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### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Adelbert Mead, for the West School,	\$301 00
Nathan H. Wheeler, " South "	301 00
Daniel Jones, " Centre "	301 00
Cyrus Fletcher, " South East School,	212 00
Amos Handley, " North "	226 84
William Wheeler, " East "	226 84
John Chaffin, school money,	4 80
School Committee, W. H. Watson,	20 00
" " John M. Miles,	17 00
" " William D. Tuttle,	17 00
for printing School Report,	20 00
Francis Jones, for labor, and painting the West and South East School Houses,	18 25
for oil, lead, Japan, putty and glass for same,	35 45
R. P. Boss, for repairs on East School House,	1 95
James E. Harris, " North "	13 00
Adelbert Mead, for white-washing West School House,	4 50
Adelbert Mead, for repairs on West S. House,	4 77
Francis Dwight, for repairs on South "	3 35
N. H. Wheeler, " " "	4 43
Wm. Wheeler, " East "	8 00
Daniel Jones, " Centre "	7 99
Wm. Wheeler, for settees and chair for the East School House,	9 87

Paid Samuel Hosmer, for taking invoice and making taxes,	19 50
for copying taxes,	3 00
for tax books, warrants and paper,	6 20
for entertainment of Assessors,	6 00
Francis Dwight, for making taxes,	19 50
Daniel Tuttle, " "	19 50
Peter Tenny, for digging graves and attending funerals with the hearse, for 31 persons, in 1853,	31 00
for 38 persons for same, in 1854,	38 50
for returning births and deaths to the Town Clerk, in 1854,	10 00
for returning do. do. in 1855,	8 90
for mowing brush in the West and Centre Burying Grounds,	7 00
Luther Conant and Nathan Brooks, for expenses in the Willow case,	361 96
Cyrus Fletcher, for repairs on the Powder Mill Bridges,	29 14
Samuel Farwell, interest money,	66 25
Charles Tuttle, for the use of Town Hall,	60 00
Tristram Edmonds, balance due for one year's work,	113 98
Nathan Brooks, for building road,	279 00
Francis Tuttle, for lumber for the Powder Mill Bridges,	4 00
for services as Building Committee, on the road from South Acton to Stow, and for Committee to meet Commissioners,	10 87
Ebenezer Davis, for fencing road near his factory,	48 75
W. E. Faulkner, for plank for the Powder Mill Bridges, in 1853,	16 30
Luther Billings, for building wall on the road near Solomon Smith's,	68 25
Luther Conant, for building wall and road near his house,	326 20
Aaron C. Handley, for rebuilding bridges near Parker's crossing,	99 00
Daniel L. Veasey, for balance due for building a bridge and wing wall,	22 00

Paid John Grimes, in full for building road in South Acton,	56 20
for work on bridge and road near Charles Tuttle's,	20 75
Francis Tuttle, for building road in South Acton,	98 35
Samuel Jones, for repairing the road near Levi Houghton's,	79 25
Francis Kinsley, for building sluice on the gravel pit road,	9 00
Ralph Lawrence, for building sluice on the gravel pit road,	15 50
for plank for the Powder Mill Bridges,	48 93
Francis Tuttle, Jr., for timber for the Powder Mill Bridges,	25 00
Abraham Conant, for services as road committee,	3 00
Ivory Keyes, for four stone guide-posts, and setting and lettering the same,	20 00
Henry Haynes, for repairs on the road in 1854 and '55, and breaking out road 38 hours,	7 27
Henry Holden, for 51 hours' work breaking out roads, in 1854 and '55,	6 37
Alden Fuller, for 189 hours' work, breaking out roads in 1855 and '56,	23 62
John Fletcher, 2d, for breaking out roads,	26 04
Charles Wheeler, " "	23 50
Joseph Noyes, 82 hours' " "	10 25
Isaac Barker, 230 1-2 " " "	28 81
A. Austin Tuttle, 247 " " "	30 87
Edward Tuttle, 174 " " "	21 75
Abel Farrar, 92 " " "	11 50
Chas. Tuttle, 240 3-4 " " "	30 09
W. H. Chapman, 150 " " "	18 75
Silas Conant, 140 " " "	17 50
Wm. Wheeler, 210 " " "	26 25
for repairing sluice,	6 30
Adelbert Mead, for making taxes in 1852,	10 00
Dr. Josiah Bartlett, for medical attendance in Peter Robbins' family,	20 00
Abel Jones, 3-4 the expense of A. W. Jones,	



