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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN & AUDITOR

OF THE

TOWN OF RUMFORD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15TH, 1873.



PARIS HILL.

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State Tax.....	\$2,192	77
County Tax.....	457	02
Support of Schools	1,250	00
Support of Poor.....	500	00
To pay interest on town debt.....	300	00
To pay discount on taxes.....	500	00
Current expenses of town.....	700	00
Overlayings.....	123	00
Delinquent Highway.....	8	40
Total committed for collection.....	\$6,031	19

Whole number of Polls, 244.

Amount of Real and Personal Estate, Resident
and non-Resident..... \$160,327 00

Poll tax \$3 00. Rate of Tax, .033.

Amount of Highway tax to be expended in labor, \$3,000 00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by vote of town.....	\$1,250	00
Interest on town School Fund.....	174	00
Mill Tax—estimated	520	00
Bank Tax. “	172	00
Fines for disturbing school.....	10	00
	\$2,126	00

After taking ten per cent. of the amount raised by the town to be divided among the smaller districts, (by vote of town), we have four dollars and seventeen cents per scholar. Apportioned as follows :

<i>District.</i>	<i>No. Scholars.</i>	<i>Per centage.</i>	<i>Apportionment.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
No. 1.....	22	\$25 00	§ 91 74	\$116 74
No. 2.....	30	6 00	125 10	131 10
No. 3.....	24	10 00	100 08	110 08
No. 4.....	32	4 00	133 44	137 44
No. 5.....	38	3 00	158 46	161 41
No. 6.....	34	4 00	141 78	145 78
No. 7.....	47		195 99	195 99
No. 8.....	72		300 24	300 24
No. 9.....	52		216 84	216 84
No. 10.....	18	30 00	75 06	105 06
No. 11.....	22	25 00	91 74	116 74
No. 12.....	62		258 54	258 54
No. 13.....	27	18 00	112 59	130 59
	<u>480</u>	<u>\$125 00</u>		<u>\$2,126 00</u>

TOWN FARM.

PAUPERS ON FARM.

Haines Stevens, aged 68 years, supported 7 1-2 months.

SCHEDULE OF STOCK, PROVISIONS, &C.

2 oxen,	275 lbs. pork,
3 cows,	57 " ham,
1 two years old heifer,	40 " butter,
2 one year old heifers,	17 " lard,
10 sheep,	100 " dried apples.
1 horse,	125 bush. potatoes,
2 swine,	9 " oats,
15 hens,	7 " wheat,
5 feather beds,	1 1-2 " beans,
15 quilts and puffs,	1 1-2 " India wheat,
11 sheets,	2-3 bbl. soap,
12 pillow slips,	18 tons hay.

We find by examining the book of the overseer, that he has bought for the benefit of the farm, grass seed, plaster, and tools, to the amount of \$25 90; boots and clothing for pauper, \$8 25,—that he has paid these bills, together with his store and blacksmith bills, from the income of the farm. We estimate the gain on stock, overplus of hay and what we should have had to pay for boarding pauper, to be equal to the overseer's salary and the extra labor.

ORDERS DRAWN IN FAVOR OF FARM.

Overseer's salary.....	\$200 00	
Extra labor in haying.....	42 00	
	<hr/>	\$242 00.

PAUPER BILLS OFF THE FARM.

Paid Samuel Merrill's family.....	\$51 09	
“ clothes for David Silver.....	15 00	
“ supplies furnished Mrs. J. K. Hall...	12 33	
“ “ “ Mrs. P. C. Virgin.	9 25	
“ transient paupers	25	
	<hr/>	\$91 22

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid C. E. Woods land damage for road.....	\$50 00	
“ Waldo Pettengill for town plan.....	10 00	
“ N. S. Farnum, stove & funnel for Town House.	38 25	
“ John Clement, repairs on Town House.....	4 50	
“ F. E. Shaw, printing town report.....	15 15	
“ William H. Farnum, money paid out on Town Farm, 1871.....	36 00	
“ Bolster & Wright, professional services, Rum- ford vs. Gilead.....	60 00	
“ W. W. Bolster, professional services Stevens vs. Rumford and Caldwell vs. Rumford.....	22 00	
	<hr/>	\$235 90

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Timothy Walker	\$42 25
Henry Abbott	39 20
John Swain.....	11 50

TREASURER.

Calvin Howe.....	30 00
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CLERK AND CONSTABLE.

William Frost, (estimated).....	20 00
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COLLECTOR.

C. F. Wheeler, (estimated).....	64 00
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SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Waldo Pettengill, (estimated).....	20 00
Hiram F. Abbott.....	4 50
E. H. Hutchins	4 75

AUDITOR.

