Robinson.....	3 18
David Briggs	8 53
W. A. Titcomb.....	50
L. L. Herring	6 40
A. S. Brawn	3 50
Henry Hudson.....	3 60
Charles A Foss.....	2 55
H. L. Crafts.....	20 75
Geo. A. McKusick	11 80
Charles Barnes.....	3 85
J. J. Sturtevant.....	25 00
John Maxfield.....	25 00

To whom paid.

James Brawn.....	24 20	
T. J. Brawn.....	7 80	
Dennis J. Brawn.....	15 10	
E. E. Fairbrother.....	21 20	
John Briggs.....	5 14	
L. B. Dunham	7 70	
I. F. Foss	1 95	
Gorham A. Brawn	6 72	
R. O. Austin.....	3 00	
F. W. Cornner.....	14 05	
F. E. Bennett....	2 95	
T. J. Chase	1 00	
Joseph W. Booker....	4 10	
R. A. Packard	4 25	
C. C. Dunham.....	1 50	
Frank Tyler.....	10 80	
A. B. Edes.....	1 00	
Charles McGrath.....	4 65	
C. F. Scales.....	5 00	
Frank Ross	4 50	
M. P. Robinson.....	5 10	
J. M. Herring.....	1 65	
N. H. Smith.....	25 00	
Geo. W. Edes.....	7 95	
A. E. Hatch.....	2 30	
John Scales.....	50 97	
Page, Spearing & Co.....	64 18	
Stanley Howard.....	4 05	
Hussey & Goldthwaite	9 80	
M. & J. Hudson.....	1 04	
George Stacy.....	122 72	
Freight	10 00	
A. E. Hatch.....	5 29	
Murray & Briggs.....	10 50	
D. R. Straw	7 00	
Expended in Spring and winter	<u>\$383 01</u>	\$1,670 80
Expended in Summer.....	1,287 79	
Total expended.....		<u>\$1,670 80</u>
Appropriated.....		2,000 00
Unexpended.....		<u>\$329 20</u>

F. M. BRIGGS, Road Commissioner.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN.

Interest-bearing Orders Outstanding.			Int. Due.	Principal.
Order	23,	Date, July 8, 1882,	\$6 00	\$200 00
"	64,	" Aug. 1, 1884,	2 53	100 00
"	372,	" Mar. 13, 1886,	4 00	100 00
"	381,	" Apr. 13, 1886,	1 60	150 00
"	425,	" Aug. 2, 1886,	5 40	140 00
"	449,	" Oct. 30, 1886,	1 33	100 00
"	453,	" Aug. 2, 1886,	4 66	200 00
"	598,	" Aug. 26, 1887,	2 40	110 00
"	765,	" June 13, 1888,	4 78	175 00
"	48,	" June 5, 1890,	2 28	70 00
"	49,	" June 5, 1890,	3 76	120 00
"	78,	" Aug. 6, 1890,	1 84	75 00
"	237,	" Aug. 1, 1891,	7 59	300 00
"	243,	" Aug. 1, 1891,	4 94	130 00
"	252,	" Oct. 20, 1891,	2 53	100 00
"	253,	" Oct. 20, 1891,	2 53	100 00
"	199,	" Mar. 23, 1891,	60 00	1,500 00
"	698,	" Sept. 2, 1895,	10 00	500 00
"	135,	" Feb. 8, 1896,	34 66	800 00
"	277,	" April 16, 1896,	13 75	300 00
"	370,	" Aug. 1, 1896,	1 16	50 00
"	371,	" Aug. 1, 1896,	2 32	100 00
"	383,	" Aug. 5, 1896,	9 61	411 73
"	477,	" Oct. 31, 1896,	2 00	150 00
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			\$191 67	\$5,981 73
Due on principal			\$5,981 73	
Due on interest.....			191 67	
Due town reports, 1896			20 00	
Due Text Book fund.....			1 07	
Out standing order not drawing interest.....			6 00	
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Total				\$6,200 47

RESOURCES.

