

ANNUAL REPORTS



Town Clerk, Treasurer, Asses-
sors, Overseers of the Poor and
Selectmen, for the year ending
February 1, 1901.

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD

TOWN WARRANT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To H. H. Prentice, Constable of the } GREETING:
Town of Middlefield,

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 fourth day of March, next, at ten o'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, Acts of 1890, and the amendments thereof, a town clerk, a town treasurer, three selectmen, two constables, a collector of taxes and a tree warden for the term of one year, a road commissioner, a school committee and a trustee of the public library for the term of three years; 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 o'clock, A. M., and may be closed at thirty minutes past two o'clock, P. M.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of the selectmen, assessors, overseers of the poor and school committee, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To choose such town officers as are not required by law to be chosen by ballot.

ART. 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the current year.

ART. 6. To determine the disposition of the dog fund.

ART. 7. To determine the manner of collecting the taxes and to fix the compensation of the collector of taxes.

ART. 8. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as proposed by the selectmen.

ART. 9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the postoffices in said Middlefield, seven days, at least, before the time for holding 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 sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and one.

J. T. BRYAN,	}	Selectmen of Middlefield.
O. C. OLDS,		
GEO. W. COTTRELL,		

Town Clerk's Report.

MARRIAGES.

1900.

- Sept. 6. Alexander Young, Westfield.
Delia Mayette, Middlefield.
- Oct. 18. Henry Sternagle, Jr., Middlefield.
Maud C. Holmes, Middlefield.
- Nov. 7. Wesley A. Olds, Middlefield.
Mary Adelaide Cottrell, Middlefield.
- Dec. 25. Walter Asa Smith, Middlefield.
Bessie May Jones, Worthington.

BIRTHS.

- May — Child of George and — Thibdor.
- June 24. Mabel Jane Ferris, daughter of Charles H. and
Mary A. Ferris.
- June 26. Bernard Clarence Dunn, son of Joseph and Anna
Dunn.
- Aug. 31. Mary Ellen, daughter of Clarence E. and Mary John-
son.
- Sept. 1. Daniel James, son of Thomas H. and Maggie E.
Fleming.
- Sept. 6. William James, son of George W. and Mary A.
Bryan.
- Nov. 20. Daughter of Richard D. and Lizzie Sweeney.
- Nov. 30. William Leo, son of Harry and Mary Dinan.
- Dec. 8. Edward White, son of Andrew and Maggie White.

DEATHS.

- Jan. 19. Ralph Eugene Ferris, 2 years, 8 months and 16 days.
 Jan. 24. Martha McElwain Wright, 2 months and 19 days.
 May 30. Albert Gordon, 99 years.
 July 24. Laverna Maria Loveland, 64 years, 3 months and 1 day.
 July 29. George E. LeBarnes, 62 years.
 Aug. 11. Agnes Gilnite, age unknown.
 Aug. 26. Richard Shehan, 26 years.
 Sept. 3. ——— Thibdor.
 Oct. 15. Frederick Alexander, age unknown.
 Nov. 21. Clara White, 2 years, 1 month and 6 days.

DOG LICENSES.

June 1.	19 males at \$2.00 each,	\$38 00
	Deduct 20 cents each, Clerk's fees,	3 80
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June 1.	Paid county treasurer,	\$34 20
Dec. 1.	18 males at \$2.00 each,	\$36 00
	1 female at \$5.00,	5 00
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		\$41 00
	Deduct 20 cents each, Clerk's fees,	3 80
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Dec. 1.	Paid county treasurer,	\$37 20

M. J. SMITH, Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand February 1, 1900,	\$878 84
Received Hampden Savings bank, cemetery fund, \$18.16, pauper fund, \$40.38,	58 54
Received rent town hall,	4 00
Received rent Bancroft hall,	13 00
Received town of Chester, aid to Melissa Weeks,	3 00
Received town of Becket, schooling at Bancroft,	190 85
Received state treasurer, schooling wards of the state,	276 00
Received state treasurer, rebate of superintendent's salary,	241 25
Received state treasurer, corporation tax,	306 03
Received state treasurer, bank tax,	70 98
Received state treasurer, extra pay to teachers,	318 00
Received state treasurer, rebate of state aid,	181 00
Received state treasurer, state pauper and burial,	48 54
Received state treasurer, rebate hospital expenses,	109 50
Received state treasurer, Massachusetts school fund,	452 39
Received county treasurer, dog fund,	56 86
Received insurance on town hall,	2,500 00
Received E. H. Alderman, sale of sundries,	5 55
Received on tax bill of 1899,	63 06
Received on tax bill of 1900,	2,558 53
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Total,	\$8,335 92

EXPENDITURES.

Paid county tax,	\$442 27
state tax,	135 00
City National bank, matured note,	500 00
selectmen's orders,	3,474 90
school committee's orders,	2,408 30
Balance in cash and in bank,	1,375 45
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Total,	\$8,335 92

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Cash balance,	\$1,375 45
Due on tax bill of 1900,	131 32
Due from Becket for Bancroft school, estimated,	275 00
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Total,	\$1,781 77

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding bills and school orders, estimated,	\$475 00
Due on town hall,	1,140 00
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Total,	\$1,615 00
Net balance in favor of the town,	\$166 77

M. J. SMITH, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have audited the accounts of the treasurer for the year ending February 4, 1901, and find them correct.

GEORGE S. BELL, Auditor.

Assessors' Report.

