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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF HOULTON

FOR THE YEAR

Commencing March 11, 1878, and

Ending March 10, 1879.

HOULTON:
PRINTED BY C. A. CLARK,
1879.



Assessments.

State Tax,	\$2731.15	
County Tax,	2044.94	
Schools,	2281.60	
Town Expenses and outstanding debts,	9000.00	
Overlayings,	526.30	
Tax on Dogs,	68.00	
	\$16651.99	

Amount of Real Estate,	\$452,901	
Amount of Personal Estate,	204,751	
	\$657,652	

Number of Polls, 486.
 Poll Tax, \$3.00 each,
 Rate of Taxation, 2 cents, 3 mills on \$1.00.
 Highway Tax, 8 mills on \$1.00.

Money Tax.

Tax on Real Estate,	\$10,416.72	
Tax on Personal Estate,	4,709.27	
Tax on Polls,	1,458.00	
Tax on Dogs,	68.00	
	\$16,651.99	

Highway Tax.

Amount of Appropriations,	\$6,000.00	
Overlayings,	281.81	
	\$6,281.81	
Tax on Real Estate,	\$3,623.21	
Tax on Personal Estate,	1,638.00	
Tax on Polls,	1,020.60	
	\$6,281.81	
Am'ts paid prior to June 1st, agreeably to vote of Town at 60 per cent.,	\$389.60	
Balance paid in Statute labor,	5,892.21	
	\$6,281.81	

Amount Cash Road Fund, \$389.61
 less 40 per cent., equal to \$233.76

Cash Expenditures on

Roads, Bridges & Sidewalks.

A. H. Fogg & Co. for Spikes & Nails,	\$26.77	
A. Weeks for Sleepers	27.90	
L. B. Merriam, for Plank,	63.60	
H. A. Mansur, for Plank,	247.53	
A. R. Hussey, for Plank,	5.85	
C. W. Douty, for Plank,	43.86	
S. D. Kearney, for Hauling Plank,	12.13	
A. Vandine, for Labor and Material,	23.75	
John Tegart, for Labor,	7.50	
D. McCann, for Labor,	5.00	
Total Am't. Expended on Sidewalks,	—	\$463.89
Cyrus Watson, for Lumber for Bridges,	5.00	
L. B. Merriam, for Lumber for Bridges,	37.08	
C. W. Douty, for Lumber for Bridges,	4.40	
Am't, Expended for Bridges,	—	\$46.48
Moses Kinney, for Blacksmith work,	\$9.34	
C. F. Williams, for Hauling Stone,	11.76	
H. C. Bradbury, for Building Culvert,	26.87	
Geo. McGinley, for repairing Plow,	2.00	
James Smith, for labor on Horseback,	19.37	
C. Mulherrin, for labor on Military Road,	10.00	
Am't expended on Roads, &c.,	—	\$79.34
		<u>\$589.71</u>
Am't of Cash Road Fund,	\$233.76	
Am't Overdrawn,	355.95	
	<u> </u>	\$589.71

Discounts.

Am't of Taxes paid Treasurer on or before Sep't 1st.	\$10,593.67	
Am't Discount on same at 10 per cent,		\$1,059.36

Interest Account.

Augusta Savings Bank,	\$365.00	
Penobscot Savings Bank,	165.50	
Bond, \$3000,	378.00	
Bond, \$5000,	840.50	
Note, \$1000,	124.00	
Note, \$1500,	137.50	
Note, \$400,	64.00	
Others,	36.85	
	<hr/>	\$2111.35
284 Rail Road Coupons,		1704.00
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		\$3815.35

Pauper Account.

Paid on account of Paupers off the Farm,
JOHN BURKE.

T. J. Fitzmaurice, Professional Services,	\$5.00	
S. E. Baker, attendance and use of Room,	8.00	
C. B. Stevens, Clothing,	4.50	
Isaac Barker, paid for Washing,	1.25	
C. H. Wilson, Sundries,	1.00	
S. H. Powers, Coffin,	5.00	
Patrick Levalle, Burrial,	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$27.75

MRS. RIDEOUT, AND CHILDREN.

E. Woodbury, for Provisions,	\$3.05	
O. Newhouse, for Provisions,	3.55	
C. E. Webber, for Supplies,	\$20.01	
C. H. Wilson, for Supplies,	.44	
Samuel Lane, for Shoes,	2.50	
	<hr/>	\$29.55

FRANK ALBERT, AND FAMILY.

J. Z. Swanton, for Supplies,	\$38.44	
C. H. Wilson, for Supplies,	2.00	
E. Woodbury, for Supplies,	6.10	
	<hr/>	\$46.54

MRS. McLEAN, AND FAMILY.

E Merritt & Sons, for Provisions,	\$7.30	
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ALICE GELLERSON.

