Annual Report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and Supervisor of Schools of the Town of Rumford for the Year Ending Feb. 6, 1886

Rumford (Me.)
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

TOWN OF RUMFORD

For the Year Ending Feb. 6,

1886.

PARIS, MAINE:
PRINTED AT THE OXFORD DEMOCRAT OFFICE,
1886.
TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

WALDO PETTENGILL, FRED A. PORTER, SAMUEL L. MOODY.

Clerk. Treasurer.

FREEMAN E. SMALL. CHAS. W. KIMBALL.

Supervisor. Collector.

FREEMAN E. SMALL. DAVID G. GLINES.
REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

VALUATION.

Whole number of Polls, 225.
Amount of resident real estate, $188,645 00
Amount of non-resident real estate, 10,900 00
Amount of resident personal estate, 78,467 00
Amount of non-resident personal estate, 4,609 00
Amount of non-resident real estate taxed in supplementary tax, 2,000 00

Total valuation, "full value," $284,621 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State tax, $1,319 67
County tax, 382 71
For support of schools, 804 80
For support of poor, 400 00
Town debt and interest, 1,400 00
Current expenses, 500 00
Repair of highways, 2,000 00
Discount on taxes, 500 00
Fractional overlay, 320 90

Total, $7,628 08
Supplementary tax, 50 00

Total committed to Collector, $7,678 08
Rate of taxation—25 mills on a dollar. Polls—$2.50 each.
TOWN REPORT.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Amount raised by town, $804.80
Interest of town school fund, 175.80
Received from State, 540.33

Total divided, $1,520.93
Amount taken out for small districts, 60.13

Leaving for apportionment, $1,460.80
Whole number of scholars, 332
Rate per scholar, $4.40

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Total 326  $1,434.40  $60.13  $1,494.53  $135.88  $6.76  $1,623.65

There was apportioned to 6 scholars of Loring F. Swain, 26.40

Total available for schools, 1885, $1,650.05

PAUPER BILLS.

OFF THE FARM.

To E. E. Rand & Co., supplies for Joel Goodwin and family, $26.66
To John Howe, guardian of Elmer Elliot, in settlement of account, 18.00
To F. E. Small, medical attendance on paupers, 23.00
Funeral expenses for Asa Hardy, 20.00

Total pauper bills off the farm, $87.66
TOWN REPORT.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To B. F. Virgin, overseer pay from Feb. 16th, 1885 to April 1st, 1885, $37 50
To groceries and supplies from Feb. 16th, 1885 to April 1st, 1885, 15 19
To J. S. Mitchell, Overseer from April 1st, 1885 to Feb. 1st, 1886, 10 months, 112 50
To provisions and groceries, 78 70
To grass seed, 6 00
To tools bought, 22 86
To meal bought, 28 00
To salt bought, 2 95
To repairs of buildings and tools, 11 42
To clothing furnished paupers, 8 22
To fertilizers bought, 7 08
To stock bought, 127 00
To blacksmithing, 12 38
To use of bull, 5 37
To extra labor hired during year, 41 73

Total, $516 90

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By oxen and steers sold, $260 00
By calf sold, 10 00
By pasturage received, 9 20
By hay sold J. S. Mitchell, 14 00
By oats sold, 4 00
By hay sold Jones, 1 00
By pork sold, 12 00
By poultry sold, 7 18
By eggs sold, 2 44
By board received, 6 25
By cash from B. F. Virgin, sales from farm, 9 46

Balance against the farm, $335 53

$516 90

SUMMARY OF PAUPER EXPENSES.

Balance against town farm, $181 37
Bills off the farm, 87 66

Total pauper expenses for 1885, $269 03

Board was furnished upon the town farm for paupers, as follows:
TOWN REPORT.

