Official Reports

OF THE

Town of Prescott, Mass.

FOR THE YEAR

1932

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1933
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

#### TOWN OFFICERS
Paid Ruth R. Allen, collector 1931 taxes $65.00
Walter M. Waugh, services as selectman 305.50
Celia C. Doubleday, services as town clerk 25.00
Frank R. Allen, services as town treasurer 75.00
Frank R. Allen, services as assessor 35.00
A. W. Wendemuth, services as constable 6.80
Fred W. Doubleday, services, registrar and election officer 10.00
H. D. Peirce, services, registrar and election officer 8.00

**$530.30**

#### MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT
Paid Ruth R. Allen, tax collector, postage $2.00
Earl Berry, care of cemetery lots 22.50
Luella F. Aiken, care cemetery lot 2.50
A. W. Wendemuth, inspector of animals 6.77
Carter Ink Co. 1.62
James D. Kimball Co., treasurer, bond 5.00
James D. Kimball Co., workmen's liability policy 160.42
James D. Kimball Co., tax collector's bond 10.00
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing town reports 20.52
Lewis H. Blackmer, order blanks, stationery 8.20
Lewis H. Blackmer, tax bills 6.22
Hobbs & Warren Inc., tax collector's books 11.50
Hobbs & Warren Inc., blanks 1.04
C. H. Chase, transfers of real estate 2.40
Walter M. Waugh, postage and telephone 36.39
Celia C. Doubleday, postage and telephone 3.67
Celia C. Doubleday, justice's fees .50
Celia C. Doubleday, recording deaths 1.00
Celia C. Doubleday, town clerk meeting 5.00
Stanwood King, inspector slaughter 2.20
Frank R. Allen, postage, telephone and stationery 8.30
A. W. Wendemuth, snow bill 3.00

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<td>Paid Fred W. Doubleday, mowing cemeteries</td>
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<td>M. A. Griswold, mowing cemeteries</td>
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<td>FOREST FIRE ACCOUNT</td>
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<td>Paid A. W. Wendemuth</td>
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<td>Guy Johnson</td>
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<td>Town of New Salem, use of truck and pump</td>
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<td>Doyle Hamilton, New Salem Fire Warden</td>
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<td>L. H. Thayer, Dana Fire Warden</td>
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$320.75
$36.80
$105.50
FIRE AT L. FLORA BROWN'S

Paid A. W. Bowles with 9 men $12.25
Town of New Salem, use of fire truck 4.00

$16.25

RECAPITULATIONS

Paid Town Officers $530.30
Miscellaneous Account 320.75
Highway Account 4,485.54
Highway Bridge Account 124.00
Care of Cemeteries 36.80
Old Age Assistance 644.90
Forest Fire 105.50
Fire at L. Flora Brown's 16.25
Public Welfare 1,514.64 $7,778.68

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

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Paid support of poor $1,514.64

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Reimbursement, other towns $644.90

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
Frederick M. Wendemuth

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

RESOURCES

Due on 1932 tax $243.70
Int. on 1932 tax 4.00
Cash in hands of treasurer 2,190.13  $2,437.73

LIABILITIES

Due Ruth R. Allen, collector 1932 tax $65.00
Due support of poor 50.00
Estimation due other towns on account of
Old Age Assistance 253.00  $368.00

WALTER M. WAUGH
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### Report of Treasurer

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<td>Cash on hand Jan. 1st, 1932</td>
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<td>Surplus war bonus fund</td>
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<td>Int. on deposits, National Bank</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, highway account 1931</td>
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<td>County Treasurer, dog tax refund</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, Mass. School fund, Part II, Chap. 70</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, gasoline tax refund</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, account of highways 1932</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, Superintendent's salary refund</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, High School transportation</td>
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<td>W. M. Waugh, sale of settees</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, income tax</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, corporation tax business</td>
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<td>State Treasurer, corporation tax, R. R. and Tel. &amp; Tel.</td>
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<td>Town Clerk, dog licenses</td>
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<td>James D. Kimball, insurance rebate</td>
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<td>Met. District Water Supply Comm.</td>
<td>1,500.00</td>
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Cemetery trust funds 25.00

Total receipts $12,645.15

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Paid Selectmen's orders $7,778.57
School orders 2,336.57
Old age assistance tax 10.00
County tax 217.46
State tax 97.50
Veterans' exemption .51
Assessors' abatement 4.21
Dog licenses 10.20

Total expenses $10,455.02
Cash on hand Jan. 1st, 1933 2,190.13

$12,645.15

By order of the Selectmen, the J. F. Aiken cemetery fund, with interest amounting to $125.37 was transferred to Town of Athol, Mass.

