

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

OF THE

TOWN OF DANA,

FOR THE

Year Ending Feb. 26, 1878.



BARRE:

HENRY H. COOK, STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.

1878.

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TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN CLERK.

Paid D. L. Richards, for recording births, marriages and deaths,	\$15 07	
Same, as voted by the town, for past services as Treasurer,	50 00	
Same, for services as Treasurer in 1877,	36 00	
Same, for cash paid for stamps, ex- press, &c.,	15 38	
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SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF POOR, AND ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Paid James A. Gorham,	\$60 00	
C. N. Doane,	35 00	
N. H. Doubleday,	35 00	
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ASSESSORS.

Paid James A. Gorham,	\$20 20	
C. N. Doane,	18 00	
N. H. Doubleday,	16 00	
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Marshall L. Lindsey, for 1876,	\$23 00	
M. T. Knapp, balance for services in 1876,	8 00	
A. J. Nye, for 1877,	47 50	
M. T. Knapp,	26 00	
H. C. Longley,	10 00	
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Paid Hiram Barrows, for 1874,	\$50 00	
Same, for proving claim against S. F. Brown's estate,	2 00	
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PRINTING.

Paid Smith & Hill, for printing school reports,	\$17 00	
Same, for printing Selectmen's report,	10 00	
Henry H. Cook, for printing town order blanks,	2 00	
express on reports,	25	
	<hr/>	\$29 25

Paid J. Wesley Goodman, for services in settling with the Treasurer in 1877,	2 00
James A. Gorham, for express, stamps and stationery for the town,	2 25
E. A. Albee, for posting warrants,	2 50

FOR REPAIRING SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid George W. Doane, for repairs in district No. 2,	\$2 35	
Marcus Goodman, for stove in district No. 2,	11 67	
Same, for stove in district No. 5,	10 50	
H. C. Longley, for repairs on school houses,	5 77	
E. A. Albee,	1 00	
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FOR BREAKING ROADS IN 1876 AND 1877.

Paid E. G. Blackmer,	\$1 87	
S. N. Weeks,	3 00	
William R. Kendall,	15 45	
L. B. Williams,	10 00	
Henry Gleason,	1 70	
C. N. Doane, for cash paid for breaking roads,	4 00	
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Paid Albert Flagg, for taking care of town hall,	\$3 00
Lyman Randall, for shingles for almshouse,	8 75
Timothy Stone, for keeping public watering place,	5 00
for erecting guide post on the common,	3 15
Burrill and Tolman, for watching at the town house, the night it was set on fire,	2 00
Walter Pierce, balance on salary as Superintendent of almshouse in 1876,	192 83
J. W. Morgan, for services as sexton for I. Chamberlain,	1 50
E. G. Stone, for services as sexton for Hannah Briggs,	4 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid for repairing highways and bridges,	\$572 38
Ira Witt, for plow,	10 00

FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid by direction of School Committee,	\$950 47
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PAUPER EXPENSES.

The whole number of paupers at almshouse during the past year is eleven. Average number 8 5-13. The average cost of supporting each pauper per week is \$2.20, interest on town farm at \$4000, and taxes included.

Whole number of tramps lodged is 65.

Total cost of supporting poor and tramps at almshouse the past year,	\$957 23
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SUPPORT OF PAUPERS OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Eliza Hartwell, for support of Rebecca Morgan,	\$52 00
Elisha Doubleday, for Lutheria Doubleday,	60 00
city of Boston, for Irene Howe,	11 63
Same, for Matthew Cook,	4 00
Eugene Blackmer at State Reform School,	48 10
Artemas Whitney's family,	10 19
F. W. Lindsey's family,	15 29
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	\$201 21

Paid George Doane, for services as sexton for inmates of almshouse,	\$11 00
J. Jourdan, for coffins for inmates of almshouse,	38 50

There is a bill of \$41 charged to this town by the city of Springfield for aid furnished a family by the name of Lucius and Saltus. The reason why the Overseers have not paid the bill is because we think Jeremiah Lucius never had a settlement in this town. Springfield has brought suit to recover said bill.

In regard to the Parks case we would say that the Selectmen have commenced a suit against the town of Warren to recover a bill of \$315.98, paid by the town of Dana for support of the Parks family.

Paid Ezra Comee for time spent and cash paid out for looking up the settlement of William W. Parks,	\$24 00
James A. Gorham for cash paid J. Martin Gorham for counsel relating to a pauper case,	2 00
Lauriston H. Towne for pasturing road oxen,	17 00

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN, FEB. 26, 1878.

Athol Savings Bank,	\$14,000 00
Commonwealth notes (two),	4,467 00
Timothy Stone,	380 97
Emma E. Williams,	400 00
Sarah J. Johnson,	175 00
Mrs. Sally Amsden,	650 00
Eliza Randall,	200 00
James A. Gorham,	225 40
Frank P. Williams,	530 00
Isaac Doane,	500 00
Aurelia Carruth,	358 83
Fidelia Smith,	190 00
Alfred W. Doane,	200 00
Ladies' Aid Society, North Dana,	60 00
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	\$22,337 20
Interest on the above notes,	611 02
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	\$22,948 22

The Selectmen further report that they have settled with the Treasurer and his account stands as follows:—

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To balance on hand last year,	\$897 11	
Corporation tax,	38	
National Bank tax,	6 25	
Rec'd of Millers River National Bank,	294 57	
of N. L. Johnson,	1400 00	
for road oxen,	145 00	
of School Committee,	1 00	
for State aid,	312 00	
Corporation tax,	68	
National Bank tax for 1877,	178 84	
Dog fund,	55 04	
State school fund,	211 51	
from Petersham for school,	5 00	
A. W. Doane, Collector, 1875-6,	1,427 00	
J. W. Morgan, for 1877,	3,960 79	
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		\$8,895 17
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General orders paid,	\$2,244 72	
School orders paid,	950 47	
Notes and interest,	4,743 18	
State aid orders paid,	182 00	
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	8,120 37	
Balance in the Treasurer's hands,	774 80	
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		\$8,895 17

The following is a statement of the financial condition of the town, Feb. 26, 1878:—

Notes against the town,	\$22,337 20
Interest on the above notes,	611 02
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	22,948 22
Orders outstanding—estimated at	450 00
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Total,	\$23,398 22

The available assets are as follows:—

In hands of D. L. Richards, Treasurer,	\$774 80
In hands of A. W. Doane, for taxes assessed in 1875, (G. A. Streeter, Col.),	358 46
In hands of Hiram Barrows, Collector for 1873-4,	292 25
In hands of A. W. Doane, Collector for '76,	404 99
In hands of J. W. Morgan, " '77,	1,531 18
In hands of H. C. Longley,	8 99
Town farm and personal property,	4,000 00
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	\$7,370 67
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Balance against the town,	\$16,027 55

The amount of the two bills (Parks and Briggs), if collected, will reduce the indebtedness of the town some \$375. The indebtedness of the town is \$1122.91 less than last year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES A. GORHAM,	}	Selectmen of Dana.
C. N. DOANE.		
N. H. DOUBLEDAY.		