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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Report of the Selectmen of the Town of Oakham for the year ending March 1, 1878:

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town Clerk, \$23 25

SELECTMEN.

Paid Selectmen for services, \$51 00
for postage, express and stationery, 1 54
voters' register, 80
counsel fees, 11 00—\$64 34

COLLECTOR.

Paid L. P. Lovell for services, \$35 00
for postage and stationery, 3 22
searching records, 4 00
printing tax bills, 3 65—\$45 87

TREASURER.

Paid L. P. Lovell for services, \$10 00

ASSESSORS.

Paid Assessors for services, \$70 87
for express, postage and stationery, 1 05—\$71 92

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid Overseers of the Poor, \$1192 06

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid School Committee for services, \$80 50

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid C. M. Wood,	\$81 80
Z. L. Winslow,	40 48
John Mathews,	73 51
A. C. Bullard,	43 64
J. P. Morse,	30 93
D. H. Nye,	52 48
Benjamin Nurss,	33 93
D. M. Parker,	11 16
H. W. Lincoln,	51 45
T. A. Morgan,	15 22
W. P. Dwelly,	15 28
Mark Haskell,	81 11
Page Austin,	73 13
Lewis N. Haskell,	83 17
Michael Gaffney,	12 70
David Logan,	2 92
S. H. Bullard,	12 60—\$715 51

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Paid Page Austin,	\$65 47
C. A. Ware,	56 08
George L. Ripley,	55 55
Charles M. Wood,	46 35
T. A. Morgan,	77 75
John Robinson,	63 64
David H. Nye,	72 10
Mark Haskell,	64 45
Wm. P. Dwelly,	36 70
S. H. Bullard,	55 20
A. C. Bullard,	52 64
Michael Gaffney,	41 10
H. W. Lincoln,	40 00
Patrick Gaffney,	35 00
Lewis N. Haskell,	60 10
Israel P. Shedd,	2 00—\$824 13

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid for West School,	\$75 75
South School,	132 00
Center School,	289 52
East School,	132 00
Coldbrook School,	156 37—\$785 64
School books,	\$19 80
Repairs on school-houses,	69 72
Insurance on South school-house,	3 30—\$92 82

TOWN DEBT.

Paid William S. Spear,	\$500 00
T. N. Fobes,	500 00
Perley Ayres,	400 00--\$1400 00

INTEREST.

Paid T. N. Fobes,	\$87 50
Perley Ayres,	53 67
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	1137 50
Charles Adams, Jr.,	162 50
Wm. S. Spear,	52 50
M. O. Ayres,	28 00
L. P. Lovell for temporary loans,	1 75--\$1523 42

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Wm. M. Thompson for care of hall and ring- ing bell,	\$35 00
for adjustment of Corportion tax,	53 16
for abatement of taxes,	15 66
for printing,	28 83
State tax,	300 00
County tax,	388 02
for wood for Selectmen's office,	3 50
Peter White for building fence on Hall farm,	15 00
Myles Gaffney, building fence on Hall farm,	19 00
for services of fence viewers on Hall farm,	5 08
for repairs of house on Hall farm,	4 00
for insurance of buildings on Hall farm,	14 50
for services of Sexton,	25 50
for discount on taxes,	378 20
for State Aid,	96 00--\$1381 45

SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER.

L. P. LOVELL, Treasurer,		Dr.
To balance in Treasury, March 1, 1877,	\$3363 21	
amount received for coal,	1 25	
cash for use of Memorial Hall,	8 00	
“ “ insurance dividend,	3 15	
State Aid refunded,	104 00	
rent of Hall farm above taxes,	10 79	
cash for school books,	3 00	
do Corporation tax,	28 04	
do National Bank tax,	24 39	
do dog fund,	114 09	
do school fund,	217 78	
do keeping State paupers,	29 16	
do grass on the Town Common,	2 25	

Town grant.	7450 00
State tax,	300 00
County tax,	388 02
overlayings on taxes,	40 59 \$12,087 72

CREDIT.

By paying Selectmen's orders,	8,210 91
Balance to new account,	<u>\$3,876 81</u>
Balance in favor of school account,	\$711 46
school-house repairs,	32 28
highway repairs,	129 75—\$873 49

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

To the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	\$17,500 00
T. N. Fobes,	500 00
Charles Adams, Jr.,	2,500 00
M. O. Ayres,	400 00 \$20,900 00

M. O. AYRES,	} Selectmen	
D. M. PARKER,		of
A. C. BULLARD,		Oakham.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

The Overseers in presenting to the Town the result of their labors for the year ending March 1, 1878, respectfully submit the following report :

Six persons have received full support, and nine partial or temporary relief during the year,—total fifteen. The past year two deaths have occurred, viz.: Freeman Severy died in Oakham, June 14th, aged forty-five years. Lucy L. Crawford, wife of Lyman F. Crawford, died in Springfield, Oct. 26, aged forty-three years.

