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# REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

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CITIZENS OF CARVER:—

The Selectmen submit their Annual Report of the receipts and expenditures of the Town for the past year, together with such other facts as may be of interest :

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

THOMAS COBB, *Treasurer.*

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To cash on hand March 10, 1875 . . . . .	\$3,688 59
Received on note of E. P. Bumpus . . . . .	69 51
Town of Middleboro', for schools.	9 41
Town of Plymouth, for schools. . .	9 41
Sale of herrings . . . . .	1 83
O. E. Bliss, license to peddle. . .	6 00
A. G. Ashley, " " . . . . .	6 00
Wm. L. Randall, " " . . . . .	6 00
Geo. B. Fuller, " " . . . . .	6 00
W. O. Penniman, " " . . . . .	6 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax. . .	528 06
National Bank tax. . . . .	490 09
On State Aid account. . . . .	675 80

To cash received	Mass. School fund . . . . .	\$239 90
	County Treas'r, from dog licenses	98 37
	Robt. F. Shurtleff, rent of Town Farm . . . . .	25 00
	Town of Wareham, on pauper account . . . . .	173 84
	City of Springfield, on pauper ac- count. . . . .	60 00
	Taxes . . . . .	5,408 39
	Interest on taxes . . . . .	59 86
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	Total receipts . . . . .	\$11,568 06

The Treasurer is credited with payments on the several ac-  
counts as follows :

## CR.

Paid for Support of schools . . . . .	\$1,708 68
Support of poor . . . . .	1,824 37
Repairs of highways . . . . .	1,291 21
Repairs of bridges . . . . .	79 33
State aid to soldiers and families . . . . .	652 00
State tax . . . . .	920 00
County tax . . . . .	770 37
Pay of town officers . . . . .	461 18
Clearing the roads from snow . . . . .	349 03
Furniture and repairs of school houses . . . . .	66 01
Miscellaneous town expenses . . . . .	96 20
Abatement on taxes . . . . .	19 31
Cash on hand March 10, 1876 . . . . .	3,330 37
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	\$11,568 06

*SCHOOLS.*

Receipts and expenditures connected with the Town Schools  
the past year :

Undrawn balance of 1874.....		\$607 93	
Appropriation of 1875.....		1,800 00	
From State school fund.....		239 90	
License of dogs . . . . .		98 37	
Town of Middleboro'.....		9 41	
Town of Plymouth.....		9 41	
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			\$2,765 02
Paid the several schools.....	\$1,708 68		
Balance undrawn . . . . .	1,056 34		
		<hr/>	\$2,765 02

*BRIDGES.*

Receipts and expenses connected with the repair of bridges  
the past year :

Balance from appropriation of 1874. ....		\$82 78	
Appropriation of 1875 . . . . .		150 00	
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			\$232 78
Paid repair of bridges in District No. 4,	\$48 40		
"        "        "        "        10,	26 25		
"        "        "        "        13,	4 68		
Balance unexpended.....	153 45		
		<hr/>	\$232 78

## HIGHWAYS.

Receipts and expenses connected with the repair of highways  
the past year:

Balance undrawn, appropriation of 1874.....	\$168 79
Appropriation of 1875.....	1,300 00

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\$1,468 79

Paid Highway District No. 1.....	\$90 37
“ “ “ 2.....	67 97
“ “ “ 3.....	71 19
“ “ “ 4.....	97 42
“ “ “ 5.....	90 67
“ “ “ 6.....	72 00
“ “ “ 7.....	68 98
“ “ “ 8.....	70 50
“ “ “ 9.....	19 51
“ “ “ 10.....	197 18
“ “ “ 11.....	118 11
“ “ “ 12.....	62 52
“ “ “ 13.....	121 82
“ “ “ 14.....	63 13
“ “ “ 15.....	79 84

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Total amount expended.. \$1,291 21

Balance undrawn..... 177 58

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\$1,468 79

Amount due Highway Districts as follows:

District No. 1 ..	
“ “ 2 ..	
“ “ 3 ..	\$6 54
“ “ 4 ..	
“ “ 5 ..	8 00
“ “ 6 ..	5 18
“ “ 7 ..	
“ “ 8 ..	
“ “ 9 ..	19 51
“ “ 10.....	91 42
“ “ 11.....	12 19
“ “ 12.....	
“ “ 13.....	
“ “ 14 ..	30 67
“ “ 15.....	4 07

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\$177 58



## POOR.

Receipts and expenses connected with the support of Poor  
the past year :

