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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS,

OVERSEERS OF POOR, TREASURER,

AND

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF LIVERMORE,

For the Year Ending February 12, 1886.

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TOWN OFFICERS,

ELECTED MARCH 2, 1885.

I. T. MONROE,	MODERATOR.
DR. C. E. KNIGHT,	CLERK.
G. T. PIPER,	} SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.
C. F. PIKE,	
I. T. MONROE,	
R. B. BRADFORD,	TREASURER.
DR. C. E. KNIGHT,	} SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
C. L. DAY,	
R. A. RYERSON,	
ORRISON ROLLINS,	COLLECTOR (Appointed).
JOSEPH H. THING,	CONSTABLE.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Valuation of the Town, April 1, 1885.

Real Estate,	\$303,937 00
Personal Estate,	70,243 00
Total valuation,	\$374,180 00

Real Estate exempted from taxation, exclusive of Town Farm,	\$318 00
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Amounts raised by the town, March, 1885 :

For Schools,	\$1,200 00
Roads and bridges,	600 00
Town charges,	1,800 00
Principal of war debt,	429 00
Decorating soldiers' graves,	15 00
Total,	\$4,044.00

Amount assessed and committed to Orrison Rollins, Collector
of Livermore :

For Town charges,	\$4,044 00
State tax,	1,619 14
County tax,	580 45
Overlay,	122 35
Total,	\$6,365 94

The above sum was committed to the Collector, with a warrant in due form of law, for collecting and paying to the State, County, and Town Treasurers the sums due each, respectively, on or before the first day of January, 1886.

Non-resident taxes not subject to this rule :

Number of taxable polls,	377
Tax on poll,	\$2.00
Rate per cent.,	.015

TOWN FARM.

Believing that if the town owned a farm it should be improved instead of allowed to deteriorate, we have endeavored, although at considerable outlay, to put the farm in as good a condition as circumstances would allow. The barn and one side of the house and ell have been newly shingled, a large arch kettle bought and set, three good cows added to the stock, pigs and hens purchased, ground for next year's crop broken, fences put in order, stones picked, and the following is the result:

TOWN FARM EXPENSES,		\$694 89
Made up of the following items:		
Superintendent's salary,	\$225 00	
Sawing lumber,	34 52	
Hauling logs,	4 00	
Hauling shingles and boards,	11 50	
Paid for meal and shorts,	36 85	
for cows and hens,	112 00	
shingling,	14 40	
labor on farm,	60 62	
A. W. Coolidge, for supplies,	148 00	
Dr. C. E. Knight,	5 00	
for sundry articles,	43 00	
	—————	\$694 89
TOWN FARM CREDIT,		
Made up of the following items:		
Beef and pork sold,	\$22 92	
Apples sold,	37 48	
Calves sold,	14 50	
Eggs sold,	20 23	
Butter sold,	57 53	
Cheese sold,	64 28	
Oats sold,	15 80	
Hides sold,	6 17	
Poultry sold,	4 80	
	—————	\$243 71
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Balance against the farm,		\$451 18

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

AT TOWN FARM, FEB. 13, 1886.

Six cows,	\$170 00	
Two shoats,	10 00	
15 hens,	7 50	
Potatoes,	18 00	
Apples,	20 75	
Oats,	7 20	
Barrel cider,	2 00	
Beans,	3 30	
Pork,	16 87	
Beef,	6 30	
Bacon,	2 08	
Barley,	1 00	
Turnips,	1 25	
Butter,	2 60	
Flour,	3 25	
Tallow,	2 16	
Soap,	3 00	
	-----	\$277 26

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

AT TOWN FARM, MARCH 16, 1885.

