Official Reports

OF THE

Town of Prescott

FOR THE YEAR

1931

Belchertown, Mass.: Press of Lewis H. Blackmer 1932
The following agents appointed by the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission under Chap. 340 of the Acts of 1928, to exercise the powers and duties of the officers of the town of Prescott, and acting during the past year, were as follows:

Walter M. Waugh

Walter M. Waugh
Frank R. Allen

Walter M. Waugh
Fred W. Doubleday
Harrison D. Peirce

with

Celia C. Doubleday as Town Clerk

Frank R. Allen

Ruth R. Allen

Celia C. Doubleday

Walter M. Waugh
Celia C. Doubleday

Albert W. Wendemuth

Fred W. Doubleday

Harrison D. Pierce

Walter M. Waugh
Frank J. Currier

Board of Selectmen
Assessors
Registrars of Voters
Town Treasurer
Collector of Taxes
Town Clerk
School Committee
Constable
Supt. of Roads
Trustees of Wright Charity Fund
Report of Selectmen

Paid Mrs. Ruth R. Allen, collector 1930 tax $65.00
W. M. Waugh, services as selectman 238.00
Mrs. Celia C. Doubleday, town clerk 25.00
Frank R. Allen, town treasurer 75.00
Frank R. Allen, assessor 62.50  $465.50

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT
Paid James D. Kimball, treasurer’s bond $5.00
James D. Kimball, tax collector’s bond 10.00
James D. Kimball, workmen’s liability policy 130.75
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing town reports 19.44
Coolbeth, Police District Court cost 6.00
George M. Emerson, District Court cost 4.75
Charles S. Knight, District Court cost 3.00
Lewis H. Blackmer, excise tax bills 1.00
A. W. Wendemuth, inspection animals 3.45
Hobbs & Warren, Inc., tax books 4.64
Carter’s Ink Co. 1.63
C. H. Chase, real estate transfers 5.80
Lewis H. Blackmer, tax bills 3.52
Earl H. Berry, care of cemetery lots 22.50
Lewis H. Blackmer, old age assistance tax bills 1.50
Lewis H. Blackmer, tax demand blanks 1.65
Hobbs & Warren Co., book, excise tax 3.38
S. R. King, inspector of slaughter, 1930 6.65
Ruth R. Allen, postage 2.00
Mrs. C. C. Doubleday, postage, telephone, express 3.23  
Mrs. C. C. Doubleday, recording birth and death 1.00  
S. R. King, inspector slaughtering 1931 2.65  
F. R. Allen, postage and express 5.26  
W. M. Waugh, postage and telephone 27.96  
Mrs. C. C. Doubleday, justice fees 1.50  
J. T. Higgins, return of death .25  

**SNOW BILLS**

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Stanley W. Smazek</td>
<td>$8.10</td>
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<td>Lyman Griswold</td>
<td>6.80</td>
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<tr>
<td>Edward Griswold</td>
<td>6.80</td>
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<td>M. A. Griswold</td>
<td>7.65</td>
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<td>Town of Enfield</td>
<td>56.32</td>
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<td>R. T. Crockwell</td>
<td>11.70</td>
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<td>A. W. Wendemuth</td>
<td>27.75</td>
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<td>Town of Greenwich</td>
<td>30.00</td>
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**HIGHWAY ACCOUNT**

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<tr>
<td>Paid selectmen's orders</td>
<td>$4,485.95</td>
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**BRIDGE ACCOUNT**

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<tr>
<td>Paid selectmen's orders, Bobbin Hollow bridge</td>
<td>$290.22</td>
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<tr>
<td>selectmen's orders, general repairs on bridges</td>
<td>84.83</td>
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<tr>
<td>selectmen's orders, bridge on North Dana road</td>
<td>54.35</td>
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<tr>
<td>selectmen's orders, bridge on Main Street</td>
<td>50.99</td>
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**ACCOUNT OF MOWING CEMETERIES**