Town of Orient,	\$5.00	
E. C. Blake, Shoes,	1.25	
	<hr/>	\$6.25

MISS MOORE.

E. Woodbury, for Clothing,	\$4.00	
C. P. Tenney, for Clothing,	2.93	
	<hr/>	\$6.93

C. ATHERTON'S CHILD.

Sarah Rankin, for taking care of,	\$5.25	
K. K. Brown, for boarding,	2.25	
	<hr/>	\$7.50

MRS. PARKS.

E. Woodbury,	\$2.95	
Jos. Parks,	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$22.95

B. F. PARKER AND FAMILY.

Laurel Monson, for Provisions,	\$29.04	
A. G. Young, for Professional Services,	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$35.04

J. B. HASTINGS.

Richard Sinclair, for House Rent to Mar. 12th,	\$43.00	
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MRS. NINA MELROY AND CHILD.

H. J. Foss, boarding and care of,	\$61.00	
C. P. Tenney, for Clothing,	7.50	
E. Woodbury, for Clothing,	4.53	
Mrs. Hamilton, boarding Child 21 weeks,	21.00	
	<hr/>	\$94.03

SIMON FRAZIER.

Theo. Cary,	\$24.00	
Chas. H. Wilson,	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$26.00

TRANSCIENT PAUPERS,

FOR AID AND EXPENSES HOME

E. Woodbury,	\$16.50	
C. H. Wilson,	15.75	
	<hr/>	\$32.25

Total Expenditures, \$385.09

Less Am't claimed from other Towns,

Ludlow, for Mrs. Melroy and Child,	\$94.03	
Easton, for J. B. Hastings,	43.00	
Hodgdon, for B. F. Parker,	35.04	
	<hr/>	\$172.07

Net expenses of paupers off the farm, \$213.02

Paid on Account of Town Farm.

Chas. H. Wilson, for Supplies,	\$63.92
Chas. P. Tenney, for Supplies,	19.25
Laurel Monson, for Supplies,	25.09
Chas. E. Webber, for Supplies,	28.41
H. T. Frisbie, for Supplies,	47.79
A. H. Fogg & Co. for Supplies,	6.05
G. A. Dickey, for Supplies,	34.52
B. H. Putnam, for Supplies,	25.51
E. Merritt, & Sons, for Supplies,	49.10
T. M. Bradbury, for Supplies,	24.02
J. C. McIntyre, for Provisions,	37.86
J. McMaster, for Supplies,	4.15
S. A. Gray, for Tin and Hardware,	12.59
John Rose, for Harnesses,	19.75
Kinney & Watson, for Sundries,	13.05
E. C. Blake, for Flour and Feed,	16.44
" for Shoes,	2.25
A. H. Porter, for Shoes and Boots,	5.95
C. Mulherrin, for Shoes and Boots,	5.00
B. J. Stevens, for Shoes,	3.75
C. B. Stevens, for Clothing,	3.75
Mrs. Armstrong, for Socks and Mittens,	6.85
M. J. Kieley, for Blacksmith work,	2.25
Wm. Burho, for Blacksmith work,	4.75
Edward Hardy, for Labor, Haying,	11.79
M. Hill, for Hauling Milk to Factory,	3.78
Robt. Watson, for Beef and Tallow,	11.79
Isaac Barker, for Oats and Peas,	1.50
David Crawford, for Bob-Sled,	25.00
Benj. Bussey, Professional Services,	2.00
Geo. Cary, for Professional Services,	2.00
David Armstrong, Overseer one year,	225.00

 \$744.91

Town Farm Account.

March 11, 1878.

	DR.
To 3 cows,	\$75.00
2 3-yrs. old Heifers,	40.00
1 2 yrs. old Heifer,	15.00
2 1 yr. old Heifers,	20.00
2 Hogs,	25.00
1 Horse,	40.00

 \$215.00

Am't brought up,		\$215.00	
To 1 3 yrs. old Colt,		70.00	
1 2 yrs. old Colt,		50.00	
1 1 yr. old Colt,		40.00	
10 tons of Hay,		80.00	
125 bushels of Potatoes,		50.00	
20 bushels of Oats,		6.00	
Provisions,		40.00	
Tools, Wagon, Harness and Furniture,		400.00	
Am't of Supplies paid by Order,		744.91	
		<hr/>	\$1695.91
March 11, 1879.			CR.
By 5 Cows,		\$125.00	
1 3 yrs. old Heifer,		20.00	
2 2 yrs. old Heifers,		30.00	
3 1 yr. old Heifers,		30.00	
1 Horse,		40.00	
1 4 yrs. old Colt,		100.00	
1 3 yrs. old Colt,		70.00	
1 2 yrs. old Colt,		50.00	
2 Hogs,		25.00	
8 tons of Hay,		64.00	
65 bushels of Oats,		19.50	
100 bushels Potatoes,		50.00	
16 bbls. Potatoes, sold,	\$13.00		
1 1-2 tons of Hay, "	18.00		
2 Calves, "	6.00		
Wood, "	3.00		
		<hr/>	\$40.00
50 Cedar Logs,		25.00	
Provisions,		40.00	
Tools, Wagons, Harnesses, Sleds, and Furniture,		425.00	
		<hr/>	\$1153.50
Expenses of Paupers on the Farm,			\$542.41
" " " off the Farm,			213.02
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Total net expenses,			\$755.43
Amount paid Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hussey for the support and maintenance of Frank H. Gellerson, child of Alice Gellerson, during his minority,			\$100.00