P. M. Putnam, (estimated).....	5 00
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\$241 20

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The sum of three thousand dollars, raised last year for the repair of roads and bridges, was insufficient to keep them in fair condition, hence we were obliged to draw on the treasury for the following sums :

Paid for plank, spikes & labor on Swift River Bridge	
(as per bill on file).....	\$74 68
“ repairing road in H. C. Rolfe’s district.....	43 55
“ “ “ Solomon Silver’s district....	40 06
“ “ “ John F. Twombly’s district..	3 50
“ “ “ M. F. Knights’ district.....	9 00
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	\$170 79

TREASURY.

Town of Rumford *in account with Calvin Howe, Treasurer :*

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Feb. 15.	Balance in Treasury,	\$2.133 04
	In hands of F. P. Putnam, Collector,	482 68
Aug. 4	To tax committed to C. F. Wheeler, Col.	3.373 00
Nov. 5.	To Bank Tax, received from State,	163 88
Dec. 26.	Cash received on Wm. F. Stevens' note,	70 83
1873.		
Jan. 1.	Mill Tax,	482 15
	To cash received from Mexico, on Hannaford's bill,	18 25
	To cash rec'd from Hebron, Bumpus' bill,	42 25
	" " " County witness fees,	35 79
		-----\$7,810 87

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March 18.	By orders returned,	\$342 27
April 24.	" " "	600 94
	Interest paid on town notes,	48 62
1873.		
Feb. 10.	Abatement of J. G. Durgin's and Wm. Phinney's tax for 1871, by town vote,	21 88
	Orders returned,	439 06
	" " "	540 01
	Interest on town notes,	172 92
	Discount on taxes, 1872,	510 04
	Abatement of taxes, 1871,	5 98
	Orders returned,	695 54
	In hands of C. F. Wheeler, Collector,	1,322 95
	Balance in Treasury,	2,035 98
	Orders returned,	74 68
		-----\$6,810 87

EXHIBIT OF TOWN NOTES.

	<i>Date.</i>	<i>Running to.</i>	<i>When due.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
1	Note, Oct. 20, 1869,	Martha L. Abbott,	on demand,	\$260 00
1	" " 1, 1870,	A. C. Howe,	"	500 00
1	" Dec. 9, 1870,	Hannah Segur,	"	250 00
1	" " 21, 1870,	Lucinda G. Elliott,	"	200 00
1	" " 1, 1870,	A. C. Howe,	"	311 00

Amount carried forward, \$1,521 00

	<i>Date.</i>	<i>Running to.</i>	<i>When due.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
	Amount brought forward.			\$1.521 00
1	Note. March 1, 1871,	Calvin Howe	on demand.	360 00
1	" April 15, 1871.	John E. Segur,		200 00
1	" Feb. 14, 1871.	J. K. Elliott.	"	150 00
1	" April 15, 1871.	Hannah Segur.	"	77 00
1	" May 2, 1871.	Abigail S. Clement,	"	50 00
1	" " 2, 1871.	Susie P. Howe.	"	60 00
1	" " 30, 1871.	Nathan W. Elliott.	"	100 00
1	" June 1, 1871,	John E. Elliott,	one year.	600 00
1	" " 1, 1871.	Wm. Moody.	"	125 00
1	" " 1, 1871.	Timothy Walker,	"	233 67
1	" July 11, 1871.	John E. Segur.	"	600 00
1	" June 7, 1871.	Henry C. Rolfe, Guard.	"	100 00
				\$4,176 67

SCHOOL FUND NOTES.

There is due the School Fund the following notes, given by the Town Treasurer, for money hired from said fund :

1	note dated April 13th, 1863,	\$273 88
"	" Dec. 5, 1864,	700 00
"	" April 24, 1867,	1,058 32
"	" " 24, 1868,	356 60
"	" " 24, 1869,	150 00
"	" " 23, 1870,	58 21
"	" Dec. 5, 1871,	75 00
		\$2,672 01

There is now due on school fund notes not collected, principal and interest, which we consider good, the sum of \$446.68.

It will be noticed by the Report of 1872, that the amount due from the town to the school fund, was \$2,033.55; this sum was taken from the Report of 1871, by adding the \$75.00, (note dated Dec. 5, 1871.) It was supposed the Report was correct at the time, but it will be seen by the notes that the correct amount is \$2,672.01. This will slightly increase the indebtedness of the town.

We have endeavored to give the facts as they exist; but

as only the interest is apportioned to the schools, annually, it is better for the town to hold the fund in its present shape and thus prevent it from being lost, as a portion of it has already.

RECAPITULATION.

