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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor,

TOWN TREASURER,

Road Commissioners and Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF CARTHAGE,

For the Year Ending February 17, 1902.

FARMINGTON, MAINE:
PRESS OF KNOWLTON & McLEAN CO.
1902.
SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Carthage:

Agreeable to law and the usual custom, we submit our annual report of the financial standing of the town for the year ending Feb. 17, 1902.

VALUATION OF TOWN.

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<tr>
<td>Resident Real Estate</td>
<td>$45,223 00</td>
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<td>Non-resident Real Estate</td>
<td>30,225 00</td>
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<td>Personal Estate</td>
<td>20,144 00</td>
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<td>$95,592 00</td>
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APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

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<td>State Tax</td>
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<td>132 50</td>
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<td>Poor and other Charges</td>
<td>800 00</td>
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<td>Roads and Bridges</td>
<td>1000 00</td>
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<td>Town Debt</td>
<td>1000 00</td>
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<td>Common Schools</td>
<td>350 00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Free High School</td>
<td>150 00</td>
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<td>Repairs of School-house</td>
<td>50 00</td>
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<td>Text-books</td>
<td>25 00</td>
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<td>$3795 14</td>
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Number of Polls, 79.
Poll Tax, $3.00.
Rate of Taxation, .038.
TOWN OFFICERS’ BILLS, 1901-2.

D. W. Berry, Selectman, $43.50
Geo. Maxwell, Selectman (estimated), 22.00
E. H. Staples, Selectman, 31.75
Luther Hutchinson, Treasurer, 18.00
Lester S. Libby, Town Clerk, 6.00
E. H. Staples, Sup’t of Schools, 40.00
C. W. Hanscom, S. S. Committee, 3.00
D. D. Berry, S. S. Committee, 3.00
C. F. Eaton, S. S. Committee, 3.00

Total: $170.25

TOWN OFFICERS’ BILLS PAID.

D. W. Berry for services as Selectman, 1900-1, $17.00
  “ “ “ 1901-2, 30.00
Will W. Holman, “ “ 1900-1, 21.75
O. V. Hutchinson, “ “ 1900-1, 20.00
Lester L. Libby, services as Town Clerk, 6.50
E. H. Staples, services as Selectman, 1901-2, 20.00
J. H. Coburn, services as Moderator, 1901, 2.00
Luther Hutchinson, services as Treasurer, 1900-1, 18.00
E. H. Staples, services as Sup’t of Schools, 1901-2, 38.40
C. W. Hanscomb, services as S. S. Committee, 3.00
C. P. Eaton, “ “ “ 3.00
D. D. Berry, “ “ “ 3.00
C. P. Eaton, services as Health Officer, 1900-1, 16.00
  “ “ “ 1901, 6.75
W. E. Hutchinson, services as Collector in full, 129.16
H. W. Berry, services as Collector, part pay, 32.72
Lester S. Libby, recording births and deaths, 2.55

Total: $369.83

ABATEMENTS.

Hiram Virgin, poll tax, 1900, $3.00
J. C. Little, personal, 1900, 1.68
E. E. Winter, “ “ 5.40
Bert Piper, personal, 1900, $1 68
Mrs. Geo. A. Piper, personal, 1900, 96
W. W. Hall, one-half of amount of tax, 1901, 5 70
N. G. Severy, tax on back lot, 1901, 5 70

PAUPER BILLS PAID.

Paid Mary S. Whittier for support of T. A. Pettengill, $104 00
V. O. White, M. D., for professional services, for T. A. Pettengill, 60 00
C. L. Pratt, for support of Sophronia Howard, 51 30
For clothing furnished " " 10 87
Emery Hutchinson, balance due for support of Sophronia Howard, 1900, 20 00
N. G. Severy, support of Ruth Potter, 103 50
Jesse Cushman, support of Joseph Tobin, 1900, 18 25
Seth Pratt, support of Joseph Tobin and clothing furnished, 47 00
For support of Cora Jones, 46 75
For support of John Downs, 10 18
Town of Farmington, for support of J. L. Tobin, 42 85

$514 70

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS, 1901.