AMOUNT OF REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS ON AND
ABOUT THE POOR HOUSE.

H. O. Nickerson 30 M. Shingles,	\$75.00	
“ Labor,	27.00	
Thos. Crane, repairing Chimneys,	11.00	
	<hr/>	\$113.00
Kinney & Watson drilling Well,	123.00	
“ “ 1 Pump and Cylinder,	13.50	
“ “ 55 feet Iron Pipe,	12.10	
	<hr/>	\$148.60
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		\$261.60

Account with Schools.

Appropriations,	\$2281.60
State School Fund, 1877	603.21
“ Mill Tax, “	963.88
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	\$3848.69

Dist. No.	Am't Appropriated for year 1878.	Am't Unexp'd, Mar. 11, '78.		Total Amount for 1878.
1	\$1527.94	\$350.89	\$1878.83	
“ “ 2	579.86	17.53	597.39	
“ “ 3	271.97	18.45	290.42	
“ “ 4	204.37	80.85	285.22	
“ “ 5	192.20	8.57	200.77	
“ “ 6	216.81	125.03	341.84	
“ “ 7	490.87		490.87	
“ “ 8	175.98	9.85	185.83	
“ “ 9	188.69	113.67	302.36	
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	\$3848.69	\$724.84		\$4573.53

EXPENDITURES.

District No. 1,	\$1386.55
“ “ 2,	477.35
“ “ 3,	26.200
“ “ 4,	352.63
“ “ 5,	191.97
“ “ 6,	335.30
“ “ 7,	361.37
“ “ 8,	208.47
“ “ 9,	192.40
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Balance unexpended Mar. 11, 1879,	\$3768.04
	805.49
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No. of scholars April 1, 1879, 949. \$4573.53

Miscellaneous Bills.

D. D. Stewart, for Professional Services in Suit Deming vs. the Town,	\$350.00	
L. S. Strickland, Professional Services,	5.66	
Holland & Co. for blank Books, Stationery and School Books,	19.38	
D. Bugbee, for blank Book,	5.00	
C. A. Clark, for printing Report &c,	16.00	
W. S. Gillman, for printing Notices &c,	4.00	
Theo. Cary, for printing Notices &c,	4.50	
B. R. Gidney, Ferry,	12.00	
John Rose, for repairing Engine,	8.00	
John Heagan, night Watchman,	456.00	
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	\$880.54

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

B. L. Staples, Selectman, Assessor &c.,	\$250.00	
E. Woodbury, " "	75.00	
Isaac Barker, " "	100.00	
Chas. H. Wilson, Treasurer,	75.00	
B. H. Putnam, Town Clerk,	20.00	
C. M. Powers, S. S. Committee,	15.00	
W. S. Knowlton, " "	15.00	
L. S. Strickland, " "	5.66	
B. L. Staples, Town Agent,	10.00	
Mark Gray, Constable,	12.00	
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	\$577.66
L. B. Johnson, Collector, 1875,	\$224.58	
John Braden, Collector, 1876,	182.25	
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	\$406.83

Abatements.

On Tax Bills of 1875, L. B. Johnson, Collector,	\$353.95	
On Tax Bills of 1876, John Braden, Collector,	262.69	
Poll Tax of 16 Firemen,	48.00	
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	\$664.64

Recapitulation.

Roads, Bridges, and Sidewalks,	\$589.71	
Discounts,	1059.36	
Abatements, 1875 and 1876,	664.64	
Interest and Coupons,	3815.35	
Paupers off the Farm,	385.09	
Town Farm Account,	744.91	
Schools,	3768.04	
	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>	\$11027.10

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	\$11027.10	
Am't brought up,		
Repairs & Improvements on Poor House,	261.60	
Miscellaneous Bills,	880.54	
Paid for Frank H. Gellerson,	100.00	
Town Officers,	577.66	
	<u> </u>	\$12846.90
Collectors of Taxes for 1875 and 1876,		\$406.83

APPROPRIATIONS FOR TOWN PURPOSES.

