Annual Report of the Municipal Officers of the Town of Rumford, for the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1893

Rumford (Me.)
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL

OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Rumford,

For the Year ending Feb. 15,

1893.

RUMFORD FALLS PUBLISHING CO., PRINTERS.
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Town Officers.

E. F. ELLIOTT, G. T. THURSTON, JAS. S. MORSE, Selectmen, Assessors

Clerk, E. C. FARNUM.

Treasurer, F. B. MARTIN.

Supervisor, JOHN R. HOWE.

Collector of Taxes, HENRY ABBOTT.

WALDO PETTENGILL, HENRY ABBOTT, J. H. HOWE, Road Committee.
Report of Selectmen.

VALUATION.

Amount of resident real estate, $181,205
Amount of resident personal estate, 82,273
Amount of non-resident real estate, 32,420
Amount of non-resident personal estate, 2,352

Total, $298,250

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State tax, $998.46
County tax, 361.04
Schools, 804.80
Poor, 500.00
Town charges, 800.00
Roads and bridges, cash, 300.00
To decorate soldier's graves, 20.00
Interest, 200.00
Discount on taxes, 200.00
To pay for new books, 50.00
Fractional overlay, 36.84
Delinquent highway, 25.99
Dog license, 104.00

Total committed for collection, $4,401.13

Number of polls, 261. Poll tax $1.50.
Rate per cent. 13 mills on the dollar.

HIGHWAYS.

Town voted to raise for repairs of highways, to be expended in labor, $2,000.00
Sum assessed, 2,000.00
Rate per cent. 5 mills. Polls $1.95.
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<td>James S. Morse</td>
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Total, $420 81

**SCHOOL ACCOUNT.**

Whole number of scholars, 306. Rate per scholar, $5.20

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<td>Interest on school fund</td>
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| From State school fund             | 708 94   | $1,689 54

Amount taken out for small districts, 98 34

Leaving for appointment, $1,591 20

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

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<th>No. of District</th>
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†Children of L. F. Swain. ‡Children of D. and I. P. Roberts.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

Salary of S. P. Abbott and wife, $125.00
Groceries and provisions, 69.87
Grass seed, 4.52
Meal, 15.10
Shoat, 3.50
Repairs, 9.73
Oxen bought, 85.00
Seed corn, 1.00
Creamer, 17.00
Saw bill, 11.66
Extra work, 3.00
Horse hire on town farm, 8.80
Superphosphate, 5.25
Blacksmithing, 6.53
Use of hall, 3.50

Total, $369.46
Cr, 345.22

Balance against town, $24.24
By Oxen sold, $127.50
Hay sold, 7.75
Veal, 5.00
Sweet corn, 44.56
Pork, 9.45
Eggs, 7.79
Chickens, 7.40
Posts, 3.00
Pasturing, 14.00
Cream, 76.27
Plank, 2.50
Oats, 15.00
Wintering cow, 25.00
Total, 345.22

Board has been furnished on the farm as follows:
For J. D. Paine, 13 weeks
Mrs. J. D. Paine, 13 weeks
Ruth J. Paine, 13 weeks
Cynthia M. Paine, 13 weeks
Nora A. Paine, 13 weeks
Alice Paine, 13 weeks
Sarah Curtis, 3 weeks
Transient paupers, 1 week

INVENTORY OF TOWN FARM PROPERTY.
One yoke oxen.
Five cows.
Two two-year-olds.
Two one-year-olds.
Fifteen hens.
Eleven tons hay.
One and one-half tons straw.
One hundred and fifty pounds pork.
Twenty pounds lard.
One-half barrel flour.
Thirty-five pounds butter.
Two bushels beans.
Thirty bushels oats.
Thirty-five bushels potatoes.
Fifty pounds dried apple.
One creamer.
Forty pounds ham.
Eight gallons oil.
Three hundred ft. pine boards.
Town farm, stock and tools, $2,600 00

PAUPER BILLS OFF THE FARM.