Due on non-resident tax, 1892.....	\$2 38
" " " " 1893.....	12 70
" " " " 1894.....	2 48
" " " " 1896.....	14 48
" from Free High School fund.....	42 01
" " Lewiston account Mary Jepson...	116 22

“ “ Common School fund.....	499 69	
“ “ Insurance and Repair fund.....	93 25	
Land bought of Mrs. Bray	300 00	
Cash on hand.....	391 96	
Due from High School Rostrum.....	15 00	
“ “ Greenville, account of Harry Edes.	7 50	
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Total assets		\$1,497 67
Net indebtedness		4,702 80
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		\$6,200 00

Respectfully submitted March 13, 1897.

MICAJAH HUDSON, } Selectmen
 E. O. STODDARD, } of
 W. M. BEAL, } Guilford

Treasurer's Report

INHABITANTS OF GUILFORD, IN ACCOUNT WITH HENRY HUDSON,
 TREASURER:

1896.	DR.	
To cash paid State tax, 1896.....	\$1,200 51	
County tax, 1896.....	676 32	
State Pensions.....	120 00	
State for license on dogs.....	59 00	
Orders drawn by Selectmen, '96,	10,013 71	
Order No. 718, dated Nov. 11,		
1893, with interest.....	411 73	
Order No. 377, dated Dec. 8, '94		
with interest	243 75	
To returned non-resident taxes for 1896.....	15 52	
Amount in treasury.....	391 96	
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		\$13,132 50

1896.	CR.	
Mar. 21, by amount in treasury on settlement,	\$543 55	
23, by non-resident tax, 1895.....	4 40	
Apr. 11, by non-resident tax, 1895.....	4 40	
13, by cash from J. W. Warren.....	56 11	
15, by non-resident tax, 1895.....	1 65	
16, by amount from State Treas. refunded		
as the town's prop'n of dog licenses	64 45	
25, by non-resident tax, 1895.....	12 65	

27, by	“	“	“	.....	1 43
27, by	“	“	1894	.....	1 45
29, by	“	“	1895	.....	1 43
29, by taxes committed to C. F. Scales collector for 1896				.....	9,391 92
June 30, by non-resident tax, 1895				.....	88
July 3, by cash for license				.....	3 00
Aug. 5, by money hired on int. bearing order				.....	411 73
5, by “ “ “ “ “				.....	100 00
5, by “ “ “ “ “				.....	50 00
15, by am't from State on State pensions				.....	60 00
Sept. 3, by “ “ “ Free High schools				.....	125 00
28, by cash for license to Witherell & Edgerly				.....	7 50
Oct. 20, by cash from F. S. Stevens, gratuity to town for widening water street,				.....	100 00
Nov. 2, by money hired on int. bearing order				.....	150 00
12, by cash from F. M. Briggs for tar and granite to F. S. Stevens				.....	61 20
30, by cash from F. M. Briggs, paid him as follows:					
Piscataquis Woolen Co				.....	18 80
M. R. Morgan				.....	8 75
H. W. Davis				.....	12 00
1897.					
Mar. 8, by cash from town of Dover, expend- ed for A. E. Butler, 1895				.....	4 09
8, by cash from town of Dover, expend- ed for A. E. Butler, 1896				.....	71 50
11, by amt. from State for schools, school fund and mill tax				.....	1,095 37
11, by amt. from State, railroad and tele- graph tax				.....	86
11, by amt. from State for Free High school,				.....	125 00
13, by amt. from C. F. Cole for use of Bray land				.....	4 00
13, by amt. from State for State pensions				.....	60 00
13, by amount from town of Foxcroft, on acc't of W. H. Gallison				.....	109 57
13, by amount from F. M. Briggs, paid him as follows:					
John Houston				.....	13 00
John Basket				.....	2 33

