

# TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPSHIRE SS.

To E. D. Blush, 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 town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Middlefield, on Monday, the sixth day of March, current, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art 2. To choose, under Chapter 386 of the Acts of 1890, and the amendments thereof, such Town Officers as are required by law to be chosen by ballot; also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The polls will be opened at thirty minutes past ten, and may be closed at thirty minutes past two o'clock.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor and School Committee, and act thereon.

Art. 4. To choose such Town Officers as are not required by law to be elected by ballot.

Art. 5. To determine the disposition of the Dog Fund.

Art. 6. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the current year.

Art. 7. To determine the manner of collecting taxes, and fix the compensation of the Collector of taxes.

Art. 8. To see if the town will appropriate any sum of money for the enforcement of the laws to prevent the illegal sale of liquor.

Art. 9. To see if the town will make an appropriation for School Supervision.

Art. 10. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors, as proposed by the Selectmen.

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 eleventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

J. T. BRYAN, }  
GEO. W. COTTRELL, } Selectmen  
H. STERNAGLE, JR. } of  
Middlefield.

# Clerk's Report.

## BIRTHS RECORDED.

1892. March 19, Catie Bell, daughter to John and Nellie Cody.  
April 3, Violette Adell, daughter to Chas. H. and Mary Ferris.  
June 27, Ethel May, dau. to Myron L. and Martha B. Robbins.  
July 9, ———son to J. N. and Hattie Pelkey.  
Aug. 5, Ethel Lucy, daughter to W. B. and Clara L. Graves.  
Sept. 24, Martha Bell, daughter to Fred L. and Jennie Peach.  
Oct. 20, Amos Judson, son to Allen J. and Nellie M. Davenport.  
Dec. 21, Edward Huber, son to Herbert H. & Mary V. Prentice  
1893. ———son to Arthur D. and Lura V. Pease.

## MARRIAGES.

1892. June 1, Henry P. Klyver,	Syracuse, N. Y.
Martha S. Blush,	Middlefield.
June 1, Henry L. Gregory,	Pittsfield.
Sarah A. Tracy,	Middlefield.
Sept. 22, Edward Durant Blush,	Middlefield.
Elizabeth F. Newcomb,	Peru.
Dec. 14, Louis F. Shaw,	Middlefield.
Louisa M. Dolman,	Middlefield.

## DEATHS.

1892. July 1, John William Cottrell, aged 3 yrs. 7 mo. 11 days.  
July 6, Nelly Duggan, aged 21 years.  
July 27, Emma G. Harding, aged 35 years.  
Sept. 14, Marcus R. Griswold, aged 68 years, 5 months, 12 days  
Oct 18, Eliza J. Fenner, aged 51 years, 2 months.  
Oct. 18, Royal D. Geer, aged 66 years.  
Nov. 5, John A. Williams, aged 66 years.

## DOGS LICENSED.

May 31, 27 males, at \$2 00 each,	\$54 00
1 female,	5 00
Deduct Clerk's fees at 20c. each,	5 60
June 1, Paid County Treasurer,	\$53 40
Dec. 1, 12 males,	\$24 00
Deduct Clerk's fees,	2 40
Paid County Treasurer,	21 60
Total,	\$75 00

J. McELWAIN, Town Clerk.

# Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
FEB. 1, 1893.

Cash on hand from last year,	\$1503 04	
Received from E. D. Blush, Collector,	2394 30	
From rent of Hall	1 00	
Jacob Robbins, interest,	6 00	
Tax collector, interest,	1 48	
W. B. McGeoch, Secretary, rebate on salary of Superintendent,	64 00	
Oliver Church, contribution for pay- ing town expenses,	116 40	
Town of Becket for schooling,	75 00	
State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	466 50	
"    National Bank tax,	87 38	
"    State aid,	159 00	
"    Income Mass. school fund,	443 31	
County Treasurer, Dog fund,	47 78	
Town of Worthington for schooling,	75 00	\$5440 19

## EXPENDITURES.

Selectmen's orders,	\$3737 65	
County Treasurer, County tax,	394 32	
State Treasurer, State tax,	192 50	
F. Smith, insurance on Town Hall,	56 25	
Cash on hand to balance account,	1059 47	\$5440 19

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Treasurer, and find them correct, with a cash balance to correspond with his report.