Paid F. H. Bartlett’s expenses to Auburn, Feb. 29, 1892, on Chas. Smith case, $ 9 15
Swasey & Briggs as counsel on Chas. Smith case, March 1st, 1892, 22 00
Auburn on execution and support of Chas. Smith to Jan. 4th, 1892, 226 17
Maine Insane Hospital for support of Chas. Smith to Jan. 7th, 1893, 152 44
Mrs. H. F. Wood washing for J. D. Paine family, 3 00
Norway for support of J. D. Paine in 1891, 23 42
Mrs. Taylor for work at J. D. Paine’s, 8 00
H. F. Abbott, medical attendance for J. D. Paine, 6 50
Mrs. M. S. Woods work for J. D. Paine, 8 00
Wm. H. Thurston, moving J. D. Paine’s goods, 7 00
J. W. Stuart, medical attendance of J. D. Paine, 8 75
For clothing for Fannie Clark, 18 13
For burial of Mrs. H. H. Torrey, 31 00
F. S. Hodsdon for Mellen Rowe, 12 28
F. J. Rolfe, expenses of Nicholas Brown to Insane Hospital, 23 75
Board of Orison Glines, 100 00
For clothing Sarah Curtis, 7 12

Total bills off farm for 1891–92, $666 71
Due from State and towns. 146 23

Total bills off farm for 1891-92, $520 48
Expense of farm above income, 24 24

Total pauper expense, 1891-92, $544 72

Due from State on Orison Glines, $100 00
State on Nicholas Brown, 23 75
Mexico, Mary Bradeen, 10 20
Newry, Mellen Rowe, 12 28

$146 23

Due from Roxbury as per agreement on road case, $12 67
J. P. Swasey’s bill as counsel on road case, unsettled.

The following bills have been presented and not approved of Dec. 27th, 1892.

Dr. J. C. Caldwell of Buckfield, in aiding and operating on the late Frank Richards, $50 00
Dr. Cameron of Rumford Falls, aiding and operating on the late Frank Richards, 25 00
Dr. H. S. Brown of Rumford Falls, aiding and operating on the late Frank Richards, 25 00
C. M. Libby druggist, to drugs and attendance of the late Frank Richards, 15 00
Field & Calhoun, one quilt for the late Frank Richards, 1 50

Wm. H. Freeman, bill of Feb. 7th, 1893, to jail keeping of Geo. Deatt, three days at $2.00 $6 00
Three nights at 2.00, 6 00
Seven meals at 25 cts. 1 75

Wm. H. Freeman, bill of Jan. 27th, 1893, jail keeping of Nicholas Brown, twelve days at 2.00, 24 00
Twelve nights at 2.00, 24 00
Twenty-five meals at 25 cts., 6 25
ABATEMENT ORDERS DRAWN.

Wm. H. Farnum, abatement of 1890 tax, $31 98
Henry Abbott, error on 1891 tax, 53 72
Henry Abbott, abatement on 1891 tax, 57 17
Paid orders as approved by the road committee, $9,978 96
Bills paid for 1890, $181 98
Bills paid for 1891, $1,515 79
Bills paid for 1892, $12,566 96

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Amount of money raised by town by bonds and loans, to build roads, grade hills and build a bridge across the Androscoggin river near the foot of Rumford Falls, as recently located by the County Commissioners, $19,000 00

Expended as follows:

Paid for building abutments, and excavating for same, $8,158 87
Paid for iron bridge, 7,850 00
Paid for plank for covering same, 252 84

$16,261 71

Paid for grading hills, 764 68
Paid F. P. Putnam for building road from near V. E. Fuller’s to the north line of J. N. Irish’s farm, 174 2-3 rods at 50 cts. per rod, 87 34
Paid for building stone culvert on same route, 40 00

$127 34

Paid Chas. Wellman for building 130 rods of road between Albert Virgin’s and C. F. Wheeler’s at $1.50 per rod, 195 00
Paid same for building stone drain and hauling piping, 9 00