They further report that they have received of the town, \$1192 06 which they account for as follows :

The following persons have received full support :

Paid for Sally Foster,	aged 97 years,	\$88 28
Eliza Battease,	“ 85 “	60 00
Stephen Chamberlain,	“ 70 “	87 50
Lucy Robinson,	“ 50 “	107 00
Lydia Chamberlain,	“ 33 “	70 00
Lucy M. Goodale,	“ 32 “ (insane)	162 50
Freeman Severy,	“ 45 “	90 00

The following families and persons have received aid during the year :

Paid for wood for Malinda Woodis for 1876 and 1877,	29 00
Alanson Prouty for Malinda Woodis,	40 13
“ “ Sally Foster, Lydia Chamberlain,	
Lucy M. Goodale, Eliza Battcase for clothing,	27 66
&c., and groceries for Theodore S. Hardy,	
medical attendance for Theodore S. Hardy,	14 00
Nathan S. Walker for Theodore S. Hardy,	6 32
for the family of Lyman P. Crawford from April 1,	
1876, to March 1, 1878,	277 85
Dr. Brigham, medical attendance,	10 00
James Packard, funeral charges for Freeman Severy,	13 00
the family of Patrick Kinney, (Somerville,)	43 57
postage and stationery,	1 00
for 46 tramps,	33 75
Overseers for services,	30 00

Amount paid,	\$1192 06
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Twenty-nine dollars and sixteen cents has been paid by the Treasurer of the Commonwealth into the treasury of the town, in the case of Theodore S. Hardy,	\$29 16	
Paid for L. P. Crawford in 1876,	108 29	
wood for Malinda Woodis in 1876,	9 00	—\$146 45

Whole cost for support of the poor for the year now closing,	\$1045 61
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There will be due April 1, 1878, \$375 00.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PAGE AUSTIN,	} Overseers of the Poor.
JOHN ROBINSON,	
NATHAN S. WALKER.	

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Town appropriations,	\$7450 00	
State tax,	300 00	
County tax,	388 02	
Overlayings,	40 59	
Total tax raised,		\$8178 61

Number of polls, 241.

Tax on each poll, \$2.00. Total tax on polls, \$482.00.

Valuation of personal estate,	\$60,750 00	
Loss from last year,		\$956 00
Valuation of real estate,	\$292,758 00	
Loss from last year,		\$1,757 00

Amount of exempted property, belonging to unmarried females,		\$8330 00
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Rate per cent., \$21.80 on \$1000 00.

Number of men liable to do military duty,		123
minors between the ages of five and fifteen,		149
dwelling-houses in town,		184
acres of land taxed,		12,827
horses,		195
cows,		439
sheep,		106
dogs,		70

WM. S. CRAWFORD,	}	Assessors
WM. S. SPEAR,		of
H. P. AUSTIN,		Oakham.

1877.

Births, Marriages and Deaths in Oakham.

[BIRTHS.

Jan. 6th, 1877. Son to Lucius Harvood.
 " 22d, Daughter to Charles A. Spooner.
 " 29th, Son to Prof. Henry P. Wright.
 Mar. 15th, Son to Thomas Loring.
 " 19th, Son to George N. Brigg.
 Apr. 2d, Twin sons to Joseph Mayo.
 " 15th, Son to W. Prescott Adams.
 May 5th, Daughter to Edgar Cleveland.
 June 14th, Daughter to Horace Green.
 " 16th, Daughter to Arthur L. Loring.
 " 20th, Twin sons to George Reed.
 Aug. 20th, Daughter to Clemen Barnet.
 " 27th, Son to George Winter.
 Sept. 14th, Son to James Rogers.
 " 29th, Daughter to Miles Gaffney.
 Oct. 1st, Son to Waldo Knight.
 " 20th, Son to John Gilboy.
 Nov. 23d, Daughter to James D. Nolan.
 Total, 20.

MARRIAGES.

Mar. 22d, 1877. Harrison N. Graves to Sarah G. Moody.
 Apr. 12th, Frank E. Stevens to Marda A. Parker.
 " 13th, Roswell H. Babcock to Estella D. Maxwell.
 " 26th, William H. Sheen to Kate M. Gaffney.
 July 26th, George N. Olmstead, 2d, to Alico I. Maynard.
 Aug. 12th, Harry C. Mason to Mary J. Humphrey.
 " 22d, Charles H. Smith to Idelle A. Woodis.
 Nov. 24th, Benjamin J. Priest to Sarah C. Whitecomb.
 Dec. 25th, Stephen M. Sargeant to Inez E. Tuttle.
 Total, 9.