C. F. Cole.....	4 75	
C. E. Lombard.....	5 00	
13, by amount from Town Clerk for dogs	59 00	
Mar. 13, by amount from Supervisor of schools		\$56 70
Paid as follows:		
J. B. Greenleaf, tuition.....	3 00	
Velma Rollins, ".....	5 00	
J. H. Blanchard ".....	10 00	
W. C. Noyes ".....	1 50	
Miss Whitehouse, ".....	3 30	
Velma Rollins, ".....	1 50	
Use of Rooms.....	7 00	
Sale of book.....	40	
Sale of school-house at Guilford Center.....	25 00	
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	\$58 70	
Mar. 13, by am't for non-resident tax, 1888...		\$86 15
" " " " " " " 1889...		61 95
" " " " " " " 1894...		63 18
" " " " " " " 1895...		130 90
" " " " " " " 1887...		16 80
" " " " " " " 1889...		7 87
" " " " " " " 1894...		3 23
" " " " " " " 1895...		1 43
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March 13, 1897.		\$13,132 50

HENRY HUDSON, Treasurer.

Auditor's Report.

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of Guilford for the year 1896, and the statement of the Selectmen of the financial standing of said town at this date, and find the same correct.

March 15, 1897.

DAVID R. STRAW, Auditor.

Report of School Committee.

AMOUNTS PAID FOR INSTRUCTION.

Paid Elmie J. Briggs, 32 weeks.....	\$330 00
Annie Butterfield	120 00
Annie E. Rowe, 32 weeks.....	314 50
Estella A. Bearce, 32 weeks.....	314 50
Minnie A. Ross, 22 weeks.....	100 00
Abbie M. Sanger, 10 weeks	100 00
L. A. Ross, 10 weeks.....	283 32
Ora Manter	150 00
Rosa Sears.....	95 00
Hattie Cleaves.....	50 00
Isa Jackson.....	90 00
Minnie Pearson.....	90 00
Malcolm Hart.....	46 00
A. F. D. Harlow, board	56 00
W. E. Wise "	56 00
C. C. Dunham "	36 00
R. L. Harlow, "	56 00
Addie Colson, teaching and board.....	65 00
A. R. Hussey, board.....	16 00
	\$2,358 32

FUEL:

H. Douglass & Co., coal	\$152 47
Wm. Bennett, wood.....	13 13
E. E. Fairbrother, wood.....	30 00
A. M. Getchell.....	6 00
S. S. Robbins, wood.....	18 75
W. A. Titcomb, wood.....	5 00
Fred Burgess wood.....	7 00
C. A. Connor.....	41 25
L. L. Herring.....	20 00
Jack Chase, sawing and housing wood,	9 00
Wm. Bennett	8 15
Silas Farrar, wood	7 80
Fred Bennett, work on wood.....	2 25
Guilford Lumber Co., slabs.....	10 50
S. P. Farrar, cutting slabs and housing	19 00
A. M. Titcomb, wood.....	16 50
H. Dean, cutting wood.....	5 63
F. M. Briggs, wood.....	7 00