$204 00
Paid V.D.Kimball for building 198 rods road near Philbrick farm and Penley farm, 50c. per rod, 99 00
Paid for piping for culverts, 29 50
Paid for building split stone culvert 30 feet long, lengthening one from 18 ft. to 30 ft. and cleaning out old log bridge between H. Abbott's and J.K. Welch's, under the supervision of M. L. Wyman, as per bill on file, 95 57
The building of the road leading from the north line of the J. N. Irish farm over lands of the R. F. P. Co. to the depot grounds at Rumford Falls, 328 rods, has been contracted at $4.50 per rod, and $1.25 per cubic yard for ledge removed, 1,478 00
Ledge estimated, 150 00
This contract will be fully completed in the near future.
Rumford, Feb. 15, 1893.
Respectfully submitted.
HENRY ABBOTT, Committee.
J. H. HOWE, Committee.

ORDERS DRAWN FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

F. B. Martin, Treas., $25 00
F. H. Bartlett, selectman, 54 70
E. F. Elliott, selectman, 41 00
G. T. Thurston, selectman, 35 00
E. C. Farnum, clerk, 10 00
John R. Howe, supervisor, 50 00
Wm. H. Farnum, collector 1890, 100 00
Henry Abbott, collector 1891, 95 00
F. H. Bartlett, horse hire on farm 1891, 12 00
J. E. Stephens, groceries for farm 1891, 11 00
J. C. Small, groceries for farm 1891, 18 43
Loring, Short & Harmon, stationery, 14 04
Oxford County Advertiser, printing town reports, 17 12
B. W. Tuttle, express 1891, 6 45
H. F. Abbott, medical attendance on Jacob Carlos, 61 45
John R. Howe, school supplies, 25 20
F. P. Putnam, Ferry posts, 3 00
J. E. Colby, G. A. R. Post, 20 00
M. L. Wyman, superphosphate for 1891, 5 70
F. H. Bartlett, cash paid out, 8 40
Lakeside Press and Photo Engraving Co., printing town bonds, 33 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, check book, 4 00
James S. Morse, voting booth, 5 92
American Book Co., books, 10 08
James S. Morse, cash paid out, 5 00
John R. Howe, express on school books, 4 40
E. F. Elliott, cash paid out, 15 16
F. H. Bartlett, express and postage in 1891, 7 2
Mrs. S. P. Abbott, salary on town farm 1890, 50 00
S. R. Hutchins, counsel on road case, 11 35
S. R. Hutchins, surveying on town farm, 3 00
S. P. Abbott and wife, labor on town farm in 1891, 70 00
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books, 10 08
Boston School Supply Co., books, 4 00
E. F. Elliott, services with county committee and commissioners, 22 10
G. T. Thurston, cash paid out, 5 50
G. T. Thurston, with county commissioners, 13 50
James. S. Morse with county commissioners, 12 00
John R. Howe, express and stamps, 3 12
Wm. R. Swain, carrying county commissioners, 16 00
Silver, Burdett & Co., books, 6 80
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books, 20 52
Lee & Shepard, books, 1 63
Henry Abbott, constable, 4 00

$945 37
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TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS FOR 1892.

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J. W. Stuart, board of health, 6 50

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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<td>T. H. Burgess, cream off town farm</td>
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<td>Sweet corn sold off town farm</td>
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To cash from E. F. Elliott, bal. on oxen, 42 50
License on pool-rooms, 20 00
J. S. Morse, posts sold off farm, 3 00
Non-resident returned 1891, 54 02
Tax of C. P. Small, 1890, 1 50
State school fund and mill tax 1892, 708 94
State R. R. and telegraph tax 1892, 69 65
Bonds sold, 13,000 00
Interest on bonds sold after Sept. 10, '92, 32 98
Town notes sold interest at 5 per cent. 3,870 00

$24,792 69

Apr. 1, 1892.