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<tr>
<td>H. R. Wendemuth</td>
<td>$12.83</td>
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<tr>
<td>Guy Johnson</td>
<td>12.38</td>
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<tr>
<td>M. A. Griswold</td>
<td>6.08</td>
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</table>
R. A. Crockwell 8.55
H. D. Peirce 1.80
F. W. Doubleday 2.25
Fred W. Doubleday, Jr. 1.80
Fred Wendemuth 3.75  $49.44

RECAPITULATIONS

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<tr>
<td>Paid Town Officers</td>
<td>$465.50</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Account</td>
<td>277.51</td>
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<tr>
<td>Snow bills</td>
<td>155.12</td>
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<tr>
<td>Highway</td>
<td>4,485.95</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bridges</td>
<td>480.39</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mowing cemeteries</td>
<td>49.44</td>
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<tr>
<td>Support of Poor</td>
<td>837.16</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$6,752.07</strong></td>
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REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Paid support of poor  $837.16

WALTER M. WAUGH
Agent of the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission Acting as Selectmen of the Town of Prescott.

LIST OF JURORS

Herman R. Wendemuth  Farmer
Frederick M. Wendemuth  Farmer

WALTER M. WAUGH
Agent of the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission Acting as Selectmen of the Town of Prescott.

RESOURCES

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Due on 1931 tax</td>
<td>$178.90</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash on hand</td>
<td>2,642.99</td>
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<td>Due from State Account, Highways</td>
<td>475.00</td>
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<td>$3,296.89</td>
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<tr>
<td>Due W. M. Waugh, services, selectmen</td>
<td>$32.25</td>
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<tr>
<td>Due support of poor</td>
<td>118.93</td>
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<td>Estimation due other towns on account of Old Age Assistance</td>
<td>210.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Due Ruth Allen, collector, 1931</td>
<td>65.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Balance in favor of town</td>
<td>2,870.71</td>
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**WALTER M. WAUGH**

Agent of the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission Acting as Selectmen of the Town of Prescott.
Report of Treasurer

Frank R. Allen, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Prescott.

RECEIPTS

Surplus war bonus fund $161.23
Free cash at settlement, Jan. 1st, 1931 2,813.49
Interest on deposits, National Bank 23.29
County Treasurer, dog refund 23.70
Ruth R. Allen, coll. 1930 excise tax 2.00
Ruth R. Allen, coll. 1930 tax 340.96
Ruth R. Allen, interest on 1930 tax 10.89
Ruth R. Allen, coll. 1931 excise tax 31.56
Ruth R. Allen, coll. 1931 tax 892.65
Ruth R. Allen, interest on 1931 tax 1.14
Old Age Assistance tax 12.00
State Treasurer, Mass. School fund, part II, chap. 70 107.82
E. H. Berry, gasoline permit 1.00
State Treasurer, aid to Industrial Schools 101.00
James D. Kimball & Co., refund insurance premium 8.43
State Treasurer, gas tax refund 975.00
Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission 2,000.00
State Treasurer, account of highways 3,425.00
State Treasurer, animal inspector refund 1.72
State Treasurer, income tax 1931 350.10
State Treasurer, corporation tax, business 49.77
State Treasurer, corporation tax, Tel. & Tel. 9.02
State Treasurer, transportation high school pupils | 508.20
State Treasurer, corporation tax, P. S., 1930 | .12
State Treasurer, high school tuition | 476.00
State Treasurer, superintendent's salary refund | 340.17
Sale of Town Hall stove | 5.00
Eliza Jennison Cemetery fund | 2.00
Walter Shaw Cemetery fund | 1.00
B. F. Aiken Cemetery fund | 2.00
Lillia Shaw Cemetery fund | 2.00
Nelson Whitaker Cemetery fund | 1.00
Susannah Haskins Cemetery fund | 2.00
Francena Johnson Cemetery fund | 2.00
Mary Woods Cemetery fund | .50
Gilbert & Grover Cemetery fund | 2.00
Martha Briggs Cemetery fund | 2.00
Delia P. Allen Cemetery fund | 2.00
John Cowan Cemetery fund | 2.00
George Webber Cemetery fund | 2.00