For Support of the Poor. Payment of		
Debts and other Expenses,	9000.00	
For Cash Road Fund,	233.95	
" Overlayings,	526.30	
" Tax on Dogs,	68.00	
	<u> </u>	\$9828.25

EXPENDITURES.

Roads, Bridges, and Sidewalks,	\$589.71	
Discounts,	1059.36	
Abatements,	664.64	
Interest and Coupons,	3815.35	
Paupers off the Farm,	385.09	
Paupers on the Farm,	744.91	
Frank H. Gellerson,	100.00	
Repairs, etc., Poor House,	261.60	
Miscellaneous Bills,	880.54	
Town Officers,	577.66	
Collectors' Commissions, 1875 & 1876,	406.83	
	<u> </u>	\$9485.69
Unexpended,	342.56	
	<u> </u>	\$9828.25

Liabilities and Resources.

Bond payable Augusta Savings B'k,	\$1000.00	
" " " " " "	5000.00	
" " Houlton " "	2000.00	
" " " " "	3000.00	
" " Penobscot " "	2000.00	
" " Treasurer's Office,	3000.00	
" " " " "	5000.00	
Note to E. Benn,	400.00	
" Annie McHugh, and int.,	800.00	
Outstanding Claims, estimated at	2000.00	
	<u> </u>	\$24200.00
300 Bonds of \$100 each given in aid of the		
Houlton Branch Railroad, payable in 1890,		\$30000.00
	<u> </u>	\$54200.00

RESOURCES.

Am't due on Tax Bills of 1877,	\$1731.95	
Am't due on Tax Bills of 1878,	5990.32	
Am't due on Real Estate sold for Taxes,	283.00	
Am't claimed from other towns,	512.00	
	<u> </u>	\$8517.27
Excess of Liabilities over Assets,		<u>\$45682.73</u>

Schedule of Property Belonging to the Town.

Farm, Buildings and Wood Lot,	\$4500.00	
Stock on Farm,	490.00	
Hay, Tools, Furniture, etc.,	550.00	
Engine, Hose, Ladders, and Fixtures,	400.00	
Town Hall and Lot,	4500.00	
Highway Tools,	50.00	
Hearse,	600.00	
Gravel Lot,	100.00	
	<u> </u>	\$11190.00

We recommend the following

Appropriations.

For the Support of the Poor,	\$1000.00	
Interest,	4000.00	
Discounts and Abatements,	1200.00	
Town Officers,	800.00	
Payment of Debts,	1500.00	
Miscellaneous,	500.00	
	<u> </u>	\$9000.00
And for the building of Roads, Bridges and Sidewalks, Statute Labor,		\$8000.00

And that a discount of 50 per cent. be made for cash payments to the Treasurer prior to June 1st.

Treasurer's Report.

CHAS. H. WILSON, Treasurer, in acc't with the Town
of Houlton, for year ending March 11, 1879.

1878		
March 11, To Balance in the Treasury,	\$232.10	
Am't due on Tax Bills of 1875,	1529.35	
" " " " " " 1876,	717.23	
" " " " " " 1877,	5351.69	
" of Money Tax of 1878,	16651.99	
" of Cash Road Fund,	233.76	
" of State School Fund,	603.21	
" of State Mill Tax,	963.88	
" of Temporary Loan, Houlton B'nk.	500.00	
" " " " Penobscot Bank,	1000.00	
" " " " W. Mansur,	1000.00	
" received for Licences,	23.00	
" " of Cheese Factory,	4.02	
" " from town of China,	3.00	
" of Note, town of Frenchville,	228.30	
" " " " Amity,	10.29	
	\$29051.8	

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By paid State Tax of 1877,	\$2049.51	
" Balance of County Tax 1877,	1022.47	
" On County Tax of 1878,	1000.00	
" Town Note,	1500.00	
" " " Penobscot Sav'gs B'k,	1000.00	
" " " Houlton " "	500.00	
" Interest to Augusta " "	365.00	
" " Penobscot " "	165.50	
" " on Bond \$3000.	378.00	
" " " " 5000	840.50	
" " " " 1000	124.00	
" " " " 1500	137.50	
" " " " 400	64.00	
" 284 R. R. Coupons,	1704.00	
" Notes and Orders,	9040.06	
" Discounts,	1059.36	
Amount due on Tax Bills of 1877,	1731.95	
" " " " " " 1878,	5990.32	
Bal. in the Treasury March 11, 1879,	379.65	
	\$29051.8	

C. H. WILSON, TREASURER.

Houlton, March 11, 1879.

B. L. STAPLES, EBEN WOODBURY, ISAAC BARKER,	}	Selectmen of Houlton,
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