GEO. F. FRIEND, Auditor.

## Assessors' Report.

Value of assessed Real estate,	\$149295 00	
"    Personal estate,	67585 00	\$216880 00
No. of Polls assessed, males, 109, females, 3.		
Tax on Real estate,	\$1492 95	
Tax on Personal estate,	675 85	
Tax on 109 Polls, at \$2 00 each,	218 00	
Tax on 2 Polls, at 50c. each,	1 50	\$2388 30

## ASSESSORS' REPORT, CONTINUED.

Amount brought forward,	\$2388 30	
Three Polls added previous to Oct. 1,	6 00	\$2394 30
Tax rate per \$1000,	\$10 00	
No. of Horses assessed,		117
Cows,		260
Sheep,		484
Neat cattle other than cows,		331
Swine,		33
Dwellings,		115
Acres of land,		14165
Fowls,		834

## TAXES ABATED AS FOLLOWS.

Charles J. Blush, abatement for lack of road,	\$1 60	
Victor Lebo, Poll tax,	2 00	\$3 60

J. T. BRYAN,  
GEO. W. COTTRELL, } Assessors  
H. STERNAGLE, JR., } of  
Middlefield.

## Report of Overseers of Poor.

State Lunatic Hospital, Northampton, board of D. McCarty, Jr.,	\$169 92	
Expenses of Albert Gordan, for supplies,	71 60	
Burial expenses of John A. Williams,	35 00	\$276 52

One half of the expense of D. McCarty, Jr., from June 30, 1892 has recently been allowed, and will be reimbursed to the town, under Chapter 243 of the Acts of 1892.

One half of the expense of the burial of John A. Williams, an honorably discharged soldier, will be reimbursed to the town, under Section 3, of Chapter 395, of the Acts of 1889.

J. T. BRYAN,  
GEO. W. COTTRELL, } Overseers of Poor  
H. STERNAGLE, JR., } of  
Middlefield.

# Selectmen's Report.

## ORDERS GIVEN FOR STATE AID, CHAPTER 301, ACTS OF 1889.

John A. Williams	\$50 00	
Geo. Friend,	60 00	
Geo. W. Howe,	35 00	
Mrs. Sarah Rowen,	48 00	
Mrs. Carrie Williams,	4 00	\$197 00

## ORDERS GIVEN FOR REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

J. T. Bryan, eastern division,	\$440 07	
Henry Sternagle, center division,	384 90	
Orrin Pease, western division,	343 25	\$1168 22
Expense of re-building bridge and railing at dam of the Church Mills Knitting Co.,		\$189 85

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS.

Orders given for teaching,	\$1078 00	
"    care of fires,	16 50	
"    fuel,	73 10	
"    salary of Superintendent,	130 40	
"    school supplies,	96 26	\$1394 26

## TOWN OFFICERS.

J. T. Bryan, Treasurer,	\$25 00	
W. B. Messenger, School Committee,	5 00	
S. A. Knox, " "	11 50	
"    Selectman, Assessor &c.,	12 50	
J. T. Bryan, " "	21 00	
Geo. W. Cottrell, " "	13 75	
Geo. F. Friend, Auditor,	1 00	
J. McElwain, Town Clerk,	19 70	
Geo. W. Cottrell, School Committee,	10 00	
Asher Pease, serving Warrants,	1 00	
E. D. Blush, collecting taxes,	38 00	\$158 45

## EXPENSES OF NEW SAFE.

E. C. Morris & Co., bill for safe,	\$145 00	
B. & A. R. R. Co. freight bill,	9 58	
J. T. Bryan, moving and setting up,	4 50	\$159 08

SELECTMEN'S REPORT, CONTINUED.  
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

A. D. Geer, ringing bell,	\$12 00	
Wm. G. Atkins, printing town reports, 1892,	10 00	
O. T. Bagnall, blanks,	1 50	
C. D. Smith, counsel,	2 00	
Geo. Tyler & Co., scraper blade,	6 00	
Mrs. L. S. Newton, librarian,	10 00	
W. B. Rowen, damage on highway,	25 00	
R. D. Geer, repairing Road machine,	3 70	
Election inspectors,	4 50	
E. D. Blush, Collector, order of abatement,	3 60	
"          "          "          discount,	35 92	
J. T. Bryan, cash advanced for expense of case against Church Mills Knitting Co.,	11 00	
Express, blanks, postage and tax book,	3 55	
J. T. Bryan, administering oaths,	3 00	
"          driving hearse,	5 00	
W. B. Rowen, bill of sundries,	6 45	
Trustees of library, bill of books,	51 05	\$194 27

SUMMARY OF ORDERS GIVEN FROM FEB. 1, 1892 TO FEB. 1, 1893.