Five cows,	\$130 00	
Two shoats,	8 00	
12 hens,	6 00	
Potatoes,	4 50	
Beef,	2 62	
Pork,	4 50	
Beans,	1 75	
Vinegar,	1 00	
Flour,	90	
Tallow,	60	
Soap,	1 00	
	-----	\$160 87
Increased value of Personal Property,		\$116 39
Feb. 13, 1886, which, deducted from the bal- ance against the Farm, leaves as the actual cost of running the Town Farm for the past year,		\$298 79

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF THE FARM, \$165 82

Consisting of the following items :

Elmer Benjamin,	\$1 25	
Elias Dunn,	52 60	
Rev. B. Sylvester (S. Taylor's funeral),	2 00	
R. N. Norton,	3 57	
The above bills accumulated previous to Mar. 1, 1885.		
Julia A. White,	61 55	
Abbie McKenny,	22 50	
E. F. Childs,	3 35	
Mrs. R. N. Norton,	6 00	
Cost of moving Elias Dunn from Paris to Livermore,	13 00	
	\$165 82	
Total cost of poor at Town Farm,		298 79
		\$464 61

Total last year, \$489.89.

Pauper bills less this year than last, \$25.28.

Mr. Dorillus D. Bryant and wife have been in charge of the Farm for the past year, having assumed the management March 31, 1885. There was an exceeding dearth of all produce and products produced by the retiring occupant when Mr. Bryant took possession, consequently an immediate outlay was necessary. In the middle of March, 1885, Elias Dunn, a pauper dependent on Livermore, then maintained at an ever-increasing expense in Paris, was moved to our Town Farm, where he now sojourns, surrounded by every comfort that the ever-ready presence of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant can furnish. Delia Stevens, the only other pauper at the Farm, causes no trouble or inconvenience whatever. We congratulate the Superintendent and his estimable wife for the faithful and successful discharge of the duties that devolved upon them in the management of the Town Farm for the year ending March 31, 1886.

HIGHWAYS.

The town voted to raise the sum of \$2,000, to be expended in labor and materials on the highways. The same was duly assessed and committed to the

several Highway Surveyors, according to the requirements of the law. The town voted to raise \$600 to be expended on roads and bridges, under the direction of the Selectmen. Accordingly the supervision of the road machine was assigned to Mr. C. F. Pike, and under his management \$524 was used in turn-piking eleven miles of road,

\$524 00

Other expenditures for roads and bridges are as follows :

For Goding Hill,	20 00
Lyford Bridge,	37 50
Snow fence on Bowles Hill,	14 70
Cutting bushes on Hathaway Hill,	6 00
Grading near Livermore Falls Bridge,	16 50
Repairing Jay Road,	15 00
Repairing Hyde Road,	3 00
Cutting bushes on Strickland's Ferry road,	6 00
Other road repairs, etc.,	74 55

Total expenditures on roads and bridges, summer of 1885,	\$717 25
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Amount of snow bills paid individuals over and above their highway tax,	371 30
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Total amount expended on the highways,	\$1,088 55
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Early in the spring a pair of oxen was purchased for the Town Farm at a cost of	\$162 50
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In June two pairs of oxen were bought for the road machine at a cost of	332 50
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\$495 00

Money was hired to purchase the last two pairs, at 4 per cent., and interest amounted to	5 58
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Total expense,	\$500 58
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Besides doing the work on the Town Farm and work on roads, they earned otherwise,	\$17 25
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They were sold without any further cost for	477 50
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Total receipts,	494 75
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Loss on cattle, including interest,	\$5 83
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Loss on cattle, exclusive of interest,	25
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This report includes all bills arising in the purchase, sale, etc., of oxen for 1885. We paid a bill of nine dollars for keeping oxen after service on the road in 1884.

HEARSE.

The hearse has been in the care of J. P. Bowles for the past year. The cost for services to this date is \$21.00, of which \$16.50 has been paid.	\$16 50
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DAMAGES ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid W. B. Knight,	3 00
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HILLMAN'S FERRY.

Expenses over and above East Livermore's proportion,	80 77
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ABATEMENTS.