Appropriation 1875. . . . .	\$1,100 00
Received from Wareham in aid of Hurd family. . . . .	173 84
Springfield in aid of A. C. Shaw. . . . .	60 00
Andrew Bumpus on note of E. P. Bumpus. . . . .	69 51
Rent of Town Farm. . . . .	25 00
Deficiency. . . . .	396 02
	<u>\$1,824 37</u>
Expense of supporting four at the almshouse. . . . .	\$589 21
Expense of tramps to the town . . . . .	104 50
Expense of Willard Sears in private family. . . . .	108 27
Lucy Chace       "       " . . . . .	104 00
Foster Shaw     "       " . . . . .	76 50
Patience Robbins "       " . . . . .	75 00
Barton Fuller   "       " . . . . .	37 00
A. C. Shaw       "       " . . . . .	66 25
Chas. B. Witham "       " . . . . .	147 84
Lottie Sears and child in private family	8 69
Emma Bent       "       " . . . . .	27 00
Caroline Wrightington     "       " . . . . .	44 56
Benjamin Wrightington   "       " . . . . .	13 00
Frederic Pratt             "       " . . . . .	29 96
Myron G. Benson            "       " . . . . .	14 00
Hurd family                 "       " . . . . .	173 84
Edwin F. Webster in Taunton Lunatic Hospital. . . . .	199 25
J. A. Peirce in private family. . . . .	5 50
Total expense of poor. . . . .	<u>\$1,824 37</u>

*MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
THE PAST YEAR.*

RECEIPTS.

From pedlars' licenses . . . . .	\$30 00
Sale of herrings . . . . .	1 83
Corporation tax . . . . .	528 06
National Bank tax . . . . .	490 09
Interest on taxes . . . . .	59 86
Deficiency . . . . .	257 18
	\$1,367 02

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Treasurer and Collector's commission 1874 . .	\$133 79
Collector's bill, printing, stationery and postage	8 00
Peleg McFarlin, services and fees as Town Clerk, 1874 . . . . .	35 00
Andrew Griffith, services and expenses as Selectman and Overseer of Poor, 1874 . . . . .	45 82
Alvin Perkins, services and expenses as Selectman and Overseer of Poor, 1874 . . . . .	29 75
H. A. Lucas, services and expenses as Selectman and Overseer of Poor, 1874 . . . . .	22 50
E. T. Pratt, services as member of School Committee, 1874 . . . . .	28 95
S. F. McFarlin, services as member of School Committee, 1874 . . . . .	36 12
R. C. Freeman, services as member of School Committee, 1874 . . . . .	32 25
R. M. Dempsey, services as Constable, 1874 . .	10 00
Eli Southworth, services on Herring Committee, 1874 . . . . .	2 00
Ira C. Bent, services on Herring Com'tee, 1875	10 00
Avery & Doten, printing Town Reports, 1874 . .	33 00

Paid Avery & Doten, printing School Reports, 1874.	\$16 50
A. and B. Wrightington, fighting fire in the woods . . . . .	8 00
J. W. Atwood, returning deaths . . . . .	4 30
T. Cobb, " " . . . . .	75
For ledger and tax books. . . . .	4 92
Andrew Griffith, assessing taxes, 1875. . . . .	25 00
H. A. Lucas, " " " . . . . .	25 00
E. D. Shaw, " " " . . . . .	25 00
S. F. McFarlin, surveying Town line . . . . .	1 00
For school books for children unable to pay . . . . .	3 45
Expressage on books . . . . .	1 20
District No. 1, clearing highway from snow. . . . .	22 91
" 2, " " " " . . . . .	34 20
" 3, " " " " . . . . .	27 53
" 4, " " " " . . . . .	25 08
" 5, " " " " . . . . .	74 77
" 6, " " " " . . . . .	16 70
" 7, " " " " . . . . .	19 00
" 8, " " " " . . . . .	39 94
" 10, " " " " . . . . .	2 00
" 11, " " " " . . . . .	5 45
" 12, " " " " . . . . .	7 00
" 13, " " " " . . . . .	51 00
" 15, " " " " . . . . .	23 45
For furniture for the several schools . . . . .	6 08
For repair of almshouse . . . . .	15 08
For repairs on school house No. 1 . . . . .	25 35
" " " " 2 . . . . .	1 25
" " " " 3 . . . . .	7 00
" " " " 4 . . . . .	2 00
" " " " 5 . . . . .	22 68
" " " " 6 . . . . .	1 65
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Total miscellaneous expenses . . . . .	\$972 42
Transferred from Bank tax to Poor account. . . . .	394 60
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	\$1,367 02