For Poor,	\$276 52	
State aid,	197 00	
Highways and bridges,	1168 22	
Reservoir bridge,	189 85	
School accounts,	1394 26	
Town officers,	158 45	
New safe,	159 08	
Incidental expenses,	194 27	\$3737 65

LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Geo. W. Howe,	Geo. S. Bell,	Elbert A. Pease,
Daniel Alderman,	Arthur D. Pease,	Cooley W. Graves,
Thomas H. Fleming,	Metcalf J. Smith,	Charles H. Ferris.

J. T. BRYAN,  
GEO. W. COTTRELL, } Selectmen  
H. STERNAGLE, JR. } of  
Middlefield.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of Poor, and find them correct.

GEO. F. FRIEND, Auditor.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

### Town of Middlefield,

For the year ending March 1, 1893.

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No. of persons in town May 1, 1892, between 5 and 15,	65
Between 8 and 14,	46
No. of pupils enrolled,	104
" under 5 years,	3
" over 15 years,	9
" between 8 and 14,	59
Average membership,	78
Average attendance,	70 1-2
Per cent of attendance,	90 1-3
No. of schools,	6
No. of male teachers,	0
No. of female teachers,	8
Average wages of teachers per month,	\$24 00

#### APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Raised by town,	\$800 00	
State School fund,	443 31	
From town of Becket,	75 00	
From town of Worthington,	75 00	
One half of Dog fund,	23 89	
For School supervision,	150 00	
Income surplus revenue,	6 00	\$1573 20

#### EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS

Wages of teachers,	\$1012 50	
Care of fires,	11 50	
Wood and coal,	69 50	\$1093 50

Amount brought forward,	\$1093 50	
Books and supplies,	95 81	
Salary of Superintendent,	150 00	\$1339 31
Balance,		\$233 89
Due from State May 1, for School supervision,	\$100 00	

## STATISTICS OF EACH SCHOOL.

### BANCROFT SCHOOL. 30 weeks.

Dora M. Sternagle,	\$70 00	
Anna G. Pease, two terms,	140 00	
Wood and coal,	22 50	
Care of fire,	5 50	\$238 00
Average membership,	26 1-2	
Average attendance,	23 3-4	
Per cent of attendance,	89 1-2	

### FACTORY VILLAGE SCHOOL. 20 weeks.

Mattie S. Blush,	\$42 00	
Dora M. Sternagle,	71 50	
Wood,	4 00	\$117 50
Average membership,	8 1-2	
Average attendance,	7	
Per cent of attendance,	88	

### CENTER SCHOOL. 30 weeks.

Mary E. Bryan, three terms,	\$210 00	
Wood,	17 00	
Care of fire,	1 50	\$228 50
Average membership,	19	
Average attendance,	17 1-5	
Per cent of attendance,	90	

### PEASE SCHOOL. 30 weeks.

Helen M. Wright, three terms	\$165 00	
Wood,	8 00	
Care of fire,	1 50	
Average membership,	9	
Average attendance,	8	
Per cent of attendance,	88	



## NORTH EAST SCHOOL. 30 weeks.

R. May Jones, three terms,	\$165 00	
Wood,	8 00	
Care of fire,	1 50	\$174 50
Average membership,	7 1-2	
Average attendance,	7	
Per cent of attendance,	93 1-3	

## SMITH HOLLOW SCHOOL. 30 weeks.

F. Lena Smith,	\$50 00	
Mary E. Hills,	100 00	
Wood,	10 00	
Care of fire,	1 50	\$161 50
Average membership,	7 1-2	
Average attendance,	7	
Per cent of attendance,	93 1-3	

GEO. W. COTTRELL, } School Committee  
 S. A. KNOX, } of  
 ARTHUR D. PEASE, } Middlefield