Jerry Curtis, aged 85 years, 40 weeks
Lucinda Curtis, aged 56 years, 40 weeks
Georgie A. Raymond, aged 27 years, 40 weeks
Albert Raymond, aged 2 years, 29 weeks

Hay, stock, and provisions now on farm:
2 oxen, 80 bushels of oats,
2 cows, 20 bushels ears of corn,
1 3-year old heifer, 15 bushels of beans,
2 2-year old heifers, 40 bushels of potatoes,
1 1-year old heifer, 400 pounds of pork,
1 horse, 40 pounds of beef,
2 shoats, 24 pounds of cheese,
19 hens, 60 pounds of lard,
10 1-2 tons of hay, 80 pounds of butter,
3 tons of straw, 50 lbs. dried apple,

and groceries sufficient for remainder of year to April 1st.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The following amounts have been paid upon bills contracted by the Road Commissioners for the year ending May 1st, 1885:

To Granville C. Twombley, for breaking roads, $4 76
Dorrington Wyman, for breaking roads, 41 70
Wm. J. Coburn, for breaking roads, 19 47
Livingston Glover, for breaking roads, 17 61
John F. Twombley, for breaking roads, 75
Dudley F. Roberts, for breaking roads, 5 42
John P. Roberts, for breaking roads, 5 37
Joseph H. Roberts, for breaking roads, 4 50
Samuel Richardson, for breaking roads, 12 00
John L. Thomas, for breaking roads, 26 68
Ephraim F. Goddard, for breaking roads, 20 37
William H. Farnum, for breaking roads, 13 23
Holland F. Eastman, for breaking roads, 6 99
Stillman S. Blodgett, for breaking roads, 15 99
Charles E. Johnson, for breaking roads, 28 41
Charles F. Richardson, for breaking roads, 31 56
William Thomas, for breaking roads, 12 36
V. D. Kimball, for breaking roads, 17 25
Spencer Abbott, for breaking roads, 64 19
G. T. Silver, for breaking roads, 8 37
David G. Glines, for breaking roads, 47 19
Frank E. Hoyt, for breaking roads, 19 41
Amos C. Elliot, for breaking roads, 53 66
James I. Bragg, for breaking roads, 32 25
Asa Kimball, for breaking roads, 35 50
Fred A. Barker, for breaking roads, 228 02
Merritt N. Lufkin, for breaking roads, 101 28
Otis Baker, for breaking roads, $1 75
Seth P. Abbott, for breaking roads, 2 74
Leonard D. Elliot, for breaking roads, 3 37
Royal A. Clement, for breaking roads, 11 00
Warren M. Adams, for breaking roads, 2 35
Charles A. Woods, for breaking roads, 3 72
Henry M. Colby, for breaking roads, 12 50
Henry Abbott, for breaking roads, 18 43
James K. Welch, for breaking roads, 6 00
E. E. Abbott, for breaking roads, 3 00
C. F. Wheeler, for breaking roads, 52 24
F. A. Elliot, for breaking roads, 21 62
F. A. Porter, for breaking roads, 27 28
William M. Blanchard, for breaking roads, 2 00
Cash paid for plank, etc., 24 13

Total, $1,065 88

The following amounts have been expended since May 1st, 1885, under the direction of the Selectmen:
To S. L. Adams, for repairs for road machine, $19 00
M. J. Babb, building bridge on Swain Road, 53 08
Samuel Richardson, labor in Swain district, 2 50
M. J. Babb, labor in Swain district, 3 75
Samuel L. Moody, building wire fence, 21 95
John F. Twombley, rebuilding bridge, 6 80
C. H. Graham, repairs for machine, 4 12
C. H. Graham, labor on Red Hill, 5 00
J. T. Hall, stone for bridge, 5 00
F. P. Putnam, repairs on East Rumford Ferry, 6 88
F. A. Porter, cash paid for repair of Eaton Hill, 14 25
For bridge plank, 12 91

Total, $155 24

There has been allowed and paid on road certificates of labor under the direction of the several highway surveyors, in accordance with the vote of the town passed May 1st, 1885, $564 49
And according to the reports of the several surveyors, as far as made to us December 1, 1885, there had been expended under their direction to that date, which is unpaid, 292 71
In the four districts not reported, we estimate the expenditure to that date to be 80 00
We estimate the amount of snow bills to date to be 150 00