Total receipts | $12,693.76

**EXPENSE ACCOUNT**

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<td>Old Age Assistance tax</td>
<td>$12.00</td>
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<td>County tax</td>
<td>435.06</td>
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<tr>
<td>State tax</td>
<td>150.00</td>
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<td>Assessors' abatement</td>
<td>5.61</td>
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<td>Veterans' exemption</td>
<td>.60</td>
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<td>Parks and reservations, Chap. 391, Acts, 1931</td>
<td>1.05</td>
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<tr>
<td>Selectmen's orders</td>
<td>6,752.07</td>
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<td>School orders</td>
<td>2,694.38</td>
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<td>Total expense</td>
<td>$10,050.77</td>
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To balance

Surplus war bonus fund | 161.23
Free cash in hands of treasurer 2,481.76

$12,693.76

FRANK R. ALLEN
Agent of the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission Acting as Treasurer of the Town of Prescott.
Report of Superintendent of Roads

LABOR IN 1931

Paid H. R. Wendemuth, labor $369.22
R. T. Crockwell, labor 330.75
G. A. Johnson, labor 272.92
G. E. Ewell, labor 232.42
M. A. Griswold, labor 205.22
S. Smazek, labor 203.40
Wm: Ely, labor 191.03
Wm. Carrigan, labor 58.50
F. Doubleday, Jr., labor 54.23
Roger Doubleday, labor 25.20
F. M. Wendemuth, double team 37.00
H. D. Peirce, labor 49.50
H. D. Peirce, truck 576.00
H. D. Peirce, tractor 480.00
F. W. Doubleday, superintendent 511.20
F. W. Doubleday, truck 801.15 $4,397.74

MATERIALS

Paid H. A. Coolbeth, sharpening tools $8.25
H. D. Peirce, scythe, pick handle 1.90
Marion Smith, gravel 11.30
M. A. Griswold, gravel 2.08
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., 3 culverts 64.68 $88.21

Total $4,485.95
Men labor $2,834.09
Truck labor 1,185.15
Tractor labor 360.00
Team labor 18.50
Materials 88.21 $4,485.95

Town appropriation 585.00
State appropriation 3,900.00 4,485.00

From funds to balance  $0.95

HIGHWAY BRIDGE ACCOUNT

General Bridge Work

Paid F. W. Doubleday, labor $8.50
F. W. Doubleday, truck 9.00
H. D. Peirce, labor 8.50
H. R. Wendemuth, labor .90

Materials
F. W. Doubleday, 1,254 ft. plank 56.43
F. P. Hall, spikes 1.50 $84.83

SPECIAL BRIDGE ACCOUNT

North Dana Road Bridge and guard rails

Paid F. W. Doubleday, labor $13.00
F. W. Doubleday, truck 6.00
R. T. Crockwell, labor 1.80
H. R. Wendemuth, labor 1.80
H. D. Peirce, labor 13.00

Materials
F. W. Doubleday, 400 ft. 3 in. plank 18.00
F. P. Hall, spikes .75 $54.35

Main Street Bridge and guard rails

Paid F. W. Doubleday, labor $11.00
F. W. Doubleday, truck 8.00
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<td>H. D. Peirce</td>
<td>labor</td>
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<td>R. T. Crockwell</td>
<td>labor</td>
<td>2.25</td>
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<td>H. R. Wendemuth</td>
<td>labor</td>
<td>2.25</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wm. Carrigan</td>
<td>labor</td>
<td>2.25</td>
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<tr>
<td>F. W. Doubleday</td>
<td>322 ft. 3 in. plank</td>
<td>14.49</td>
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<tr>
<td>F. P. Hall</td>
<td>spikes</td>
<td>.75</td>
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**Bobbin Hollow Bridge**

