

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The legal voters in Town Meeting of the Town of Grafton are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 5, 1918, at ten o'clock A. M., to take action on the following articles:

To vote upon the following questions:

ARTICLE I. Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this Town?

ART. II. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town officers.

ART. III. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint the Road Commissioner.

ART. IV. To elect all Town officers required by law.

ART. V. To elect three Trustees of the Campbell Fund.

ART. VI. To elect an agent of the income of the Campbell Fund.

ART. VII. To elect a Trustee of the Bancroft Fund and of the Daniels Fund.

ART. VIII. To see if the Town will appropriate money for the Town public library and what amount?

ART. IX. To see if the Town will appropriate money for the observance of Memorial Day, and what amount?

ART. X. To see what per cent on the dollar of the Grand List the Town will vote for the support of schools.

ART. XI. To see if the Town will vote to raise money in addition to what the law requires to maintain and repair highways.

ART. XII. To see what per cent on the dollar of the Grand List the Town will vote for the support of the Poor and all other Town expenses.

ART. XIII. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the collection of its taxes.

ART. XIV. To see if the Town will appropriate money for permanent highways, and what amount?

ART. XV. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct its Selectmen to borrow money necessary for its current expenses prior to the collection of its taxes.

ART. XVI. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the School Directors to appoint one or more medical inspectors for the schools of this Town, for the year ensuing, under Act No. 72 of the Acts of 1915 of the General Assembly.

ART. XVII. To transact any other business proper to be brought before said meeting.

V. A. WILBUR, } Selectmen  
I. W. DAVIS, } of  
G. O. HOWE, } Grafton.

Grafton, Vt., February 16, 1918.

# Fifty-Seventh Financial Report

OF THE

## Town of Grafton

Vermont

FOR THE

Year Ending February 1, 1919

AUDITORS

F. A. PALMER      THADDEUS PARK

W. E. L. WALKER



## AUDITORS' REPORT

The Auditors of the Town of Grafton have examined the accounts and vouchers of its several town officers and report as follows:

### ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN

P. H. Gobie, printing town reports	\$ 36.00
F. L. Osgood, services for board of health,	8.00
J. Parker, timber for plank,	39.55
J. B. Duncan, stamps and stationery,	2.60
V. A. Wilbur, balance labor and services, 1917,	40.75
H. S. Leonard, care of fire engine,	10.00
R. W. Snyder, services in case of glanders,	10.00
D. H. Wright, Memorial Day appropriation,	35.00
F. V. Wilbur, services as lister,	136.53
N. R. Davis, services as lister,	121.67
M. A. Walker, services as lister,	132.00
E. C. Cleveland, labor on bridges,	7.00
M. A. Walker, labor on bridges,	5.50
P. B. Illingsworth, labor on bridges,	7.43
J. M. Hakey, timber and labor on bridges,	16.50
V. A. Wilbur, labor and service,	206.38
W. A. Early, labor,	12.00
F. M. Smith, damages,	450.00
J. D. Rice, damages,	50.00
J. Westine, labor on bridges,	163.43
C. Carver, labor on bridges,	36.00
E. W. Lawrence, labor on bridges,	24.36
W. C. Rogers, labor on bridges,	48.00
D. M. Hakey, labor on bridges,	70.18

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S. J. Walker, labor on bridges,	\$ 69.16
F. V. Wilbur, labor on bridges,	200.10
G. O. Howe, labor and services,	37.65
F. Blood, labor,	19.80
H. C. Walker, labor and timber for bridge,	43.75
J. Anderson, labor,	4.00
C. A. Tuttle, labor,	43.06
G. W. Hall, lumber for bridges,	183.79
Reynolds & Paul, checklists,	7.00
C. W. Brown, school census,	4.84
W. E. L. Walker, library appropriation,	100.00
E. B. Stowell, freight bill,	10.34
J. B. Lawrence & Son, timber,	15.00
D. T. Perry, lumber for forms,	12.04
A. B. Culver, labor,	3.60
L. C. Williams, labor,	1.50
W. L. Ware & Co., cement,	364.93
E. H. Ober, labor at bridge and cemetery,	46.70
F. G. Redfield, merchandise,	7.55
W. F. Dompier, labor,	3.60
N. R. Davis, labor,	11.00
F. S. Fuller & Co., tools for cement bridge work,	29.44
L. H. Stellman & Son, steel rods, Ryder bridge,	79.76
Austin & Sutherland, lumber and saw bill,	175.82
Strong Hardware Co., steel reinforcement,	115.55
J. W. Davis, labor and services,	126.87
P. H. Gobie, printing ballots,	21.67
Ballot clerks,	20.00
H. A. Farnsworth primary and general election,	6.00
H. A. Farnsworth, services dog warrant,	5.00
H. A. Farnsworth, blacksmith bill,	3.54
M. A. Walker, services health officer,	9.30
Hodgdon & Shaw, fumigators,	2.10
F. E. Aiken, collecting taxes,	210.00