Total expenditure of appropriation for roads and bridges known, and estimated to date from May 1st, 1885, $1,246 94
## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

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<td>To A. M. Chase, printing reports, 1885,</td>
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<td>For books and stationery,</td>
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<td>To W. C. Pierce, injury on highway,</td>
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<td>interest on temporary loan,</td>
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<td>F. A. Porter, Constable's bills for 1884–85,</td>
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<td>Freeman E. Small, for school books bought,</td>
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<td>W. Pettengill, cash paid out for town,</td>
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<td>Fred A. Porter, cash paid out for town,</td>
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## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

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<td>Waldo Pettengill, Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor</td>
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<td>Fred A. Porter, Treasurer</td>
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<td>Samuel L. Moody, Overseers of the Poor</td>
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## STANDING OF TOWN.

### LIABILITIES.

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<td>Mrs. Ann M. Newton, note at 5 per cent.,</td>
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<td>C. H. Kimball, note at 4 per cent.,</td>
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<td>Trustees of school fund, note at 4 per cent.,</td>
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<td>Outstanding bills for work on roads to date known and estimated,</td>
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### RESOURCES.

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<td>Town farm, stock and tools,</td>
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<td>Resources above liabilities,</td>
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TOWN REPORT.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

For schools, $804 80
For poor, 400 00
For interest, 150 00
For current expenses, 750 00
For discount at 5 per cent, 175 00

Total, $2,279 80

HIGHWAYS.

If expended in money under agent, $1,500 00
If expended in labor, 3,500 00

Dated Rumford, February 6th, 1886.

WALDO PETTENGILL,
FRED. A. PORTER,
S. L. MOODY,

Selectmen of Rumford.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

To cash balance on hand Feb. 16th, 1885, $961 46
Cash received from B. F. Virgin, sales on farm, 9 46
Cash received from F. A. Porter, Collector, 1884, 75 00
Cash borrowed of C. A. Kimball, 1,000 00
Cash received, int. from Trustees school fund, 175 80
Cash received soldiers' pensions from State, 24 00
Cash received bounty on animals from State, 15 00
Non-resident tax returned, 33 10
Cash from F. A. Porter, for sale of stock from farm, 270 00
Cash from J. A. Grover, for work of Elmer Elliott, 18 00
Cash from John Howe, for work of Elmer Elliott, 65 00
Cash from State (school fund and mill tax), 540 33
Cash from town farm, 35 95
Cash for old bridge plank, 1 00
Cash from S. L. Moody, Collector for 1883, 859 50
Cash from F. A. Porter, Collector for 1884, 932 61
Cash from D. G. Glines, Collector for 1885, 4,738 00
Cash from D. G. Glines, supplementary tax, 50 00

$9,804 21
TOWN REPORT.

Cr.

By interest paid on H. C. Rolfe note, $100.00
Interest paid on school fund note, 175.80
Interest paid on Ann M. Newton note, 27.00
Interest paid on C. H. Kimball note, 13.50
Interest paid on Abigail Newton note, 4.00
Paying C. A. Kimball note and interest, 1,040.00
Paying H. C. Rolfe note and interest, 2,048.07
Town orders cancelled, Nos. 35 & 83 of 1884, 26.25
By town orders cancelled, from No. 1 to No. 186, inclusive, 4,919.47
Balance in treasury Feb. 6, 1886, 1,449.62

$9,804.21

Rumford, February 6, 1886.

This certifies that the undersigned have carefully examined the above account and found it correct; and the balance in the Treasurer’s hands is fourteen hundred forty-nine and sixty-two hundredths dollars.

WALDO PETTENGILL,
FRED A. PORTER,
S. L. MOODY,

Selectmen of Rumford.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Report of schools for the year ending February 6, 1886.

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT

Dr.