Uncollected non-resident taxes of 1880,	20 24
Resident tax, 1883, vote of town,	88 00
1884, vote of town,	39 00
1884,	86 53
1885,	97 26
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	\$331 03

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

G. T. Piper, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor,	\$75 00
C. F. Pike, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor,	45 00
I. T. Monroe, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor.	40 00
Dr. C. E. Knight, Superintending School Committee.	24 00
C. L. Day, Superintending School Committee,	19 50
R. A. Ryerson, Superintending School Committee.	22 50
R. B. Bradford, Treasurer,	20 00
Dr. C. E. Knight, Clerk,	15 00
S. D. Washburn, Treasurer of Ministerial and School Fund,	12 00
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	\$273 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Livermore :

I herewith submit the following report of the financial operations of the Treasury Department of your town, for the municipal year, ending February 12, 1886.

R. B. Bradford, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Livermore :

To balance brought forward from settlement with		
Selectmen, February 21, 1885 :	DR.	
Due on tax bills of 1882,	\$99 52	
1883,	88 00	
1884,	3,520 53	
Uncollected non-resident taxes, 1880,	20 24	
Cash in treasury,	257 07	
Total,		\$3,985 36
State school fund and mill tax, 1884,		513 82
Interest on town school fund, by S. D. Washburn,		108 43
Cash for two calves sold from Town Farm, by I. T. Monroe,		9 50
note of Aurillia Allan, estate from Edmon Bryant,		35 58
highway tax of A. J. Ryerson,		4 75
Cash from J. F. Quimby, for oxen, by G. T. Piper,		170 00
Assessment committed to O. Rollins, 1885,		4,166 35
Cash for old ferry rope, by I. T. Monroe,		11 45
East Livermore's portion of expense of Hilman's Ferry, by I. T. Monroe,		42 73
overlook in tax of Ira Timberlake,		90
calf sold from Town Farm by C. F. Pike,		5 00
note of Leonard Carver estate, from J. R. Oldham estate, by S. D. Washburn, administrator,		39 41
tax deed of A. G. Moulton,		50
highway taxes of A. W. Coolidge, S. W. Turner, E. L. Boothby, and S. D. Washburn, by I. T. Monroe,		24 66

Cash for apples sold from Town Farm, by I. T. Monroe,	\$33 00
highway tax of J. C. Bryant estate,	2 89
taxes abated against Stephen Leavitt for 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, by him paid,	53 42
Orders to refund War debt to three per cent.,	800 00
Cash hired to buy road team,	332 50
for highway tax of Umbagog Pulp Co.. for 1885, by I. T. Monroe,	89 25
Cash for oxen sold, by G. T. Piper,	162 50
abatements collected by O. Rollins,	3 00
State pension order to Albina Stetson,	24 00
Cash amount above the commutement to O. Rollins, for highway tax of J. R. Oldham estate,	10 00 1 80
lumber sold from Town Farm, by G. T. Piper,	15 10
School fund and mill tax of 1885,	585 08
To cash for oats and cheese sold from Town Farm by G. T. Piper,	35 82
Beef sold from Town Farm, by I. T. Monroe,	17 64
Abatements collected by J. H. Thing,	4 07
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	\$11,288 51

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By paid Albina Stetson, State pension,	\$24 00
Municipal orders and interest,	6,629 14
School orders and interest,	2,436 13
Annual interest on orders,	74 16
Principal of war debt,	1,029 00
Due on uncollected non-resident taxes, 1884,	29 25
Due on uncollected non-resident taxes, 1885,	64 89
Cash in Treasury,	1,001 94
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	\$11,288 51

R. B. BRADFORD,
Treasurer of Livermore.

LIABILITIES AND RESOURCES.

LIABILITIES

(Exclusive of War Debt).

Unpaid school orders,		\$6 82
Other unpaid municipal orders,		75 40
Due the several school districts,		569 22
Use of vestry,		15 00
Town officers' bills,		273 00
Balance due Superintendent of town farm,		91 93
Outstanding claims estimated,		25 00
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		\$1,056 37

RESOURCES

(Exclusive of Town Farm, Stock, etc.).

Due on uncollected non-resident taxes of 1884,	\$29 25	
Due on uncollected non-resident taxes of 1885,	64 89	
Cash in Treasury,	1,001 94	
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Resources over Liabilities,		\$39 71
Municipal orders reported on interest last year, and paid this,		\$1,972 23
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War orders on interest last year,		1,429 00
War orders paid this year,		1,029 00
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Balance of war orders on interest at 3 per cent.,		\$400 00
Being the total Town debt, Feb. 13, 1886.		