DEATHS.

		Yrs.	Mos.	Ds.
Jan. 8th, 1877.	Frank Harwood,	0,	0,	2.
" 10th,	Eva H. Fuller,	25,	6,	6.
" 30th,	Susan Conant,	79,	0,	0.
Feb. 8th,	Ida F. Harwood,	23,	5,	23.
" 24th,	Preston Day,	81,	5,	25.
Mar. 22d,	Joseph Fobes,	65,	7,	18.
" 31st,	James C. Fairbank,	75,	9,	24.
June 14th,	Freeman Severy,	44,	2,	12.
" 17th,	Eliza Parmenter,	15,	1,	0.
" 19th,	Elvester Parmenter,	64,	0,	0.
" 19th,	Carrie M. Lincoln,	18,	0,	0.
" 26th,	Mrs. Pickard,	78,	4,	0.
Aug. 22d,	Augusta Cunningham,	67,	6,	6.
" 25th,	Mrs. Asa Dean,	49,	0,	0.
" 30th,	Charles Conant,	78,	8,	25.
Sept. 10th,	Sarah Carter,	68,	11,	0.
Oct. 7th,	George F. Lovell,	17,	9,	4.
Nov. 19th,	Abbie F. Stearns,	21,	11,	29.
" 25th,	Alden Brigham,	70,	8,	13.
" 15th,	James H. Wilbur,	39,	11,	25.
Dec. 31st,	Abigail Conant,	81,	9,	8.
Total, 21.				

A true copy : Attest : JESSE ALLEN, Town Clerk.

School Report.

The School Committee of Oakham present to the Town the following report:

In account as follows:

DR.

Amount left from last year,	\$486 52
Appropriated by the Town,	900 00
From State school fund,	217 78
Returned from dog tax,	114 09
	\$1718 39
Total,	

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EAST HILL SCHOOL.

By cash paid Miss Mary Robinson, teaching summer term,	\$60 00
Miss Mary Robinson, 5-12 winter term,	30 00
Miss Lizzie J. Bullard, 7-12 winter term,	42 00
	\$132 00

Expense per scholar, \$9.30.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

By cash paid Miss Orzina Lovell, teaching summer term, (eight weeks.)	\$40 00
Miss Orzina Lovell, fall term, (eight weeks.)	41 00
" " " winter term, (eight weeks.)	48 00
	\$132 00

Expense per scholar, \$9.60.

WEST SCHOOL.

By cash paid Miss Jennie Mendell, teaching summer term,	\$60 00
Minnie L. Brooks, winter term,	72 00
N. N. Brooks for wood,	15 75
	\$147 75

Expense per scholar, \$8.09.

COLDBROOK SCHOOL-

By cash paid Miss Minnie L. Brooks, teaching summer term,	\$72 00
" " " " fall term,	72 00
Otis N. Chickering, wood,	12 37
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	\$156 37

Expense per scholar, \$9.71.

CENTER SCHOOL, NO. II.

By cash paid Miss Jessie Morgan, teaching summer term,	\$72 00
" " fall term,	84 00
coal	49 52
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	\$205 52

Expense per scholar, \$7.14.

CENTER SCHOOL, NO. I.

By cash paid Miss A. De W. Pearce, teaching summer term, (10 weeks,)	\$80 00
Miss Mattie S. Bradford, (14 weeks,)	140 00
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	\$220 00

Expense per scholar, \$9.51.

By cash paid tending fires and furnace,	\$29 50
books, crayons, ink and brooms,	5 41
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Total expense,	\$1028 55
Balance,	\$689 84

The town appropriated for repairs \$100.

Expended as follows :

West school-house,	\$38 32
Coldbrook school-house,	28 15
South school-house,	3 25
Center school-house,	1 80
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Total,	\$71 52

Number of children between ages of five and fifteen in town, May 1st, 1877, was 149.

Whole number in all our schools during the past year was in summer term 146. Average, 103. In winter, 154. Average, 130½.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy :

EAST HILL SCHOOL.

One term—Rosa Topp, Freddie A. Keep.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Three terms—Katie Woodis.

Two terms—Bessie Weld.

One term—Harry Stoddard, Harlan Bush, Albert Bonnet, Nellie Bothwell, Jennie Bemis.

WEST SCHOOL.

One term—James C. Woodis, James Leyden.

CENTER SCHOOL, NO. II.

Two terms—Lizzie Sheern, Katie Sheern, Lillian E. Robinson.

One term—Carrie V. Bartlett.

CENTER SCHOOL; NO. I.

School unfinished.

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

One term—Ida B. Coleman, Fannie E. Kimball.

H. W. LINCOLN,
Mrs. L. E. MORTON, } School Committee.
J. B. FAIRBANKS, }

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