*STATE AID TO SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES.*

Paid Everett T. Manter . . . . .	\$120 00
Daniel Dunham . . . . .	72 00
Atwood R. Drew . . . . .	72 00
Mary T. Dunham . . . . .	48 00
Almira H. Barrows . . . . .	48 00
Huldah McFarlin . . . . .	48 00
Nancy L. Pratt . . . . .	96 00
Caroline W. Pratt . . . . .	48 00
Guardian to H. I. Atwood . . . . .	48 00
Wm. W. Pearson . . . . .	36 00
Abby H. Eddy . . . . .	16 00
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Total paid out during the year . . . . .	\$652 00
Paid on former accounts . . . . .	737 80
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	\$1,389 80
Received from State . . . . .	\$631 80
Still due . . . . .	758 00
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	\$1,389 80

*ABATEMENT ON TAXES.*

Henry Wrightington, 2d, tax of 1872 . . . . .	\$2 00
Henry White, " " . . . . .	33
Phebe Morse, " 1873 . . . . .	1 35
Linus A. Shaw, " " . . . . .	2 93
Henry White, " " . . . . .	2 00
Charles H. Atwood, " 1874 . . . . .	2 00
Heirs of Asa Humphrey, " " . . . . .	2 70
Henry White, " " . . . . .	2 00
Giles Rickard, " " . . . . .	2 00
Harrison D. Morse, " " . . . . .	2 00
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Total abatements . . . . .	\$19 31

*STATE TAX.*

Whole amount assessed as required by Warrant . . . . .	\$920 00
Paid State Treasurer, amount of tax . . . . .	920 00

*COUNTY TAX.*

Whole amount assessed as required by Warrant . . . . .	\$770 37
Paid County Treasurer, amount of tax . . . . .	770 37

*LIABILITIES.*

The liabilities of the Town are as follows, or nearly so :

Treasurer and Collector's commission, 1875, unpaid . . . . .	\$136 28
Collector's bill for printing, stationery and postage . . . . .	8 00
Peleg McFarlin, services and fees as Town Clerk, '75, . . . . .	35 00
Andrew Griffith, services and expenses as one of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, 1875 . . . . .	53 12
H. A. Lucas, services and expenses as one of the Se- lectmen and Overseers of the Poor, 1875 . . . . .	40 00
E. D. Shaw, services and expenses as one of the Se- lectmen and Overseers of the Poor, 1875 . . . . .	26 75
R. C. Freeman, services as member of School Com- mittee, 1875 . . . . .	58 85
School appropriation undrawn . . . . .	1,056 34
Highway appropriation undrawn . . . . .	177 58
Bridge appropriation undrawn . . . . .	153 45
Estimated Poor bills unsettled . . . . .	225 00
All other bills, estimated, unsettled . . . . .	50 00
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Total liabilities . . . . .	\$2,020 07

*ASSETS AVAILABLE.*

Cash in Treasury, March 10, 1876 .....	\$3,330 37
Uncollected taxes on bills of 1872.....	68
"    "    1873.....	17 18
"    "    1874.....	127 97
"    "    1875.....	1,148 91
Due from State, for aid paid soldiers and families ..	758 00
on E. P. Bumpus' note, nearly.....	55 00
from Wareham, on pauper account.....	35 00
from State, on pauper account, estimated .....	65 00
Total available assets.....	<u>\$5,538 11</u>

*ASSETS NOT AVAILABLE.*

Town Farm .....	\$700 00
Personal property in the House .....	150 00
No. 1 School house and lot.....	950 00
No. 2    "    " .....	625 00
No. 3    "    " .....	760 00
No. 4    "    " .....	1,000 00
No. 5    "    " .....	950 00
No. 6    "    " .....	700 00
No. 8    "    " .....	800 00
Total assets not available.....	<u>\$6,635 00</u>

*AMOUNT RAISED BY TAXATION IN 1875.*

State tax.....	\$920 00
County tax.....	770 37
For Schools .....	1,800 00
Highways .....	1,300 00
Bridges.....	150 00
Poor .....	705 40
Total amount assessed ...	<u>\$5,645 77</u>

*TOWN VALUATION IN 1875.*

Real Estate.....	\$353,392
Personal Estate .....	211,999
Total valuation ...	<u>\$565,391</u>

Rate of taxation—Poll tax, \$2.00.

On property, per \$1,000, \$9.00.