Paid Mrs. H. S. Tobin, transporation of pupils, $40 00
T. A. Plummer, fitting wood, 1 50
A. A. Smith, boarding teacher, 12 00
Ethel L. Hutchinson, teaching school, spring term, 28 00
Mrs. Mattie Pratt, teaching school, spring term, board included, 48 00
Mrs. Lila A. Berry, teaching school, spring term, board included, 48 00
Bertha Brown, teaching school, spring term, board included, 40 00
E. H. Staples, for fuel, 2 75
Paid Lena B. Green, teaching school, fall term, $48 00
Sadie M. Smith, “ “ “ “ 54 00
Mrs. Mattie Pratt, teaching school, fall term, including board, 96 00
Nettie Maxwell, teaching school, fall term, including board, 60 00
L. P. Mason, for fuel, 2 00
Mrs. Chas. Pratt, for boarding teacher, 24 00
Mrs. Flora M. Brown, for boarding teacher, 20 00
Frank Brown, for fuel, 7 37
Goodwin Bros., for fuel, 75
D. D. Berry, for fuel, 87 $533 24

FREE HIGH SCHOOL, 1900.
Clarence E. Michiels, teaching, $75 00
Frank Brown, boarding teacher, 22 50 $97 50

FREE HIGH SCHOOL, 1901-2.
Amount appropriated, $150 00
K. W. Spaulding, for teaching, $120 00
Mrs. Ida Rand, boarding teacher, 25 00
Frank Brown, for fuel, 5 00 $150 00

APPROPRIATED FOR SCHOOLS.
Amount raised by town, 1901, $350 00
Unexpended from 1900, 140 32
School Fund and Mill Tax, 1901, 283 96
Amount received from State for stumpage from school lot, 40 00 $814 28
Amount expended for Common Schools, 1901, 533 24

Unexpended Feb. 20, 1902, $281 04

REPAIR OF ROADS, 1899-'00.
Bills of 1899. Paid F. W. Brown for services as road commissioner, $30 75
Bills of 1900, W. E. Hutchinson, road commissioner:
Paid outstanding road bills of 1900, 129 15

$159 90
REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The following is a summary of the bills for the repairs of roads and bridges, presented by the road commissioners. Their reports are referred to for a more detailed account.

Frank Brown, road commissioner, $450.49
E. C. Staples, "        " 182.86
A. A. Smith, "        " 204.11   $837.46
Plank furnished for bridges, 59.94

Total amount expended on roads and bridges, $897.40
Orders drawn and paid by Treasurer, 697.44
Orders and road bills outstanding, $199.96
Orders have been drawn by the Selectmen which have not been paid to the amount of 165.18

Leaving a balance of road bills outstanding of $34.78

NEW BRIDGE.

Orders drawn and paid since Feb. 20, 1901:
Wm. H. Connell, for bridge, $1150.00
F. W. Brown, labor on abutments, 59.50
E. C. Staples, " " " 52 90
R. C. Swett, "        " 42 00
Chas. Josselyn, " " " 1 75
D. W. Berry, for spikes for bridges, 86
S. D. Kittredge, blacksmith work for bridge, 2 00
Lyman A. Getchell, labor on bridge, 24 37
O. V. Hutchinson, " " " 12 00
Roy C. Swett, "        " 75
E. H. Staples, "        " 16 00
Goodwin Bros., for lumber, 8 98   $1371.11
Amount reported paid in 1900, 118 27

Total cost of bridge, $1489.38

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Luther Hutchinson, for supplies furnished schools, $2.13
C. W. Hanscom, for repair on school-house, 50
Erlon Staples, for cleaning school-house No. 5, $ 2 50
Ginn & Co., for text-books, 11 20
E. H. Staples, for express on text-books, 1 30
American Book Co., copy books, 8 40
D. W. Berry, express paid, postage, etc., 1 85
R. C. Swett, repairs on school-house No. 5, 2 50
Mrs. Linden Mason, cleaning school-house No. 1, 2 00
American Book Co., text-books, 1900, 37 00
Goodwin Bros., lumber for school No. 3, 2 95
A. C. Ewen, wall maps for schools, 3 92
Mrs. B. D. Rand, cleaning school-house No. 3, 2 50
L. A. Getchell, shingling school-house No. 5, 10 75
C. W. Hanscom, for shingles furnished town, 26 25
C. W. Hanscom, material furnished and work on school-house, 6 97
Jennie Holman, cleaning school-house No. 4, 4 00
D. D. Berry, material and work on school-house No. 3, 4 82
C. F. Eaton, 4 40
H. E. Potter, text-books furnished town, 10 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, blank-books, etc., 7 25
C. F. Eaton, disinfectant furnished town, 5 00
Earl C. Brown, janitor's services, 3 75
Knowlton, McLeary & Co., printing town reports, 10 00
Geo. W. Berry, watering trough furnished town, 3 00
Goodwin Bros., for boat, 6 00

$180 94

TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

Paid W. W. Goodwin, interest, $ 40 00
E. P. Goodwin, 28 00
Etta M. Hutchinson, interest, 4 00
Mrs. Ruel Phillips, 12 00
Wm. W. Goodwin, part payment town order, 500 00
E. W. Murch, interest on order, 28 51
E. P. Goodwin, part payment town order, 200 00
Mrs. Ruel Phillips, town order, 307 50

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RESOURCES.