*Two spans and guard rails*

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<td>Paid F. W. Doubleday</td>
<td>labor</td>
<td>$26.40</td>
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<td>H. D. Peirce</td>
<td>labor</td>
<td>19.35</td>
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<td>H. D. Peirce</td>
<td>truck</td>
<td>1.50</td>
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<td>Wm. Ely</td>
<td>labor</td>
<td>19.80</td>
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<td>M. A. Griswold</td>
<td>labor</td>
<td>17.10</td>
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<td>G. E. Ewell</td>
<td>labor</td>
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**Materials**

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<td>W. D. Cowles, timbers and 3 in. plank</td>
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<td>H. J. Whipple, lumber</td>
<td>.75</td>
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<td>W. M. Waugh, spikes</td>
<td>5.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>H. D. Peirce, spikes</td>
<td>.70</td>
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**Total**                                           | $290.22|
Report of Town Clerk

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1931

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<th>Age</th>
<th>Residence</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>84</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>Prescott</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Dec. 17</td>
<td>Marshall Foster Brown</td>
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MARRIAGES RECORDED

There were none.

BIRTHS RECORDED

There were no births in town. Two delayed birth certificates were recorded, one dated 1858 and the other dated 1866.

OTHER BUSINESS

There were sixteen sporting licenses issued. Ten male dogs and two female dogs were licensed.

CELIA C. DOUBLEDAY, Town Clerk
Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Prescott School Committee:

I submit my second annual report as superintendent of schools of Prescott.

The school situation remains the same as a year ago. The arrangement for all our pupils to attend school elsewhere continues to be very satisfactory. Of the six for whom the town pays tuition, two are attending the elementary schools of Enfield and four are in the Belchertown High School.

REGISTRATION OF MINORS, OCTOBER 1, 1931

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<th>Age</th>
<th>5 to 7</th>
<th>7 to 14</th>
<th>14 to 16</th>
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<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Girls</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>1</td>
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These children are all in public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

FLAVEL M. GIFFORD
Superintendent of Schools

Jan. 8, 1932.
Report of School Committee

For the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1931

EXPENDITURES

School committee, pay and other expenses $37.72
Superintendent, salary and other expenses 657.74
Elementary transportation to Enfield 695.00
Elementary tuition to Enfield 191.90
High School transportation to Belchertown 576.80
High School tuition to Belchertown 475.00
High School tuition, vocational 58.25
Text books 1.97 $2,694.38

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT

Celia C. Doubleday, pay $35.00
Celia C. Doubleday, postage and telephone 1.72
Celia C. Doubleday, school census 1.00
Flavel M. Gifford, salary 573.52
Flavel M. Gifford, office rent 10.00
Flavel M. Gifford, other expenses 74.22
M. A. Griswold, elementary transportation 695.00
M. A. Griswold, high school transportation 576.80
E. E. Babb & Co., omitted 1930 payment, text book 1.97
Town of Enfield, elementary tuition 191.90
Town of Belchertown, High School tuition 475.00 2,636.13
VOCATIONAL TUITION

Town of New Salem, on 1930 tuition for
Roger Doubleday 30.25
Town of Belchertown, Doris Griswold 28.00 58.25

Total for schools $2,694.38

Respectfully submitted,

CEelia C. Doubleday
Greenwich Village
W. M. WAUGH
New Braintree

School Committee of Prescott
School Calendar

Belchertown High School
1932-33

Schools reopen
*Lincoln’s Birthday
Washington’s Birthday
Schools close
Schools reopen
Patriots’ Day
Schools close
Schools reopen
Memorial Day
*Flag Day
*Bunker Hill Day
Schools close
Schools reopen
Columbus Day
Armistice Day
Thanksgiving recess
Schools reopen
Schools close
Schools reopen
*Not legal holidays

January 4, 1932
February 12, 1932
February 22, 1932
February 26, 1932
March 7, 1932
April 19, 1932
April 29, 1932
May 9, 1932
May 30, 1932
June 14, 1932
June 17, 1932
June 24, 1932
September 7, 1932
October 12, 1932
November 11, 1932
November 23, 1932
November 28, 1932
December 22, 1932
January 3, 1933
School Calendar

Enfield Schools
1932-33

Schools reopen
*Lincoln's Birthday
Washington's Birthday
Schools close
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