

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CLERK, TREASURER, SELECTMEN,
ASSESSORS
AND
Overseers of Poor,
OF THE
TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD,

For the Year Ending February 1st, 1890.

TURNERS FALLS, MASS:
PRINTED BY CECIL T. BAGNALL, PROPRIETOR OF REPORTER,
1890.

CLERK'S REPORT.**BIRTHS RECORDED.**

1888.

July 4, Mary Mitilda, daughter to Isadore and Rosadell Gordon.

1889.

Feb. 7, Frank Allen, son to J. Henry and Anna A. Hendrix.

Feb. 18, Mary, daughter to Morris and Maggie O'Brien.

May 23, Mary Josephine, daughter to Christmas and Milda Houle.

June 6, Arthur William, son to Joseph and Mary Gordon.

June 17, Walter Clark, son to Myron L. and Martha Bell Robbins.

July 12, John, son to John and Nellie Cody.

July 21, Irving Edward, son to John T. and Nora V. Bryan.

Sept. 10, Phillip, son to John and Lizzie Morrison.

Sept. 11, Mary Elma, daughter to Joseph and Josephine Savery,

Dec. 25, Mary, daughter to John and Bridget O'Hare.

Dec. 28, ———, son to Charles H. and Mary A. Ferris.

MARRIAGES.

1889.

June 5,	John A. Woodhull,	Middlefield.
	Eliza M. Church,	Middlefield.

June 19,	William J. Stewart,	West Springfield.
	Ada L. Meacham,	Middlefield.

1890.

Jan. 19,	J. N. Pelky,	Holyoke.
	Hattie Shaw,	Holyoke.

DEATHS.

1889.	Years.	Months.	Days.
Feb. 12, ——— Morey,			
April 2, Edward Cecil Smith,	15	3	17
July 15, Patrick Coyne,	50		
Aug. 16, Martha F. Hart,	59	5	6
Sept. 11, John Linsey Bell,	75		
Sept. 20, Charles Wright,	58	10	12
Nov. 7, Johanna Doyle,	86		
Dec. 25, Mary O'Hare,			1
1890.			
Jan. 5, Lucy S. Church,	61	7	8

DOGS LICENSED.

1889.		
To June 1st, 32 Males,	\$2 00	\$64 00
1 Female,	5 00	5 00
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		\$69 00
Deduct Clerk's Fees, 20 cents each,		6 60
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June 1, paid to County Treasurer,		\$62 40
To Dec. 1st, 10 Males,	\$2 00	\$20 00
2 Females,	5 00	10 00
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		\$30 00
Deduct Clerk's Fees, 20 cents each,		2 40
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Paid to County Treasurer,		\$27 60
One Male Dog Licensed Nov. 9th,		2 00

J. McELWAIN, Town Clerk.

Middlefield, Feb. 1st, 1890.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE
TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEB'Y FIRST, 1890.**

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 1st, 1889,	\$1,143 79
Received from Jacob Robbins, interest,	6 00
“ “ A. Assing, support of son,	18 00
“ “ T. H. Fleming, rent of Bancroft hall,	1 00
“ “ M. J. Smith, rent of Bancroft hall,	2 00
“ “ O. U. Church, rent of Town hall,	8 00
“ “ Howard Smith, for cement,	85
“ “ James Espy,	3 00
“ “ State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	574 42
“ “ State Treasurer, National Bank Tax,	81 34
“ “ State Treasurer, State Aid, Chap. 252, Acts 1879,	3 00
“ “ State Treasurer, State Aid, Chap. 301, Acts 1879,	154 50
“ “ State Treasurer, income Mass. School fund,	303 71
“ “ Town of Becket, for schooling,	75 00
“ “ Town of Worthington, for schooling,	51 00
“ “ County Treasurer, Dog fund,	51 03
“ “ Asher Pease, Collector of Taxes,	3,688 68
	\$6,165 32

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid, Selectmen's orders,	\$3418 25
State Treasurer, State tax,	280 00
County Treasurer, County tax,	398 11
Cash on hand to balance,	2068 96
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	\$6165 32

J. T. BRYAN, Town Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the above account and find it correct.

ASHER PEASE,	} Selectmen of Middlefield.
GEO. W. HOWE,	
O. U. CHURCH,	

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation of real estate, May 1st, 1889,	\$156,385 00
Valuation of personal estate, May 1st, 1889,	107,590 00
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Total,	\$263,975 00
Tax on real estate,	\$2033 01
“ personal estate,	1398 67
“ 127 polls,	254 00
“ 6 females,	3 00
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	\$3688 68

Tax rate per thousand,	\$13 00
State tax,	280 00
County tax,	398 11
Property unsecured by mortgage,	4000 00
Property secured by mortgage,	9775 00
Total number of horses,	101
“ “ cows,	258
“ “ sheep,	705
“ “ neat cattle other than cows,	415
“ “ swine,	39
“ “ dwelling houses,	115
“ “ acres land,	14165
“ “ persons paying tax on property,	130
“ “ persons paying poll tax only,	47
“ “ tax payers,	177

TAXES ABATED AS FOLLOWS :

Charles J. Blush, annual abatement for lack of road,	\$ 2 08
John Dolman, Jr., poll tax,	2 00
M. L. Church, real estate and machinery,	20 15

Total, \$24 23

ASHER PEASE, } Assessors
GEO. W. HOWE, } of
O. U. CHURCH, } Middlefield.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Daniel McCarty, Jr., is boarded at the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton, at an expense of \$3.25 per week.