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<td>Due from H. W. Berry, Tax Collector, 1901</td>
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<td>Real estate tax deeds</td>
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<td>Town of Canton on Geo. Jones' account</td>
<td>$188.00</td>
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<td>Tyler Hutchinson, for tuition, '98-99</td>
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<td>State for Free High School</td>
<td>$75.00</td>
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<td>Jesse Cushman, for tuition, 1901</td>
<td>$9.00</td>
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<td>Town of Dixfield, for tuition</td>
<td>$17.50</td>
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<td>Town of Wilton</td>
<td>$16.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Southwest corner lot No. 2 R. 12</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
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<td>Road machine</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
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<td>Cash in Treasury</td>
<td>$362.99</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2871.38</strong></td>
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LIABILITIES.

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<td>Outstanding orders bearing interest,</td>
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<td>Outstanding orders not bearing interest</td>
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<td>Due the schools</td>
<td>$281.04</td>
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<td>Town Officers' bills due</td>
<td>$73.25</td>
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<td>Due town of Weld for tuition</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
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<td>Outstanding bills (estimated)</td>
<td>$175.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2443.29</strong></td>
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<td>Balance in favor of town</td>
<td><strong>$428.09</strong></td>
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For the first time since the town was organized, our Resources more than balance the Indebtedness. There is not a dollar of tax due back of the 1901 assessment. This is indeed a record that the tax-payers should be proud of.

Respectfully submitted.

D. W. BERRY,  
GEO. MAXWELL,  
E. H. STAPLES,  

Selectmen of Carthage.
**ROAD COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT.**

*Report of Frank Brown, as Road Commissioner, in account with the
Town of Carthage for the year 1901-1902.*

Services as Commissioner, including team and help furnished, \$223 39

Paid R. O. Dunning, repairing his road, 9 00
Charles Eaton, labor on road, \$13 50
T. R. Plummer, \$27 95
W. W. Holman, \$11 85
Chas. Cushman, \$12 70
M. B. Hammond, \$14 54
Oscar Whitney, \$1 50
W. E. Hutchinson, labor on road, and plank, \$14 23
Emery Hutchinson, \$21 85
L. S. Libby, repairing and sharpening tools, \$1 46
Ernest Damon, labor on road, \$4 50
E. C. McLain, plank and boards, \$2 83
Elmer Holt, labor on road, \$1 50
John Leach, \$2 25
O. V. Hutchinson, labor on road, \$2 25
Frank Hutchinson, \$3 00
F. H. McLain, \$20 30
R. C. Hutchinson, \$5 50
H. Tobin, \$3 75
G. W. Berry, \$3 60
D. D. Berry, \$6 00
I. H. Beals, \$1 50
Charles Josselyn, \$5 95
A. M. Fuller, \$1 20
A. S. Wilson, \$9 00
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<td>John Dupell</td>
<td>labor on road</td>
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<td>Herbert Whitney</td>
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<td>4.55</td>
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<td>W. Chandler</td>
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<td>11.55</td>
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<td>Warren Pettengill</td>
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<td>3.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$450.49</strong></td>
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Respectfully submitted.

FRANK BROWN, Road Comm'r of Carthage.

E. C. Staples, Road Commissioner, in account with the Town of Carthage for the year 1901-1902.

BY FULL AMOUNT EXPENDED.

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<td>Services as Commissioner</td>
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<td>Paid for use of teams and men on highways, and breaking snow</td>
<td>42.17</td>
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<td>Erlon Staples, labor on highway</td>
<td>75.00</td>
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<td>S. Holt,</td>
<td>18.50</td>
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<td>E. H. Staples,</td>
<td>13.00</td>
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<td>Chas. Pratt,</td>
<td>3.75</td>
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<td>O. E. Whitney,</td>
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<td>Frank Brown,</td>
<td>9.33</td>
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<td>O. V. Hutchinson,</td>
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<td>J. S. Swett,</td>
<td>4.60</td>
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<td>E. G. McLain,</td>
<td>8.33</td>
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<td>E. G. McLain, for bridge plans</td>
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<td>Chas. Pratt,</td>
<td>1.50</td>
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<td>Eastman Judkins</td>
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<td>F. S. Hutchinson</td>
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<td>Emery Hutchinson, labor on highway</td>
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<td>E. H. Staples,</td>
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<td>Geo. Berry,</td>
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<td>S. Holt, breaking</td>
<td>1.80</td>
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Respectfully submitted.

