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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN & AUDITOR

OF THE

TOWN OF RUMFORD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15TH, 1873.

PARIS HILL.

PRINTED AT THE OXFORD REGISTER OFFICE.

1873.
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

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:
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Total: 480

$125 00
$2,126 00

TOWN FARM.

PAUPERS ON FARM.

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

SCHEDULE OF STOCK, PROVISIONS, &c.

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

$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

$96.22

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, Rumford vs. Gilead ................... 60.00
" W. W. Bolster, professional services Stevens vs. Rumford and Caldwell vs. Rumford .... 22.00

$235.90

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEEERS OF POOR.

Timothy Walker ...................... $42.25
Henry Abbott ........................ 39.20
John Swain ......................... 11.50

TREASURER.

Calvin Howe ......................... 30.00
CLERK AND CONSTABLE.
William Frost, (estimated) .......................... 20 00

COLLECTOR.
C. F. Wheeler, (estimated) ......................... 64 00

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

$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 treasu-
ry 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

$170 79
TREASURY.

Town of Rumford in account with Calvin Howe, Treasurer:

DR.

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 Hanna-
ford's bill, 18 25
To cash rec'd from Hebron, Bumpus' bill, 42 25
To County witness fees, 35 79

$6,810 87

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March 18 By orders returned, 342 27
April 24 Interest paid on town notes, 600 94
1873.

Feb. 10 Abatement of J. G. Durgin's and Wm.
Phinney's tax for 1871 by town vote, 21 88
Orders returned, 499 06
Interest on town notes, 540 01
Discount on taxes 1872, 510 04
Abatement of taxes 1871, 5 98
Orders returned, 695 04
In hands of C. F. Wheeler, Collector, 1,322 95
Balance in Treasury, 2,035 98
Orders returned, 74 08

$6,110 87

EXHIBIT OF TOWN NOTES.

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<td>A. C. Howe</td>
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Amount carried forward, $1,521 00
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<td>$1,521.00</td>
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<td>John E. Segur</td>
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<td>Nathan W. Elliott.</td>
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<td>&quot;       June 7, 1871</td>
<td>Henry C. Rolfe, Guard</td>
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**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

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$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.

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**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
- Abatement to be made on taxes not collected, (estimated): 25.00
- Miscellaneous bills, (estimated): 100.00
- Due on notes given to Treasurer of primary school fund: 2,672.01

**Total Liabilities:** $3,659.42

**Resources:**

- Balance in Treasury: $2,035.98
- In hands of C. F. Wheeler, Collector: 1,322.95

**Total Resources:** $3,358.93

**Balance against the town:** $5,300.49

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**Recommendations:**

- Support of Schools: $1,000.00
- 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 on 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 Caldwell 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

$743 21

Amount of expenditures ............... $3,560 18

Amount of receipts ................... $2,816 97

$3,560 18

P. M. PUTNAM,

Auditor of Accounts.