By paying interest on Abagail Newton notes, 10 00
Interest on school fund note, 175 80
County tax 1892, 361 04
Interest on C. H. Kimball note, 9 00
Abigail Newton note and interest, 43 76
Bounty on bear, 5 00
State pensions, 108 00
State tax 1892, 998 46
Orders taken up and cancelled, 14,264 73
Cash balance in treasury, 8,816 90

$24,792 69

FREELON B. MARTIN, Treas. of Rumford.

This certifies that we have carefully examined the above account and found it correct and the balance in the treasurer's hands is eight thousand, eight hundred and sixteen dollars and ninety cents ($8,816.90.)

E. F. ELLIOTT, G. T. THURSTON, JAMES. S. MORSE, Selectmen of Rumford.

Rumford, February, 1893.
### FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

#### LIABILITIES.

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

- For schools, $1,160.00
- Interest and debt, 4,000.00
- Poor, 700.00
- Current expenses, 800.00
- Discount on taxes, 400.00
- Cash on highway, 3,000.00

E. F. ELLIOTT, G. T. THURSTON, JAMES S. MORSE, Selectmen of Rumford.
Report of Supervisor.

To the citizens of Rumford:—I respectfully submit the following report for the year commencing April 1, 1892.

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

Bought of Boston School Supply Co.,
48 Geographies, 12 Small Grammars, $29.20
" Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,
36 Arithmetics, 18 Algebras, 30.60
" Silver, Burdett & Co., 9 dozen writing books, 6.80
" American Book Co., 12 U. S. Histories, 10.08

$76.68

The above bills have been approved and paid.

The number of text books is now as follows:
Readers, 4th 100, 3d 54, 2nd 45, 1st 61, Supplementary 20.
Arithmetics, Primary, 59, Elementary, 16, Practical, 84.
Geographies, Large, 84, Small, 84.
Grammars, Large, 69, Small, 40.
Histories, 61, Algebras, 29.
Book-keeping 24, Spellers 172.

There are also about 50 old books that are of no practical value.

The stock of useful books in hands of Supervisor Feb. 12, 1893, is as follows:
Readers, 4th 4, 3d 9, 2nd 4, 1st 8.
Arithmetics, Practical, 5, Primary 4, Elementary, 4.
Grammars, Large, 2, Small, 10.
Geographies, Large, 9, Small, 25.
Book-keeping 7, Algebras 7, Spellers 1.

As the stock of books on hand is comparatively small, and as there are already scholars enough for a large school in the vicinity of Rumford Falls, an appropriation for books will be necessary for the coming year.

The books are in good condition with the exception of a few small ones that can be easily repaired.

Amount of school money, $1,698.54
Taken out for small districts, 98.34
Rate per scholar, 5.20

Whole number of scholars, 306
### Statistical Report

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District No. 1.—Otis Howe, agent. The summer term was taught by Miss Alice Barker. Miss Barker was faithful in her efforts for the interest and advancement of her pupils and her labors were so well appreciated that her services were secured for the winter term, which, on account of sickness, has closed before completion.

Miss Blanche Ripley was employed for the fall term. It is her own district. Her school appeared finely at the commencement. I was unable to visit it at the close. I think it must have been a profitable term.

District No. 2.—John Harper, agent. Miss Blanche Ripley taught the summer term. Good discipline and thoroughness were shown at each visit.

Miss Mary K. Bartlett commencing as a teacher taught the fall term. Miss Barker showed a natural aptitude for teaching. I hope she will prepare for further usefulness in this work for I think she will make an excellent teacher.

Miss Luna E. Abbott taught the winter term. Miss Abbott has had much experience and is a thorough and practical teacher.

District No. 3.—Geo. F. Elliott, agent. Miss Nettie B. Stevens taught the summer term. Miss Stevens is full of energy and a thorough scholar and with a little more attention to discipline will be a good teacher.

Miss Josephine Graham taught the fall term. I consider a school fortunate that secures her services, for she is an excellent teacher.