George R. Davis, wood.....	51 00	
Frank Conner.....	16 00	
Harry Packard.....	6 60	
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Total		\$443 03
JANITORS AND CLEANING SCHOOL-HOUSES:		
Paid J. E. Brawn	\$162 00	
J. W. Littlefield.....	36 00	
Centre House and cleaning.....	10 80	
Low's Bridge and cleaning	7 80	
North Guilford.....	7 40	
Brown	11 80	
Cleaning house at village.....	22 65	
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Total		\$258 45
SUPPLIES AND APPLIANCES:		
C. F. Scales, paper	\$7 10	
Primary School, supplies.....	3 38	
J. L. Hammett & Co., crayon & ink	15 78	
C. C. Dunham.....	85	
H. Douglass & Co., hardware....	8 21	
Paper for examinations.....	1 00	
Diplomas for High School.....	14 23	
Flag pole	1 50	
Setting trees.....	1 25	
George Harlow, cleaning closets..	1 00	
Mrs. Sears, supplies,.....	80	
C. N. Rand, paper blanks for books	1 75	
Blackboard cloth.....	2 80	
Keyes	1 50	
Table for grammar room.....	68	
M. & J. Hudson.....	1 85	
J. S. Williams, express and freight	16 98	
E. J. Briggs.....	4 23	
L. A. Ross, record books	2 00	
Malcolm Hart, chalk and glass ...	45	
Brown District.....	50	
Annie Butterfield.....	50	
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Carrying scholars from districts.....		88 34
Total expended		32 25
Amount raised by town for Common schools,	\$1,600 00	
“ received from State, mill & bank tax	1,095 37	
“ “ “ tuition, use of rooms.	56 70	
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		3,180 39

“ unexpended from last year.....	34 58	
		2,786 65
INSURANCE AND REPAIRS.		
Harry Young, work on bell,	\$2 20	
Page & Spearing,	37 83	
Daniel Neal, work on shaker,	50	
R. A. Packard, doors, windows etc.,	4 75	
H. Douglass & Co., hardware, paints,	31 26	
C. C. Dunham, repairs,	25	
W. D. Brasier, mason work,	2 50	
A. E. Hatch, black smithing work,	1 80	
W. S. Files, carpenter work,	17 75	
S. C. Bennett, cleaning clock,	1 00	
J. E. Brawn,	75	
T. R. Strout, mason work,	8 20	
C. B. & F. Bennett, painting,	25 00	
Page & Spearing,	21 46	
B. L. Page,	55	
W. H. Cobb, plaster,	1 00	
Selden Huff, work at No. G.,	3 50	
Brick at village,	6 00	
C. W. Ellis, labor,	4 00	
S. J. Hale, labor,	88	
J. Scales, hardware and paints,	10 77	
J. Scales & Co.,	11 65	
A. Holmes, lumber,	75	
Dana Crockett, repairs on stove	1 65	
Samuel Huff,	4 80	
C. E. Lombard,	11 76	
Guilford Lumber Co.,	11 12	
W. E. Wise,	35	
		\$215 33
Overdrawn last year,		30 93
		\$246 26
Appropriation,		\$100 00
FREE HIGH SCHOOL:		
Amount raised by town,		\$500 00
“ received from State,		250 00
		\$750 00
Amount expended in Spring, '96,	\$393 32	
“ “ Fall '96	393 32	
Overdrawn from last year,	5 24	
		\$791 88

TEXT BOOKS:

Paid D. C. Heath & Co.,	\$4 05	
L. E. Knott, Co.,	19 08	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	10 98	
Prang Co.,	12 10	
L. A. Ross, expenditure,	11 75	
Outline maps,	4 23	
Am. Book Co.,	23 26	
D. H. Knowlton & Co.,	5 89	
Wm. Ware & Co.,	7 62	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	4 17	
King & Merrill,	1 20	
Holden Book Co.,	3 50	
Werner Co.,	17 20	
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	\$114 98	
Overdrawn from last year,	76 97	
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		\$191 95
Appropriation,		\$200 00

There has been the past school-year the usual length of school throughout the town, at expenditures along the same lines as in former years, without increase, except as has arisen through pressing demands.

In the matter of repairs the rural school-houses have been kept in good condition, interior and exterior. The houses at the Centre and at Low's Bridge have been painted. One of the chimneys in the new building at the village, when built, through some defect has caused much trouble in smoking, and having little if any draft. We have, at some expense, topped the same out to a height where much better results are had, at a great saving in fuel used.

The pupils of the village have by earnest and untiring work, supplemented by the teachers, succeeded in raising funds sufficient to purchase a fine bell, through entertainments, and some small subscriptions, which we have had set in position, adding much to the appearance and use of the building. Much praise is to be given the pupils and their teachers in their untiring efforts in this matter.