E. C. STAPLES, Road Comm'r of Carthage.

A. A. Smith, Road Commissioner, in account with the Town of Carthage for the year 1901-1902.

A. A. Smith, services as Commissioner, 1901-'02, $42 00
Repair of road machine, 4 78
Paid N. G. Severy, labor on highway, 14 71
  M. D. Morrison, "  "  16 33
  A. W. Tainter, "  "  10 66
  Harry L. Smith, "  "  14 17
  L. P. Mason, "  "  28 43
  Geo. Maxwell, "  "  25 88
  Fred Casey, "  "  43 75
  Nat Whittier, "  "  1 15
  Lindon Mason, "  "  75
  Milo Dean, "  "  1 50

Respectfully submitted.

A. A. SMITH, Road Comm'r of Carthage.
TREASURER'S REPORT.

Luther Hutchinson, Treasurer, in account with the town of Carthage for the year ending Feb. 17, 1901.

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<td>To balance in Treasury, as per 1900 report,</td>
<td>$537.58</td>
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<td>Received of State Treasurer, dog licenses refunded,</td>
<td>26.23</td>
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<td>Town of Mexico, Downs account,</td>
<td>30.00</td>
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<td>Lester S. Libby, dog licenses, 1901,</td>
<td>27.00</td>
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<td>State Treas., stumpage on school land,</td>
<td>40.00</td>
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<td>State Treas., Free High school, 1900,</td>
<td>48.75</td>
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<td>On tax deeds,</td>
<td>117.08</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, school fund,</td>
<td>283.96</td>
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<td>W. E. Hutchinson, Collector, 1899 in full,</td>
<td>400.57</td>
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<td>W. E. Hutchinson, “ 1900 “</td>
<td>2772.23</td>
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<td>H. W. Berry, “ 1901 “</td>
<td>1800.00</td>
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<td>By paid to Carleton P. Merrill, County tax,</td>
<td>$132.46</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, dog licenses, 1901,</td>
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<td>W. E. Hutchinson, Collector, on tax deeds,</td>
<td>54.62</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, State tax,</td>
<td>287.64</td>
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<td>Town orders issued by Selectmen,</td>
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<td>Balance in Treasury Feb. 17,</td>
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<td>362.99</td>
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<td>$6083.50</td>
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LUTHER HUTCHINSON, Treasurer.
TOWN OF CARTHAGE.

Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the Year 1901.

BIRTHS.

April 8, 1901. To the wife of Willis Hammond, a daughter.
April 30, " Fred Casey, a daughter.
May 21, " George A. Virgin, a son.
November 20, " H. Willis Berry, a son,
November 29, " I. H. Beals, a son,
December 13, " Chas. W. Getchell, a son,
December 19, " Olean V. Hutchinson, a son.

DEATHS.

January 5, 1901. Joseph Brown,
January 17, " George Jones,
February 7, " Isabelle C. Hutchinson,
March 10, " Eldora Downes,
July 4, " Currier Stephen Kittredge,
July 23, " James M. Adams,
November 14, " Thomas A. Pettengill,

MARRIAGES.

Carthage, April 30, 1901, by Rev. Manley B. Townsend, Mr. Albert D. Virgin of Mexico, to Miss Minnie Ethel Maxwell of Carthage.
North Jay, June 6, 1901, by Frank A. Emery, Esq., Mr. Geo. A. Brown to Miss Lillian I. Beals, both of Carthage.
Rumford, June 20, 1901, by Rev. W. E. Purington, Mr. Frances W. Brown to Miss Mary Floresta Berry, both of Carthage.
Weld, June 22, 1901, by J. S. Houghton, Notary Public, Mr. Charles Henry Cushman to Mrs. Cora A. Jones, both of Carthage.
Carthage, September 1, 1901, by Rev. A. A. Abbott, Mr. Harry M. Packard, Lynn, Mass., to Miss Bertha W. Brown of Carthage.

Respectfully submitted.

LESTER S. LIBBY, Town Clerk.
SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT.

Gentlemen:—

In keeping with the usual custom and the laws which govern the same, it becomes my duty as Superintendent of Schools to submit the following report:

Number of pupils enrolled April 1st, 1901, one hundred and seven (107). The amount of money expended for schools will be found in the Selectmen’s report.

TEXT-BOOKS.

The following new text-books have been purchased during the past year:

12 Brown’s Institutes of English Grammar.
12 Wentworth’s School Algebras.
12 dozen Barnes’ Natural Slant Copy Books.
1 copy Brown’s Grammar of English Grammars.