Daniel McCarty, Jr., board to Jan. 1,	1890,	\$169 46	
Total expense,			\$169 46

ASHER PEASE, } Overseers
GEO. W. HOWE, } of Poor
O. U. CHURCH, } Middlefield.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.**ROAD ACCOUNT.**

Paid for repairs on highways and bridges from Feb. 1, 1889, to Feb. 1, 1890,	\$1184 21
Breaking roads from Feb. 1, 1889, to Feb. 1, 1890,	19 05
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Total expense,	\$1203 26
Repairs on Cemetery,	167 77

STATE AID.

Geo. F. Friend,	\$48 00
Mrs. Sarah Rowen,	48 00
John A. Williams,	54 00
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Total,	\$150 00

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS.

Monemia Meacham, teaching,	\$60 00
May Jones, “	60 00
Cooley Graves, “	72 00
Sarah Ames, “	65 00
Minnie Olds, “	60 00
Charlie Combs, “	60 00
Mary E. Bryan, “	60 00
Julia E. Case, “	72 00
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Amount paid for winter term, '88-'89,	\$509 00
Grace Miller, teaching,	\$40 00
Abbie Hill, “	40 00
Mary E. Bryan, “	40 00
May Jones, “	40 00
Arthur Smith, “	48 00
Helen M. Wright, “	19 00
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Amount paid for summer term,	\$227 00

Monemia Meacham, teaching,	\$25 00	
Grace Merryfield, “	60 00	
Rosina Smith, “	50 00	
May Jones, “	50 00	
Mattie Blush, “	60 00	
Mary E. Bryan, “	66 00	
Helen M. Wright, “	65 00	
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Amount paid for fall term,		\$376 00
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Total paid teachers,		\$1112 00

For building fires,	\$8 00	
Smith Hollow School, for wood,	10 00	
South East School, for wood,	5 50	
Center School, for wood,	25 50	
Factory School, for wood,	15 00	
North School, for wood,	8 00	
Pease School, for wood,	8 00	
Total for wood and building fires,	<hr/>	\$80 00

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

M. J. Smith, language charts,	\$35 00	
M. J. Smith, supplies,	9 03	
Harper Bros., supplies,	10 89	
W. B. Rowen, supplies,	3 92	
A. A. Waterman & Co.,	39 95	
Howard Smith, stove,	7 00	
Total for school supplies,	<hr/>	\$105 79

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

M. J. Smith,	\$53 09	
Howard Smith,	24 73	
Lyman Meacham,	4 00	
Total for repairs on school houses,	<hr/>	\$81 82
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Total paid for schools,		\$1,379 61

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

John L. Bell, administering oaths, etc.,	\$ 4 54
C. T. Bagnall, Printing Reports,	12 75
J. T. Bryan, preparing reports, express, and repairing stove,	2 45
H. Sternagle, scraper blade,	8 00
C. T. Bagnall, tax schedules,	1 50
Geo. S. Bell, services as Teller,	1 00
S. A. Knox, " "	1 00
Hiram Taylor, " "	1 00
Geo. W. Wilcox, " "	1 00
Geo. W. Howe, guide boards,	3 00
Asher Pease, lock, express, and postage,	1 96
James Espy, aid,	5 00
R. D. Geer, lumber and work on town hall,	6 24
W. B. Rowen, sundries,	7 38
Asher Pease, wood for hall, and money advanced,	5 50
R. D. Geer, ringing bell,	12 00
Inspectors,	4 00
J. T. Bryan, driving hearse and repairs,	5 45
Asher Pease, discount on taxes,	28 14
Asher Pease, abatement on taxes,	24 23
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Total,	\$136 14

TOWN OFFICERS.

John L. Bell, services as Treasurer,	\$25 00
J. McElwain, recording Births, Marriages, Deaths, etc.,	11 85
Geo. S. Bell, services as School Committee,	3 00
Estate of John L. Bell, services as Treasurer,	\$12 50
" " administering oaths,	1 61
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Sarah L. Ames, services as School Committee,	2 75
M. J. Smith, services as School Committee,	28 00
J. McElwain, services as Town Clerk,	27 05
Asher Pease, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	23 00
Geo. W. Howe, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	19 75
O. U. Church, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	17 50
Asher Pease, collecting taxes,	40 00
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	\$212 01

SUMMARY.

Orders given from Feb. 1, 1889, to Feb. 1, 1890.

Roads,	\$1203 26
Schools,	1379 61
Paupers,	169 46
State Aid,	150 00
Town officers,	212 01
Incidental expenses,	136 14
Repairs on cemetery,	167 77
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Total,	\$3418 25

Number of voters in Town, November, 1889, 90.

List of jurors proposed by the Selectmen for the ensuing year :

Geo. Chipman.

Geo. W. Cottrell.

Geo. W. Wilcox.

Geo. Smith.

Howard Smith.

Geo. S. Bell.

Geo. W. Howe.

Chas. M. Combs.

O. C. Olds.

ASHER PEASE, } Selectmen
 GEO. W. HOWE, } of
 O. U. CHURCH, } Middlefield.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPSHIRE SS.

To Asher Pease, Constable of the Town of Middlefield:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Middlefield qualified to vote in election and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Middlefield, on Monday, the third day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st.—To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2d.—To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and School Committee and act thereon.

Art. 3d.—To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide boards.

Art. 4th.—To choose all necessary Town Officers.

Art. 5th.—To determine the disposition of the dog fund.

Art. 6th.—To determine the manner of repairing highways and bridges for the ensuing year and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Art. 7th.—To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year and pass any vote relating thereto.

Art. 8th.—To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

Art. 9th.—Shall License be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town for the ensuing year.

Art. 10th.—To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors proposed by the Selectmen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Art. 11th.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town expenses for the ensuing year.

Art. 12th.—To transact any other business which may come before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Middlefield, this fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

ASHER PEASE,	}	Selectmen
GEO. W. HOWE,		of
O. U. CHURCH,		Middlefield.