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations by town, exclusive of amount for schools:

Town charges,	\$1,800 00
For highways and bridges,	600 00
For war debt,	429 00
Decorating soldiers' graves.	15 00
Overlay,	122 35
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	\$2,966 35

EXPENDITURES.

Support of poor,	\$464 61
Interest on war debt,	33 33
Highways,	1,094 38
War debt,	429 00
Hearse,	16 50
Damage on highway,	3 00
Abatements,	331 03
Vestry,	15 00
Town officers' bills,	273 00
Hillman's Ferry,	80 77
For decorating soldiers' graves,	15 00
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	\$2,755 62

Whereas, Joseph H. Thing concluded not to collect the taxes of 1885, the duty then devolved on the Selectmen to appoint a Collector. They appointed Orrison Rollins. Believing it to be for the interest of the town to have the taxes collected within the year, in order to pay up orders long drawing interest, and to let the town know exactly how it stood, they made the following propositions: 1st. If he would settle with the town on or before January 1st, he should have 2½ per cent. 2d. On or before February 20th, 2 per cent. 3d. If within one year, 1 per cent. If not settled within one year, interest was to be charged on the bills. The result is as follows: Orrison Rollins settled the taxes of 1885, January 2, 1886; Joseph H. Thing settled with the Treasurer for the taxes of 1884, February 11, 1886; and as a result all outstanding orders, with interest on the same, have been paid, with the exception of \$400 (war order), on interest at 3 per cent., which is our total town debt.

We feel a sense of pride in announcing to the tax-payers of Livermore, that for the first time in the history of the town the several sums assessed for the current year and all previous years have been paid to the respective Treasurers; that the war debt of \$1,429 has been reduced to \$400; that the municipal outstanding orders are but \$82.22; that interest has been stopped to the amount of \$407.94, and the reason for all this is, *the taxes have been collected.*

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. PIPER,

C. F. PIKE,

I. T. MONROE,

*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor,
Town of Livermore.*

REPORT OF S. S. COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Mary Pollard. Miss Pollard is a thorough scholar, and met with excellent success.

The Winter Term was taught by Asa Timberlake, who is one of our best teachers. His order was good, and excellent progress was made.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The Spring Term was taught by Miss Sue Gordon. Miss Gordon possesses excellent qualifications as a teacher, and the term was one of profit.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Annie Lovewell, who worked hard, and accomplished good results. Her order was good.

The Winter Term is now in progress, taught by Miss St. Clair, who is a teacher of large experience, and is giving entire satisfaction. The school-house has been neatly repaired, and furnished with modern seats.

DISTRICT No. 3.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Sadie Beals, who worked faithfully for the interest of the school which appeared well at our examination.

The Winter Term is now in progress, taught by James Bryant, who is giving good satisfaction, as far as known to your committee.

DISTRICT No. 4.

This school's Summer Term was taught by Miss Frannie Campbell. This was her first school. She succeeded in winning the esteem of her pupils, who made good progress in most of their studies. She displayed an ambition to awaken an interest in the scholars to do thorough work, and for one so young succeeded admirably.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Campbell with increased success, and profit to her pupils.

DISTRICT No. 5.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Emma Timberlake. She spared no pains to make the school a success, yet being in her own

district, there were some who took advantage of the fact, and the discipline was not as good as could be desired. Otherwise satisfaction was given.

The Winter Term was taught by Rush Bradford. Mr. Bradford was liked by all. The school did well. Some thought he was not quite as strict as he should have been, yet the scholars seemed to be deeply interested.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Lillie Bemis. Miss Bemis is an excellent teacher and works hard for her pupils.

The Winter Term was taught by S. G. Shurtleff, who is a teacher of experience, and makes his teaching practical. The scholars showed a thorough drill.

DISTRICT No. 7.