To them is also due much commendation in the furnishing of the several rooms by pictures, prints, cases, collections, that make the rooms much tastier, while adding greatly to the benefits of the work done therein. To accommodate some collections in botany, nature studies, and kindred subjects we have made some small cabinets at a small expense.

In purchase of school supplies being able to buy crayon and ink in

quantities at a large discount, we have purchased in this way, at a material saving to the town, and have a quantity now on hand.

The rapid increase in the pupils necessitated the maintenance of another grade at the beginning of the spring term, and a consequent raising of the grade of study, as to at present embrace six distinct grades: High, 1st and 2d Grammar, Intermediate, and 1st and 2d Primary. This will necessitate an increase in the appropriation which we recommend. We have furnished the new school with odds and ends of desks as we had, in the old High School room, and hope to be able to secure some appropriation to renovate and repair both rooms now used by these Primaries. These rooms (in the Hall building) are sadly in want of some repairs and improvements, to make them tasty and comfortable, and we respectfully refer their needs to your consideration.

The usual amount of insurance is necessary to protect the school property, and a sufficient appropriation should be made for such purpose.

The buildings at the village should be painted the ensuing season in good economy, and such should be voted by our citizens.

Small sums have been paid as in past years to carry scholars from localities where it would be foolish, from lack of scholars, to maintain schools, to the nearest adjoining schools.

The expenditure of the money, raised in the last annual meeting, on the lot at Low's Bridge while well expended, is in our estimation insufficient, and we recommend some further action to be taken in regard to further improving the lot.

The text-books have been furnished in conformity with the law.

Extreme care has been exercised in regard to infectious disease, and anything like an appearance of such among any of the pupils has been guarded, and isolated, with the aid from the Board of Health.

The year, we feel, has been one of prosperity to the town and citizens, in school matters, and proper support, has encouraged the best effort on part of the pupil and his teachers.

We recommend the following appropriations for the coming year:

Support of Common schools,	\$2,000 00
Support of Free High school,	500 00
Insurance and repairs,	500 00
Text books,	200 00

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. ELLIS,	} S. S Com.
C. N. RAND,	
L. H. WHITTIER,	
J. E. BRAUN,	
J. S. WILLIAMS.	

Report of Superintendent.

It is my privilege to testify upon the excellent work of our teachers the past year, as in former years, in the different schools, and one who will observe through his own efforts the work being done, can but be somewhat surprised at the advancement made.

Crowding of certain grades has to some degree impaired the work, but rather than allow the work to be neglected our teachers have given extra time, and extra effort to prevent loss in the work.

I can say, and say truthfully, that no class of laboring people in our town put in more hours, nor exhibit more interest, than our teachers. The hours between 9 A. M. and 4 P. M. are but portions of the actual employment they maintain. Each one has the welfare of every pupil thoroughly at heart, in mental, moral and physical standpoint, and in no way is any example taught or shown that is not fully adapted to the needs of a coming woman and a coming citizen, as now represented in our boys and girls.

And if any one of our citizens wish to criticise our work, let him first acquaint himself with what is being done, and then he will be in a position to offer suggestions that may be accepted.

None are more willing to accept suggestions as to work, and promotion of a child's welfare than our several teachers and myself, but criticisms and fault-findings that emanate and come from those who never visit a school room, and judge only of the teacher's work through some neighbor's hearsay, are no more worthy of attention, nor have more weight, than that the teacher should return the subject by criticising your occupation, and advise your daily work.

Don't throw stones unless you are prepared to give proper reasons. Everyone is welcome to any of our school-rooms, where the work will be shown you in every detail, and your suggestions, then made will be worth something, but do not feel that you can assume to be judge until you have heard the case presented by fairness on both sides.

The crowded condition of the lower school necessitated the opening of another primary at the beginning of the present spring term.