Number Polls taxed .....	277
Houses taxed .....	231
Horses taxed .....	150
Cows taxed.....	188
Sheep taxed .....	77
Acres of land taxed.....	18,192

*NAMES, AGES, AND PLACE OF SETTLEMENT*

*of the Poor, who have been fully or partially supported during the year.*

NAMES	Age—Yrs.	Place of Settlement.	Date of Death.
Sally Dunham,	60	Carver,	Dec. 10, 1875
Sally Denham,	84	“	
Patience Robbins,	70	“	
Edwin F. Webster,	38	“	
Prussia Cole,	79	“	May 27, 1875
Caroline Wrightington,	65	“	
Foster Shaw,	41	“	
Barton Fuller,	26	“	
Willard Sears,	66	“	
Lucy Chace,	77	“	
Arah Hurd,	51	Wareham,	
Frederic A. Pratt,	32	“	
Artemas C. Shaw,	40	Springfield,	
Charles B. Witham,	28	State pauper,	
Benjamin Wrightington,	—	Carver,	
Myron G. Benson,	20	“	
Lottie Sears,	20	“	
Emma Bent,	7	“	



*APPROPRIATIONS.*

The following appropriations are called for to pay current expenses :

Repairs of highways.....	\$1,300 00
Support of schools.....	1,500 00
Support of poor ..	1,600 00
Repair of school houses .....	200 00
State tax, estimated .....	800 00
County tax, estimated .....	800 00

All other income from various sources to be appropriated to pay miscellaneous Town expenses.

To maintain our present financial condition, it will be necessary to assess all the above appropriations, with the exception of about six hundred dollars, which may be transferred from the receipts of bank tax to the poor account, as heretofore.

The appropriation of eleven hundred dollars for support of poor last year proving inadequate to pay expenses (there being a deficiency of four hundred dollars) in that department, we think it necessary to have sixteen hundred dollars the ensuing year.

The Chairman of the School Committee informs us that the appropriation for support of schools may safely be cut down from eighteen hundred dollars last year, to fifteen hundred the present year, inasmuch as we have an unexpended surplus of about eight hundred dollars after paying all expenses of the past school year.

In view of the fact that the school houses will need more repairs for the year to come than usual, we call for a separate appropriation.

The expenses of the poor to our town have increased over the previous year about thirty-five per cent., owing largely to

sickness, and consequently heavy doctors' bills. Two paupers have died the past year, one, Sally Dunham, having been a public charge to us for forty years, and costing not less than five thousand dollars.

One year ago we reported a surplus of upwards of four thousand dollars, which surplus has been reduced to about thirty-five hundred. The reduction can be accounted for from the fact of the deficiency created by the uncalculated increase of cost of the poor over the previous year, and the large expense of clearing the highways from snow, as shown by the deficiency in the account of miscellaneous town expenses, and for which no special provision was made to meet its payment.

#### *TOWN HOUSE.*

In our last Report we endeavored to set forth the necessity of some better accommodations for a Town House. Since that time nothing has been developed. Meanwhile it has been hinted that the old one might be bought at a low figure, and repaired at an expense not exceeding one-half of that which it would cost to build anew. Now, we would say that a new Town House is not our idol. We have nothing to force upon the inhabitants of the town. Our office as Selectmen is rather to execute than dictate. Then, in view of economy, if the majority of the tax payers think the latter course the best to pursue, we say *amen*. But by all means give us a more suitable place to transact town affairs.

#### *TRAMPS.*

During the year two hundred and nine tramps have been provided for at our almshouse, at an expense of fifty cents each, which is an increase over the previous year of one hundred and thirty-seven, or one hundred and ninety per cent.

The Legislature of 1875 passed an act, requiring a certain

amount of labor to be done by vagrants, or tramps, in those towns where they received food and lodging at the public expense, which law has been inoperative with us, and we cannot learn that it has been enforced to any great extent in other towns.

Thus the object sought for has not been obtained, and the great question of "what shall be done with them?" still remains unsolved.

Evidently there are two classes to deal with, one, a small percent., who are worthy; another, which includes a large majority, who, by their idleness, vicious habits, and acting upon their great principle, "that the world owes them a living," are steadily pursuing their vocation.

We believe in true philanthropy; also that charity has bounds. Then, in view of this exigency, it should not be our aim, not so much to punish them for what they have or have not done in the past, (for virtue and vice have their own reward,) as it is our duty to encourage and protect the *honest, industrious, and frugal citizen*, upon which this constant burden of annoyance and beggary falls.