from Jan. 1, 1855 to Dec. 1, '55,	114 33
<b>Paid</b> at the House of Correction, for the board of Thomas F. and Mary A. Law,	41 14
at Boston, for the support of Elizabeth Oliver,	30 50
town of Concord, for two coffins and burial expenses for two of Peter Robbins' family,	11 00
Widow Daniel Barker,	10 00
Geo. M. Brooks, for advice,	3 00
for printing town reports,	12 00
“ notices,	2 50
James E. Billings, interest money,	2 46
Francis Dwight, for 27 lights, sash,	1 62
Charles Tuttle, for hay for Town Farm,	17 70
Daniel Wetherbee, for tax books in 1854,	4 50
for store goods, meal and plaster for Town Farm,	105 69
for store goods for Peter Robbins' family,	12 21
R. P. Boss, for damage of pulling up fruit trees on the new road near S. Smith's,	1 00
the soldiers,	476 50
Luther R. Forbush, for settling state and county taxes in 1854,	2 00
L. R. Forbush, for repairs on the Centre School House in 1854,	2 56
for services as constable in 1854,	6 00
Thomas Kinsley, for stone guide-post and tools,	3 00
James Tuttle, for store goods for Town Farm,	92 52
G. W. Sawyer, for opening the Town Hall for soldiers, 3 times, at 25c,	75
for opening same for town meetings, 5 times, at 45c,	2 25
for splitting and getting in wood,	1 12
for oil and fluid,	10 81
for opening Hall for Dancing School,	10 00
for one can,	33
for setting glass,	92
for cleaning funnel,	1 00
cash for lights,	32
for fixing lamps,	17
for tolling bell for 35 deaths, at 20c,	7 00



Paid James E. Billings, for services,	23 75
Elbridge G. Parker, “	20 25
Samuel Jones, “	18 00
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	\$5177 59
State tax,	450 00
County tax,	586 00
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	\$6213 59

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Town tax,	\$4010 05
State tax,	450 00
County tax,	586 00
Delinquents in highway,	104 75
Soldier's money,	476 50
State School Fund,	73 48
For the use of the Town Hall,	37 00
For the support of Mary Ann Walcott,	27 00
For grass,	50
Balance in Treasurer's hands, Feb. 26, 1855,	2091 20
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	\$7856 48
Expenditures from Feb. 26, '55, to Feb. 26, '56,	6213 59
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Balance in Treasurer's hands Feb. 26, 1856,	\$1642 89
Debt against the Town, Feb. 26, 1856,	\$1750 00

JAMES E. BILLINGS	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ELBRIDGE G. PARKER,	
SAMUEL JONES,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Acton.</i>



R E P O R T  
OF THE  
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
OF THE  
TOWN OF ACTON,  
For one Year, ending February 26th, 1856.

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EXPENDITURES ON TOWN FARM.

Paid for one horse,	\$125 00
two cows,	85 00
blacksmith's bill,	19 58
doctor's bill,	16 25
for beef, 52.75 ; oil meal, 44.26,	97 01
flour, 42.86 ; rye meal, 24.20,	67 06
wheelwright's bill,	6 75
for boots and shoes,	12 83
for hay and grass,	30 64
for pork and ham,	73 28
butter, 34.77 ; cheese, 8.30,	43 07
cream tartar and starch,	3 52

Paid for tea, 9.54 ; coffee, 9.36,	18 90
sugar, 5.73 ; soap, 2.65,	8 38
oil and fluid,	5 55
sash and lumber,	3 62
salt, 2.79 ; spices, 1.67,	4 46
plaster, 2.45 ; potatoes, 4.25,	6 70
tallow, 3.14 ; bread, 5.00,	8 14
labor on farm,	7 50
horse hire,	2 00
earthen and tin ware,	5 34
barrels, 3.39 ; nails, 1.23,	4 62
book and chairs,	2 33
beans and peas,	8 17
ropes and twine,	1 83
matches, 1.00 ; medicine, 83c,	1 83
hops, 1.25 ; brooms, 1.53,	2 78
tools,	6 41
meal, 30.53 ; fish, 28.68,	59 21
molasses, 21.01 ; rice and seeds, 59c,	21 60
vinegar, 4.58 ; cloth and clothing, 33.48,	38 06

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\$797 22

Articles on hand Feb. 26, 1855,	\$985 74
Use of farm,	239 40
Superintendent,	250 00

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\$1475 14

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For one horse,	\$160 00
oxen,	145 00
two cows,	31 25
calves,	18 87
apples,	10 00
poultry and eggs,	19 24
skewers,	50 00
labor on the highway,	44 25
breaking out roads in 1856,	5 00

For hoop poles,	4 90
beef hide,	4 16
milk,	295 19
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	\$787 86

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*Articles on hand.*

10 tons hay,	\$195 00
7 cows,	231 00
12 bushels beans,	36 00
1 horse,	125 00
20 fowls,	10 00
7 barrels apples,	10 50
130 lbs. hams,	16 90
130 bushels potatoes,	65 00
475 lbs. beef and tallow,	33 25
120 lbs. pork and lard,	15 00
60 bushels corn,	63 00
150 M. skewers,	50 00
Flour and butter,	8 50
Fish,	4 00

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\$863 15

Receipts, 787 86

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Receipts and articles on hand, \$1651 01

Expenditures, \$2272 36

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Expense of supporting the poor in the Almshouse  
one year, \$621 35

Amount drawn from the Treasurer for support of  
poor out of Almshouse, \$239 18

Whole number of persons in the Almshouse, 22

Average " " " " 14

Present " " " " 16

Average weekly cost, 85c.

JAMES E. BILLINGS,	} Overseers of the Poor.
ELBRIDGE G. PARKER,	
SAMUEL JONES,	