Value of assessed real estate,	\$145,705 00
Value of assessed personal estate,	53,296 00
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Total,	\$199,001 00
Number of residents assessed on property,	84
non-residents assessed on property,	39
persons assessed for poll tax only,	30
Whole number of persons assessed,	153
Whole number of polls assessed,	100
Tax assessed on real estate,	\$1,821 57
personal estate,	666 28
100 polls,	200 00
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Total,	\$2,687 85
Tax rate on a thousand, \$12.50.	
Number of horses assessed,	142
cows assessed,	340
sheep assessed,	342
neat cattle other than cows,	265
swine,	22
dwelling houses,	107
acres of land,	14,165
fowls,	454

TAXES ABATED AS FOLLOWS.

John Morrison estate, annual abatement,	
lack of road,	\$2 38
James Tibodo, poll tax,	2 00
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J. T. BRYAN, O. C. OLDS, GEO. W. COTTRELL,	} } }	Assessors of Middlefield.
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Report of Overseers of the Poor.

State Lunatic hospital at Medfield, board of Daniel McCarthy,	\$146 00
Agnes Gilnite, (state pauper,) medical attendance,	\$18 00
Agnes Gilnite, care in sickness,	15 54
Agnes Gilnite, burial expenses,	16 00
Total,	\$49 54
Albert Gordan for supplies furnished,	\$28 29
Albert Gordan for medical attendance,	13 25
Total,	\$41 54
George E. LeBarnes and family for supplies,	\$18 00
Alice Houck, care and medical attendance at Worcester Isolation hospital,	22 86
Paid J. T. Bryan for keeping five tramps,	1 25
Total,	\$279 19

There has been received from the state as rebate on board of Daniel McCarthy \$109.50, expense of sickness and burial of Agnes Gilnite \$48.54 and there is due from Pittsfield for aid furnished George E. LeBarnes \$18.00, making the net expense for support of the poor \$103.15.

J. T. BRYAN,	}	Overseers of the Poor.
O. C. OLDS,		
GEO. W. COTTRELL,		

Selectmen's Report.

REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Orders paid F. A. Osgood, eastern division,	\$333 40
C. H. Ferris, western division,	323 39
A. D. Pease, center division,	272 00
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Total,	\$928 79

STATE AID, CHAPTER 374, ACTS OF 1899.

Mary Bliven, eleven months,	\$44 00
Carrie Williams, nine months,	36 00
George E. LeBarnes, six months,	30 00
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Total,	\$110 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

M. J. Smith, services as treasurer,	\$25 00
town clerk,	29 55
registrar,	3 00
George W. Cottrell, services as auditor in 1890,	1 00
George W. Cottrell, services as select- man, assessor and overseer of the poor,	21 75
W. J. Chipman, services as selectman,	2 00
J. T. Bryan, services as selectman, asses- sor and overseer of the poor,	33 00
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Amount carried forward,	\$115 30

Amount brought forward,	\$115 30
O. C. Olds, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	24 00
H. H. Prentice, collecting taxes,	40 00
H. H. Prentice, services as school committee,	7 00
E. H. Alderman, services as school committee,	15 00
C. W. Graves, services as school committee,	8 50
Total,	<hr/> \$209 80

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Election officers for the year,	\$10 00
Home Newspaper Pub. Co., printing town reports,	20 00
Home Newspaper Pub. Co., printing ballots,	6 00
Mrs. L. S. Newton, services as librarian,	10 00
Henry S. Johnson, collector's book,	75
Allyn G. Bridge, agent, insurance on new hall, five years,	56 25
T. H. Fleming, sundries for hall and school,	1 40
M. J. Smith, trustee, books for town library,	12 00
Frank Fay, lamps for Bancroft hall,	4 50
E. S. McElwain, mowing cemetery,	3 00
E. S. McElwain, care of church lot in cemetery,	15 00
M. J. Smith, administering oaths,	3 75
expense of rebinding records,	2 50
expense to Pittsfield, town hall case,	1 45
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$146 60

Amount brought forward,	\$146 60
J. T. Bryan, driving hearse,	4 00
inspecting animals,	10 00
express and postage,	2 48
H. H. Prentice, abatement of taxes,	4 38
discount on taxes,	34 01
tax bills and serving warrants,	4 75
H. H. Prentice, services as building com- mittee of new town hall,	10 00
H. H. Prentice, counsel,	1 00
H. H. Chilson, clerk, sheriff's fees in Bradley case,	21 20
D. C. Bryan, sundries,	2 40
Springfield Printing and Binding Co., binding records,	12 00
Total,	<u>\$252 82</u>

NEW TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

E. Tanbert & Son, orders of building committee,	\$1450 00
E. Tanbert & Son, brick work for vault,	\$150 00
Damon Safe Co., door for vault,	80 00
J. T. Bryan, freight and cartage on door,	2 64
	<u>\$232 64</u>
E. Taubert & Son, voting booths and rails,	11 66
Total,	<u>\$1694 30</u>

SUMMARY OF ORDERS GIVEN FOR THE YEAR.

Poor,	\$279 19
Highways,	928 79
State aid,	110 00
Town officers,	209 80
Incidental expenses,	252 82
New town hall,	1694 30
Total,	<u>\$3474 90</u>

LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Cooley W. Graves,
 Edwin S. McElwain,
 Henry S. Pease,
 George E. Cook,

Frank Chipman,
 Charles H. Ferris,
 George E. Holmes,
 Clarence E. Johnson.

Edwin H. Alderman.

J. T. BRYAN,)
 O. C. OLDS,) Selectmen
 GEO. W. COTTRELL,) of
) Middlefield.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, and find them to correspond with their report.

GEO. S. BELL, Auditor.