Miss Blanche Ripley taught the winter term. By reason of sickness this school closed before my second visit, but reflects much credit to Miss Ripley.

District No. 4.—Virgil Fuller, agent. Miss Ardella A. Wyman taught the summer term with fair success.

Miss Alice M. Putnam taught the fall and winter terms. She has a faculty of teaching children many useful things outside of text books.

District No. 5.—F. E. Hoyt, agent. The summer and winter terms were under the instruction of Miss M. Florence Howe. I think it is manifest to all that one good teacher for the year is far better than two or three different ones for the same time.

District No. 6.—J. V. Silver, agent. Miss Mary F. Hutchinson taught the summer term. Miss Hutchinson is a good disci-
plinarian and has a faculty of holding the attention of small scholars.

The fall term was taught by Miss M. Florence Howe.

Miss Lottie A. Elliott taught the winter term. At my visits her school made an admirable appearance in studies and deport­ment.

**DISTRICT No. 7.—M E. Barker, agent.** Miss Annie J. Martin taught the summer and winter terms. During the past two years this school has made remarkable progress under Miss Martin’s instruc­tion. Through the efforts of teacher and scholars a School Flag, the first in town, was raised at commencement of summer term.

**DISTRICT No. 8.—H. M. Colby, agent.** Miss Anna O. Farnum commencing as a teacher, taught the summer term with excellent success.

The fall term was taught by Annie J. Martin.

The winter term was taught by Ernest Farnum. At my visit the school appeared under firm discipline and good instruction. Closing suddenly by reason of sickness I was unable to make a second visit, but have reason to believe it a profitable term.

**DISTRICT No. 9.—C. H. Abbott, agent.** The summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Susie M. Graham. Geo. W Stearns taught the winter term. The ability of these teachers are well estab­lished, and I need not say they are of the very best. I think the agent very judicious in his selection of teachers.

**DISTRICT No. 10.—C. L. Howard, agent.** Miss Vena L. Richards taught the summer term. Knowing, as she did, the ability of each pupil, she successfully carried on the work so well begun the preceeding term.

Miss Alice Barker taught the fall term with her usual success.

**DISTRICT No. 11.—Eri Robinson, agent.** Lillian Holland, teacher. Believing that experience in teaching, as in other occupa­tions, increases one’s capacity for performing the duties of a teacher, I think the district fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Hol­land. this being her fortieth term.

**DISTRICT No. 12.—Miss Jennie Martin, a teacher of well-known ability, taught the summer term.** Was also employed for the winter term. After teaching eight weeks, severe sickness compelled her to close. Jennie Woods taught the remainder of the term. She endeavored to carry out, as far as possible, the line of instruction begun by the former teacher.
DISTRICT No. 13.—John Twombly, agent. Miss Ethel Thurston taught a summer and a fall term. Though these scholars are very small their advancement was truly remarkable.

In the Roberts District Miss Eva M. Eaton taught the summer term of five weeks. With unusual tact Miss Eaton interested her pupils. She gave excellent satisfaction. Hope she will try again.

A fall term of 13 weeks was taught by Miss Retha Glover.

At Loring Swain's Miss Ethel Philbrick is teaching the only term. Though not having the school advantages of most of our scholars, yet in scholarship they will compare favorably with those of our larger schools.

On the whole, our schools for the year have been of more than average excellence. No unpleasantness in any of the districts has occurred, to my knowledge.

I am glad to see the interest of the parents in the matter of repairing and beautifying the school rooms. In districts No. 3 and 5 the houses have been remodelled inside, very much to the comfort and profit of the schools. In district No. 6 the room has been papered, which makes it now one of the most pleasant schoolrooms in town. Let other districts follow in this respect.

The people of Rumford help to support Free High Schools in 228 towns, and yet, we do not have one in our own town. This is not as it should be.

Again I wish to thank the teachers and scholars for the respect shown me, and the citizens for their generous support.

John R. Howe, Supervisor.