The only term for the year in the district was taught by Miss Emma Timberlake. She succeeded in pleasing her scholars to an eminent degree. We think only two of the pupils who were present at our first visit, were present at our last; these showed good work. We think, on the whole, Miss T. did fairly good work.

DISTRICT No. 8.

The Summer Term was taught by Mrs. Hattie Coolidge. Mrs. Coolidge is an admirable teacher, and succeeded in winning the love of her pupils, and in inspiring them to prosecute their studies with enthusiasm.

The Winter Term was also taught by Mrs. Coolidge. This was a term of continued success and profit.

DISTRICT No. 9.

As a large proportion of the scholars in this District are boys who cannot attend in summer, it was thought best to have one long term in the winter. This term of seventeen weeks was taught by Miss Lillie S. Bemis. The length of the term itself gives evidence that good satisfaction was given, a good degree of interest was awakened, and thorough work was done.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Miss Annie Hinds taught the Summer Term. We were much pleased with the appearance of the school at each of our visits. We were sorry that a number of the larger scholars were not present at our last visit, but those who were present showed excellent

superior teacher.

The Winter Term
usual good success. Mr.

DISTRICT

Miss Jennie M. Haskell taught the
with good success. Miss Haskell is a young
scholar, and has excellent tact for teaching
make her one of our best teachers.

A Fall Term was taught by Miss Minnie Rice
very good school. The scholars were interested and good
ment was made.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Both Summer and Winter Terms were taught by Mrs. Alma S.
ton. Mrs. Eaton is a teacher of considerable experience, and
lets with uniform success. The scholars were interested, even to
enthusiasm, and a large amount of work was done in an excellent
manner.

DISTRICT No. 13.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Ella A. Adkins. At the
beginning of the term a good degree of interest was manifested,
and so far as we can learn, good satisfaction was given. Not re-
ceiving notice of the close of the school, we did not visit it the
second time.

Miss Annie Lovewell taught the Winter Term with good success.

DISTRICT No. 14.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Eunice C. Whittemore, of
East Livermore. This was a very successful term; good order was
maintained, and general satisfaction was given.

The Winter Term was taught by Mr. Albert C. Bradbury. This
term was also a success and a large amount of work was accom-
plished. This was Mr. Bradbury's first school.

DISTRICT No. 15.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Mamie Beals. The
school was small, yet pleasant and profitable.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Sue Gordon. Miss Gor-
don's discipline is good, and the results of this term were highly
satisfactory.

former Term with un-
teacher, especially of the
continue to teach in our

Miss Laura Sylvester, of Leeds.
methods, and with the general appear-

DISTRICT No. 17.

thinned down in numbers so much that during
only one scholar attended. The term was taught
Miss Houghton of Jay. She taught for very small pay.
Scholar's parents preferred to sustain a school *there* rather than
go a distance out of the District, and as the expense would
be no more than to have hired her carried, the officers of the
sanctioned the effort.

The Winter Term was taught by the same teacher, with a much
larger number of scholars. Miss Houghton evidently exerted her
self to do her best work. A very good scholar, we think with
added years and experience she may make a superior teacher.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.—DISTRICT No. 2.

The Free High School in District No. 2, taught by H. M. Pratt,
was one of the best. Mr. Pratt's reputation as a teacher is unsur-
passed. It is to be regretted that the town does not secure the
services of Mr. Pratt and establish a permanent Free High School,
which could be run with very little increase in taxation.

In submitting our report we are pleased to say that, as a whole,
the schools have been markedly successful. There is no trouble in
having good *schools* if we employ good *teachers*. Pay a teacher a
fair price and demand good work. More can be accomplished in
five weeks with a good teacher, than in ten with a poor one.

We wish to impress on the minds of parents the importance of
regular attendance of their children at school. The success of a
school is largely influenced by the punctuality of its pupils. In
closing we wish to bring this fact to our teachers notice, that while
a classical education is to be desired by all, yet our country schools
demand a good, thorough, practical English teacher.

C. E. KNIGHT, M.D.,

CHAS. L. DAY,

R. A. RYERSON,

S. S. Committee of Livermore.