Feb. 17, 1885. To books on hand and cash, $128.36
Sept. Cash received from Treasurer, 98.38
Feb. 6, 1886. Cash received from books sold, 74.32

$301.06

Cr.

Feb. 6, 1886. By books on hand, $160.37
Feb. 6, 1886. By cash paid for books during year, 120.59
Feb. 6, 1886. By cash on hand and to be returned to Treasurer, 20.10

$301.06
I have purchased books as follows, viz.:

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Total: $120.59

Porter & Coates, Philadelphia, $32.50
Less, 6.50
Unpaid: $26.00

This last bill is for elementary physiologies to be paid for during the year, or when introduced. Sixty-five copies were billed; thirteen are for desk copies and were given. Hence only fifty-two copies are to be paid for.

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**Names of Teachers.**

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* Still in session.
† Register not received.
DISTRICT NO. 1.—L. D. ELLIOTT, AGENT.

Miss Lulu I. Hoyt, a teacher of large experience, taught a very profitable term.
Miss Lottie A. Elliott taught the winter term.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—JOHN THOMPSON, AGENT.

Miss Lottie A. Elliott, a brilliant scholar, taught the summer term. Her school was marked by great thoroughness in studies and excellent order.
George L. Hoyt commenced as a teacher in the winter term. He is a natural teacher and will succeed. A profitable year in this school.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—R. L. THURSTON, AGENT.

Miss Annie K. Hodgdon taught the summer term and met with good success. Her first attempt warrants her to teach again.
Charles H. Abbott taught the winter term, being his second term in this school. Nothing need be said for he always benefits his scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—C. M. ELLIOTT, AGENT.

Miss Abbie M. Thompson made the summer term successful and profitable.
Miss Lottie M. Elliott, labored long and well in the fall term. Her labors were not in vain.
Charles K. Elliott taught seven weeks in the winter term. He went home sick, from which he could not rally. As a teacher, he was thorough, earnest in his work, kind and helpful. As a man, he was admired by every one, having no enemies. He has acted well his part here and now has passed from earth to a better and happier world. We all mourn for him, yet humbly bow to the higher will, and would not call him back.

I would suggest that this district build a wood house and enlarge their school room by bringing in that part now used for that purpose, as an enlargement to their school room. The stove is too near the seats for the comfort of many scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—FRANK E. HOYT, AGENT.

The summer term was taught by Miss Ermina A. Howe. It was a real pleasure to visit her school, so exceedingly well every scholar had done.
George W. Hodgdon taught the winter term. I visited the school only once, and went away satisfied that all would be well. Good reports have reached me from every one.
DISTRICT NO. 6.—Wm. H. Caldwell, Agent.
Miss Juliette W. Lufkin taught the summer term. She labored hard for her scholars, and was well rewarded.
Harry H. Gleason of Mexico had charge of the winter term. I visited it but once and found it prospering well.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—Frank Martin, Agent.
Miss Susie Graham succeeded well in the summer term. Experience will make her an accomplished teacher.
Miss Etta Park of Mexico is teaching the winter term. She can not teach a poor school. Almost perfect.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—C. P. Eaton, Agent.
Miss Luna E. Abbott, Miss Etta Park and Mr. Ellery C. Park of Mexico taught the summer, fall and winter terms respectively. They each labored for the welfare of their scholars, and were fairly well rewarded. The teachers did all in their power, and can not be faulted. There are a few good scholars in this school and many poor ones. Many attend when they want to and remain away if they wish. A few study; many do not unless the teacher stands over them and obliges them to. Some care to learn, others do not. Some study at home, most are hanging around the stores and filling their minds with the vile rubbish of cheap and vulgar stories. There is but one remedy for these evils, and that is for their parents to stay at home and help their scholars to learn something decent; and above all, to make them know the value of an education. One thing this district ought to be indicted for, that is the school house. It is a low, dark, filthy pen stuck in a gravel bank. Too dirty to afford lodging to the vilest reptile of the dust; an insult to humanity and a disgrace to the world. No scholar can be comfortable or clean in it. No teacher can enjoy fully school work in such a sty.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—James K. Welch, Agent.
Miss Allie C. Folsom, of Hanover, taught the summer term. She made it a very profitable term.
Charles H. Abbott is teaching the winter term. It will be like all his schools, profitable.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—William H. Porter, Agent.
Miss Jennie L. Elliott, of Mexico, taught the summer term. She worked for the interest of her scholars and they appreciated her labors. A success.
Miss Florence L. Thomas was very successful in the winter term. She had the best class in physiology I ever heard recite, and it included every scholar. Geography came next and was excellent.
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DISTRICT NO. 11.—JOHN L. THOMAS, AGENT.