This affords better classification of the work, and a better grade than we have had before. All the grades as present maintained are well filled with pupils, and excellent work is done.

Most of the teachers employed in our village formerly have been retained the past year.

Miss Michaels, assistant, after a very successful term resigned at the end of the Spring term. She was succeeded by Miss Sanger, who

has done most excellent work in her lines, and has proved very successful in the management of pupils and assistance in maintaining better grades of work.

Miss Ross was employed to succeed Miss Butterfield in the 2nd Primary at the end of the Spring term, and has been very successful.

Miss Lilla has been employed in the new Primary grade this present term. From her former work with us I expect the best work will result.

In the rural schools Miss Pearson and Mrs. Sears taught at North Guilford with good results. I had some causes for complaint on account of some children failing to attend as they should, without proper cause. If you wish your child to acquire anything from the schools do not keep him at home and then blame the teacher and the Superintendent for the child's backwardness. Miss Ora Manter taught for the year at the Centre with the most flattering success. Excellent attendance and marked improvement were prominent features of her work.

At Low's Bridge Miss Cleaves and Miss Jackson taught with what ought to have been good success in most country schools, and was indeed satisfactory to me, but inasmuch as no teacher in that school ever did satisfy everyone there, it is safe to presume that the one who can satisfy all is as yet unborn.

The school in the Brown neighborhood under Miss Colson, Mrs. Sears and Mr. Hart were each very good.

A school was maintained in the Grover neighborhood in the Spring and discontinued in the Fall. As a whole the work has been very good in every locality. Some dissatisfaction was found with me because I did not engage some teachers recommended by some citizens, but in every case I endeavor to employ those teachers whom I know to be qualified for their work, and to get the value of the money expended.

I have introduced drawing in the lower grades, with intention to continue through all grades as found practicable. Vertical writing has been taught in some of the lower grades also, as an experiment, with good results also. Probably this system will supplant the old system in all schools, eventually, as it is found successful wherever introduced.

Five pupils were graduated from the High School at the close of the Spring term, with commendable merit as to work done. Much interest was manifested in the exercise then by our people, and I can but think the exhibit of those two evenings were a grand tribute to the faithfulness of your teachers for their work, and marking another milestone in the educational progress of our town. Another class graduates the present term, with as good preparation.

As a test of the result of the advance in our schools, and the ambitions springing therefrom I will instance that when I was in College there was but three from the town attending schools away from home. At the present time Guilford has 16 young men and young women studying some specialties and general college work away.

By their fruits should you judge your schools!

The increase in the pupils as to number increases the needs of the schools, and hence our appropriations must be somewhat larger.

Money thus applied is not lost, is not buried in the earth; rather does it increase in profusion in its benefits to not alone your own town and families, but to the welfare of a common humanity, and daily do we see exemplified the truth that the fruits of education "shake like Lebanon." If economy is talked in town affairs, do not, as you value a progressive manhood and civilization, purchase it at the price of a starved intellect, a dwarfed manhood, and a shrunken soul.

Look about you, look within yourself, and if you see and realize the lack of what our common schools now are giving, seek not to deprive the child of today of that which you regret, but offer him the means whereby he may be an improvement to society, and if he then neglects the opportunities, you have the satisfaction that you have performed the part that true charity asks, and withheld not the gift that might have brought a realization of the noblest work of God—a Man.

J. S. WILLIAMS, Superintendent.

Board of Health.

Our report is not much different from last year. Only two cases of contagious diseases have been reported for the last year, as follows: Two cases of measles, and both patients recovered. Four nuisances have been reported and removed, as required by law. The board will offer free vaccination in May of which due notice will be given, and we respectfully ask all parents to have their children vaccinated before they go out into the world. We find the most trouble with sink drains and water closets, and we urge better care taken of same before complaint is made.

F. M. BRIGGS, chairman,	} Local Board of Health.
L. H. WHITTIER,	
JOHN SCALES, Sec.,	