LIABILITIES :

Town notes,	\$4,176 67	
Interest on Town notes, accrued,	212 89	
Due School Districts,	1,073 81	
Due on Town officer's bills,	241 20	
Due Overseer on Town Farm,	100 00	
Abatement to be made on taxes, to be worked on road, by vote of town, 1872,	57 84	
to be made on taxes not collected, (estimated)	25 00	
Miscellaneous bills, (estimated)	100 00	
Due on notes given to Treasurer of pri- mary school fund,	2,672 01	
	<u> </u>	\$3,659 42

RESOURCES :

Balance in Treasury,	\$2,035 98	
In hands of C. F. Wheeler, Collector,	1,322 95	
	<u> </u>	\$3,358 93
		<u> </u>
Balance against the town,		\$5,300 49

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Support of Schools,	\$1000 00
Support of poor,	500 00
To pay Town debt and interest,	500 00
To pay discount on taxes,	500 00
Current expenses of Town,	700 00

Respectfully submitted,

TIMOTHY WALKER, } *Selectmen, Asses's.*
HENRY ABBOTT, } *Overseers of Poor.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Statement of the expenditures of the Town of Rumford during the financial year commencing with the 15th day of February, 1872, and ending on the 10th day of Feb., 1873:

Taxes abated to F. P. Putnam, collector.....	\$ 27 86
Allowed by C. F. Wheeler, being discount on taxes.	510 04
Paid Town officer's bills for 1871.....	215 40
" W. H. Farnum, services on Town Farm, 1871.	115 00
" J. Clement, repairs and care of Town House..	8 10
" W. H. Farnum, articles and tools for Town Farm, 1871.....	36 00
" T. Walker, services as committee on bridge, 1869-'70, and '71.....	31 48
" F. P. Putnam, collecting taxes. 1871.....	70 00
" C. M. Elliott, services on Town Farm.....	100 00
" G. F. Elliott and W. Thomas, work ou Farm..	42 00
" W. Pettengill, making Town Plan.....	10 00
" Printing Town Report, 1872.....	15 15
" N. S. Farnum, stove & repairs on Town House	38 25
" Bolster & Wright, services, continuance case. Rumford vs. Gilead.....	60 00
" Bolster & Wright, services, Stevens and Cald- well cases.....	29 00
" S. R. Hutchins, taking depositions, (Stevens case).....	8 75
" J. S. Wright, taking depositions, same case...	4 00
" Witness fees in Stevens case, as by bill.....	28 70
" E. J. Morse for boarding Hannah Bumpus....	23 00
" H. F. Abbott, medical attendance.....	19 25
Amount carried forward.....	\$1,391 98

Amount brought forward	\$1,391 98
Paid for goods furnished Mrs. J. K. Hall.....	15 40
“ “ “ Samuel Merrill.....	32 00
“ Books “ “	5 00
“ H. H. Cole, medical attendance, S. Merrill’s wife.....	4 00
“ Clothing for Daniel Silver.....	15 18
“ H. A. Small for flour for Peter C. Virgin,...	9 75
“ Cash to redeem Sarah Virgin’s cow.....	10 60
“ Asa S. Howard for boarding paupers.....	3 00
“ Henry Abbott, repairs on highway	43 55
“ S. Silver “ “	40 06
“ M. F. Knight “ “	9 00
“ J. F. Twombly “ “	3 50
“ J. L. Abbott, fencing across road	4 00
“ J. T. Hall, plank and labor on Swift river bridge.....	74 68
“ C. E. Woods, land damage for road	50 00
“ T. Walker, books and other articles for town, as per bill.....	14 26
“ Interest on Town notes.....	221 54
“ To School Districts	1,612 68
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	\$3,560 18

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Rec’d of F. P. Putnam, Collector.....	\$ 454 81
“ of C. F. Wheeler.....	1,540 01
“ Bank tax from State.....	163 88
“ Cash on W. E. Stevens’ note.....	79 83
“ Mill Tax.....	482 15
“ of Town of Mexico	18 25
“ of Town of Hebron (Bumpus’ bill)	42 25
“ of County (witness fees).....	35 79
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	\$2,816 97

RECAPITULATION.

Uncollected taxes, February, 1873	\$1,322 95	
Balance in Treasury	2,035 98	
		—————\$3,358 93
Uncollected taxes, February, 1872	482 68	
Balance in Treasury	2,133 04	
		—————\$2,615 72
		—————
		\$748 21
Amount of expenditures	\$3,560 18	
Amount of receipts	\$2,816 97	
		—————
		\$3,560 18

P. M. PUTNAM,
Auditor of Accounts.