Miss Florence L. Thomas is teaching the winter term. Success is assured. There was no summer term.

DISTRICT NO. 12.—R. E. MARTIN, AGENT.

Miss Josie C. and Miss Jennie C. Martin, taught the three terms. They are both excellent teachers and made the year very profitable to their scholars. They must decide between themselves as to who is better as teacher for I can't.

DISTRICT NO. 13.—F. S. DELANO, AGENT.

Mr. Ellery C. Park taught the only term in this district. It was a success. I would advise this district to pursue the same course next year. I would that it could receive more assistance for the scholars are worthy.

I have adopted Dunglison's Elementary Physiology for primary scholars. I would suggest that when Hutchinson's and Dunglison's are in the same school, that the class have the same topics in each, and thus they can get more ideas. I must again call attention to book-keeping. No one can master it in one term. It needs more study and also a text book to understand it. Very few know anything about it as they have studied it. Wentworth's Problems cost 24 cents, spelling blanks, 3 cents. I think it is the best way to learn to spell by using blanks. I more emphatically than ever believe the Town system of schools should be adopted; and that a Town Free High School, should be established.

Districts Nos. 1 and 7, and 3 and 8 should be consolidated. Districts Nos. 10, 11 and 13, ought to be managed in some way so as to have more schooling. All the blackboards are too small and few. Needless repairs invested in blackboards will be a good investment. I have endeavored to make this year like the preceding four, practical and thorough. I think it has been.

In all cases of discipline I have tried to do right. If mistakes have been made they are wholly mine and I am the one to be censured. I have taken an interest in the welfare of each scholar. I shall always be interested in each one, for we have become old acquaintances. In laying down the office of Supervisor, I feel that I may make a suggestion to the town as to my successor, and that is that the schools demand a teacher in active practice of his profession as Supervisor. A man established in other business can not devote time to it as he should. With gratitude to parents and scholars, for their kindness and indulgence for five years, I kindly and affectionately submit my last annual report.

F. E. SMALL, SUPERVISOR.
To David G. Glines, a Constable of the Town of Rumford, in the County of Oxford, greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Rumford, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the town house in said town, on the 1st day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
ART. 2.—To allow accounts.
ART. 3.—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
ART. 4.—To see if the town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of schools and the poor, and to pay town debt and interest, and to defray all necessary town charges, and for the maintenance of highways and bridges, and to see how the same shall be expended.
ART. 5.—To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors presented by the municipal officers.
ART. 6.—To see what direction the town will give the Selectmen in regard to the balance uncollected of the taxes assessed for 1882.
ART. 7.—To see if the town will vote to purchase land to enlarge the Abbott's Mills burying ground.
ART. 8.—To see if the town will vote to build the road as laid out around the corn factory hill, so called, the ensuing year, and how said road shall be built.
ART. 9.—To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Selectmen, in laying out a road to Lorin Glover's land.
ART. 10.—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as the Selectmen deem expedient to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

The Selectmen give notice that they shall be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town and hearing and deciding upon the application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list, at the town house, at nine o'clock A. M., on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixth day of February, A. D., 1886.

WALDO PETTENGILL,  
FRED A. PORTER,  
S. L. MOODY.  

Selectmen of Rumford.