Undoubtedly at this season of the year, it is difficult to obtain work; and from no act of the present Legislature could we expect immediate relief. But that it is the duty of our legislators to enact a law, founded upon some principle that will check this "world owes me a living" policy, and teach them to be frugal and self-reliant, none can deny.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW GRIFFITH,  
H. A. LUCAS,  
E. D. SHAW,

*Selectmen, Assessors, and  
Overseers of Poor, of Carver.*

## TOWN MEETING.

Contents of Warrant for Town Meeting, to be held on Monday, March 27th, inst., at 1 o'clock, P. M. :

1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be needed to defray Town charges the ensuing year.
4. To determine the manner of repairing highways the ensuing year.
5. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen, and other officers, and act thereon.
6. To see what pay the Town will vote the Treasurer and Collector, and what time the taxes shall become due, and whether any interest shall be charged on taxes unpaid after a certain date.
7. To see if the Town will vote to make the yards of field drivers Town Pounds, the ensuing year.
8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to hire money under the direction of the Selectmen, if found necessary, in anticipation of taxes.
9. To see what action the Town will take in regard to repairing school houses.
10. To see what action the Town will take in relation to tramps.

Given under our hands, this thirteenth day of March,  
A. D. 1876.

ANDREW GRIFFITH,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
H. A. LUCAS,	
E. D. SHAW,	

## *Report of Town Clerk.*

### MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN CARVER IN 1875.

- Jan. 27. Harrison G. Cole and Rebecca Richards, both of Carver.
- Mar. 25. Nehemiah Swift and Sarah J. Meagher, both of Carver.
- April 20. Peleg McFarlin and Eldoretta Thomas, both of Carver.
- May 1. Stephen D. Haskins, of Marion, and Ellen L. Eldridge, of Carver.
- June 17. Albert F. Atwood and Hannah W. Freeman, both of Carver.
- July 3. Isaac W. Shaw, of Carver, and Sarah N. Thomas, of Middleboro'.
18. Austin N. Vaughan, of Carver, and Minnie M. Cooper, of Portland, Oregon.
- Sept. 16. Benjamin F. Harlow, of Carver, and Lucy A. Blackwell, of Sandwich.
- Oct. 27. Thacher B. Lucas and Phebe F. Chandler, both of Carver.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN CARVER IN 1875.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.		DISEASE.	PARENTS.
		Yrs.	Mos Days.		
Jan'y 8,	Tillson Atwood,	60	10 7	Enlargement of Liver,	Asaph and Polly.
10,	Ann Shurtleff,	41	10	Consumption,	Benjamin and Experience
19,	John E. Pierce,	33		Unknown,	Unknown. [Jefferson.
19,	Lewis W. Savery,	5	3	Consumption,	Benjamin H. and Hattie.
Feb'y 4,	Frank N. Cobb,	1	4	Dropsy,	Joseph F. and Amelia.
9,	John Bumpus,	74		Pneumonia,	John and Mary.
14,	Lysander Cobb,	28		Mumps,	Levi and Mary.
16,	Jesse Mardock,	68	5 5	Dropsy,	Jesse and Susan.
16,	Hannah S. Tillson,	49		Tumor,	Stephen and Ruth.
March 13,	James A. Shurtleff,	17	10 10	Scarletina,	erez T. and Eliza B.
14,	Cephas Shaw,	77	6	Hernia,	Joseph and Lydia.
26,	Earl Sherman,	52	6 19	Bright's Disease of Kidneys,	Isaac and Zilpha.
May 13,	Alvin Perkins,	71	6	Consumption,	Sampson and Hannah.
27,	Pursie Cole,	79		Dropsy,	Not known.
June 8,	Grace E. Pratt,	20	2	Internal Inflammation,	Joseph and Louisa J.
19,	Thomas Wroughtington,	73	5	Inflammation of Kidneys,	Benjamin.
August 2,	William B. Gibbs,	66	10 14	Typhoid Fever,	Joseph.
Sept. 10,	E. T. Pratt,	50	3 4	Suicide,	Tillson and Betsey.
15,	Mary A. Cobb,	63	11	Consumption,	Ebenezer and Polly Fuller.
16,	Angelo L. Dunham,	27	3	Consumption,	John and Hannah.
24,	William Henry White,	39	7 22	Typhoid Fever,	Not known.
Oct. 8,	Priscilla C. Shurtleff,	57	8	Consumption,	Joseph and Nancy Standish.
10,	Etanah Shaw,	73	3	Consumption,	Joseph and Lydia.
Nov. 22,	Diadana Thomas,	15		Typhoid Fever,	John and Mary.
Dec. 1,	Hannah Shurtleff,	56		Pneumonia,	Nathaniel and Hannah.
5,	Sullivan B. Shaw,	68	11	Tumor,	John and Lydia.
10,	Sally Dunham,	60		Broken Limb,	Caleb Dunham.

Whole number of Births, 20; Deaths, 27; Marriages, 9.

PELEG MCFARLIN, Town Clerk.