I think it advisable to purchase new readers and histories this year, as the old books are badly worn, some of them entirely ruined, and I would suggest that the town raise a liberal amount for the purchase of necessary text-books.

School in No. 2 has been suspended for the past year, as there were not scholars enough to run a school as required by law.

There have been eight terms of Common Schools the past year. Four terms of eight weeks each, also four terms of twelve weeks each, and a Free High School of ten weeks.

We will now proceed to give a more definite report of the above schools in their order:
SPRING SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Miss Ethel Hutchinson of Berry Mills, teacher. Length of term 8 weeks. Number of pupils registered 12, average 11. Wages of teacher, including board, $5.00 per week. Number of instances of tardiness, 14; dismissal, 2. We are pleased to report this a very successful term, although the first attempt at teaching by Miss Hutchinson.

SCHOOL NO. 3.

Mrs. Mattie Pratt of Berry Mills, teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks. Number of pupils registered, 13; average, 10.83. Wages of teacher, including board, $6.00 per week. Number of instances of tardiness, 11; dismissal, 1. The scholars made fine progress under Mrs. Pratt's tuition, and I do not hesitate in pronouncing it an ideal school.

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Miss Bertha M. Brown of Berry Mills, teacher. Length of term 8 weeks. Number of pupils registered, 18; average, 16 3-26. Wages of teacher, including board, $5.00 per week. Number of instances of tardiness, 22; dismissal, 2. Good advancement was made by the pupils.

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Mrs. Lila A. Berry of Berry Mills, teacher. Length of term 8 weeks. Number of pupils registered, 14; average, 12 7-8. Wages of teacher, including board, $6.00 per week. Number of instances of tardiness, 5; dismissal, 3. Mrs. Berry is a teacher of experience and uses excellent judgment in the management of her scholars. Good order prevailed throughout the term and fine work was done by the pupils.
FALL SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Miss Nettie A. Maxwell, teacher. Length of term 12 weeks. Number of pupils registered, 8; average, 7. Wages of teacher, including board, $5.00 per week. Number of instances of tardiness, 6; dismissal, 1. This was Miss Maxwell's first attempt at teaching, and although in her own district, she used much tact in surmounting the obstacles thrown in her way. With experience we think she will make a success of teaching.

SCHOOL NO. 3.

Mrs. Mattie Pratt, teacher. Length of term 12 weeks. Number of pupils registered, 13; average 12.07. Wages of teacher, including board, $8.00 per week. Number of instances of tardiness, 43; dismissal, 2. The same interest was shown in this school as in the spring, and the promptness and thoroughness which the scholars displayed at examination is a credit to any teacher, as also the pupils.

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Miss Lena B. Green, teacher. Length of term 12 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, $6.00 per week. Number of pupils registered, 17; average, 13.13-59. Number of instances of tardiness, 56; dismissal, 12. We have known Miss Greene as a teacher for several years, and have been cognizant of her success in many of her schools. We believe she did her duty in this school, and could she have had the co-operation of the parents in the district, I think there would have been no cause for complaint.

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Miss Sadie M. Smith, teacher. Length of term 12 weeks. Number of pupils registered, 18; average, 15. Wages of teacher, including board, $6.50 per week. Number of instances of tardiness, 35; dismissal, 24. Order first-class. Advance-
ment good. A very excellent school, and a teacher of rare ability.

BOWLEY HILL SCHOOL.

The scholars on Bowley Hill, through the efforts of your Superintendent, with the co-operation of the S. S. Committee, have arranged for the schooling of same in a manner which I believe to be satisfactory to the Board, and will meet with the approval of the tax-payers in the town.

Whole number of pupils, 7.
Amount charged by Weld for tuition, $25 00
Paid Mrs. H. L. Tobin, for transportation, 40 00

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

(Berry Mills.)

Mr. K. W. Spaulding of Sumner, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils registered, 30. Wages of teacher, $12 per week. Price of board, $2.50 per week. Mr. Spaulding is master of his business. A teacher of large experience and a disposition to earn his wages. Your Superintendent was very fortunate in securing the services of so able an instructor.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I wish to thank the School Board for the untiring interest they have taken in behalf of our schools, and the readiness with which they have responded when assistance was needed. We have been successful I believe in the majority of cases in securing efficient instructors, and although the prices paid for wages have been high in a few instances, we think the wages paid were well earned, and the expenditures we believe will compare favorably with former years.

Respectfully submitted.

E. H. STAPLES, Superintendent of Schools.

Carthage, Me., February, 1902.