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

PAID FOR LABOR IN 1932

Guy Johnson, labor $348.00
M. A. Griswold, labor 308.00
R. Crockwell, labor 279.20
H. Wendemuth, labor 258.40
F. Doubleday, Jr., labor 257.20
S. Smazek, labor 167.20
W. Carrigan, labor 130.00
L. Peirce, labor 91.20
N. Nicholson, labor 70.80
R. Doubleday, labor 46.40
C. Officer, labor 16.00
H. D. Peirce, labor 56.40
H. D. Peirce, tractor 374.50
H. D. Peirce, truck 631.25
F. W. Doubleday, truck 729.30
F. W. Doubleday, superintendent 592.80 $4,356.65

MATERIALS AND REPAIRS

F. W. Doubleday, labor on drag and scraper $2.40
A. W. Wendemuth, labor on drag and scraper 1.60
R. T. Crockwell, labor on drag and scraper 3.60
F. W. Doubleday, materials for drag 2.50
F. W. Doubleday, repairs for scraper 2.15
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., 3 culverts 63.69
L. F. Brown, 12 loads gravel .96
M. A. Griswold, 388 loads gravel 31.04
Marion Smith, 73 loads gravel 7.30
M. A. Griswold, paid, sharpening picks and repairs on chains 2.60
F. W. Doubleday, paid, sharpening picks and bars 9.30
F. W. Doubleday, 1 pick-axe and handle 1.75 $128.89

Total $4,485.54
Men labor $2,910.80
Truck labor 1,158.55
Tractor labor 287.30
Materials & repairs 128.89 $4,485.54
Town Appropriation $585.00
State Appropriation 3,900.00 4,485.00

From funds to balance $0.54

HIGHWAY BRIDGE ACCOUNT

Soapstone Bridge—new work

Paid F. W. Doubleday, labor and truck $9.70
H. D. Peirce, labor and truck 8.10
H. R. Wendemuth, labor 6.40
F. P. Hall, spikes .85
F. W. Doubleday, 480 ft. plank 14.40 $39.45

Andrew Johnson Bridge—new work

Paid F. W. Doubleday, labor $4.00
H. R. Wendemuth, labor 3.20
G. A. Johnson, labor 3.60
M. A. Griswold, labor 1.60
H. D. Peirce, labor and truck 9.35
F. W. Doubleday, 359 ft. plank 10.77 32.52
### General Bridge Work

- **Paid** F. W. Doubleday, labor and truck: $7.55
- H. D. Peirce, labor and truck: 4.85
- H. R. Wendemuth, labor: 1.60
- L. M. Peirce, labor: 2.40
- F. W. Doubleday, 1,121 ft. plank: 33.63
- F. B. Hall, spikes: 2.00

**Total**: $124.00

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**FRED W. DOUBLEDAY, Superintendent**
Report of Town Clerk

No births or marriages were recorded in Prescott during 1932. There were two deaths.

DEATHS RECORDED
April 18, Fred Johnson, 81 yrs. 6 mos., organic heart disease
Dec. 8, Edward William Shea, 26 yrs. 5 mos. 2 dys., gun shot wound of the head

OTHER BUSINESS
There were twenty-two sporting licenses issued. Eight male dogs and two female dogs were licensed.

CELIA C. DOUBLEDAY
Agent of the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission Acting as Clerk of the Town of Prescott.
Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Prescott School Committee:

I submit herewith my third annual report as superintendent of schools of Prescott.

The number of pupils for whom the town pays tuition has decreased to five. Of these pupils, two are in the elementary schools of Enfield and three in the Belchertown High School. Of the latter, one is a post-graduate. Reports from the High School are sent to me at the close of each marking period.

REGISTRATION OF MINORS, OCTOBER 1, 1932

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These children are all in public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

FLAEL M. GIFFORD

Superintendent of Schools
Report of School Committee

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 1932

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT

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<td>Flavel M. Gifford, salary</td>
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<td>M. A. Griswold, transportation of Beatrice and Frances to Enfield Grammar School</td>
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<td>M. A. Griswold, transportation of Edward, Lyman and Doris to Belchertown High School</td>
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<td>Town of Enfield, tuition Beatrice and Frances Griswold</td>
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<td>Town of Belchertown, academic tuition, Edward, Lyman and Doris Griswold</td>
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Town of Belchertown, vocational
tuition, Doris Griswold  

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$2,336.67

CELIA C. DOUBLEDAY  
Greenwich Village

WALTER M. WAUGH  
New Braintree

School Committee of Prescott

Supt. of Schools—
Flavel M. Gifford
North Dana, Mass.