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W. E. L. Walker, services moderator and trustee,	\$ 5.00
F. A. Palmer, services trustee Campbell fund,	5.00
J. H. Stowell, services clerk and treasurer,	43.93

Total, \$3,717.27

Included in the foregoing account is the cost of four cement bridges as follows:

One over "Willy brook,"	\$ 617.50
One over "Crumb brook,"	207.58
One over "Hinkley brook" on West street,	270.27
One at Houghtonville,	256.28

Received from the State to apply on above, \$1,351.63

Leaving net cost to the Town, \$ 901.41

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT***School Board and Citizens:*

During the year thus far six schools have been maintained in Grafton. While at considerable expense the Walker School has opened, it is justifiable, as it brings to our communities an example of a rural school building remodeled and up to date. As an investment such improvements will do much to repopulate our communities, while for lack of them, lower standards of education and life, and less of interest will result. Repairs are needed at the Village school, also at Houghtonville unless it be combined with Pettengill and the pupils transported. At the Eastman school the attendance has been only six the past fall.

I submit these recommendations in common for all towns:

A vigorous enforcement of the school attendance law.

An immediate,—not in August—provision for a sufficient supply of dry hard wood and kindling for the coming year.

The opening of schools in all towns either August 18 or 25, thus "getting in" as much time as possible before cold weather and contagious diseases may come; to save fuel; be of benefit to the children on long transportation routes.

The thorough cleaning of each school room at least twice a year, summer and Christmas time, washing floors, desks, windows and brushing walls, with due attention to the toilets.

The continuation of medical inspection.

A steady improvement of school property each year by repairing and painting, thus not bringing the burden too hard any one year.

The early employment of teachers for next year, and not later than June 1.

A school visit by each parent and school board member once at least during the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. WHITNEY, Supt.

## VITAL STATISTICS

## Births

Etta Lucy Urwin, May 24, 1918.  
 Harland Perry Rounds, May 27, 1918.  
 Mariann Wilson Merrifield, June 26, 1918.  
 Edward Elmer Fletcher, August 3, 1918.  
 Geraldine Flossie Wetherell, August 5, 1918.  
 Edward Roland Willard, August 15, 1918.  
 Verena Alberta Hakey, October 5, 1918.  
 Vera Geraldine Severance, October 17, 1918.  
 Margaret Ann Parker, October 20, 1918.  
 Cecil Earl Kent, January 14, 1919.  
 — Prouty, January 22, 1919.  
 Robert Edward Moore, January 24, 1919.

## Marriages

Roland C. Willard and Sylvia A. Parker, March 11, 1918.  
 Charles W. Buffam and Sarah Clark, April 27, 1918.  
 Raymond H. Moore and Ruth E. Ober, August 12, 1918.  
 Daniel H. Wright and Olive E. Millington, October 2, 1918.  
 Lewis Austin and Angelina M. Hakey, December 28, 1918.

## Deaths

1918  
 Feb. 22 John L. Sparks, age 88 years, 9 days.  
 Mar. 25 Abbie J. Davis, age 58 years, 3 mos. 19 days.  
 Apr. 16 Maria J. Smith, age 75 years, 5 mos. 16 days.  
 Apr. 30 Emeline S. Pray, age 84 yrs, 7 mos, 12 days.  
 June 19 Samuel T. Leonard, age 77 yrs, 1 mo. 19 days.  
 July 5 Henry Blodgett, age 72 yrs, 3 mos, 12 days.

Aug. 26 Donald F. Prouty, age 9 mos, 5 days.  
 Aug. 28 Floretta H. Wetherell, age 50 yrs, 4 mos, 2 days.  
 Sept. 4 George F. Wilson, age 2 yrs, 4 mos, 28 days.  
 Oct. 5 Grace A. Chase, age 43 yrs, 1 mo, 6 days.  
 Oct. 14 Vesta A. Whitcomb, age 80 yrs, 7 mos, 23 days.  
 Nov. 7 Lucy M. Marsh, age 50 yrs, 7 mos, 13 days.  
 Nov. 13 Sarah E. Sherwin, age 73 yrs, 3 mos, 29 days.  
 Nov. 16 Sarah Rogers.  
 Nov. 18 Hattie L. Fletcher, age 6 days,  
 Dec. 17 Irene H. Morrison, age 2 yrs, 14 days.  
 Dec. 31 Kii C. Redfield, died in Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., age 23 yrs, 9 mos, 24 days.  
 Oct. 21 Francis W. Dompier, "Killed in action," in France, age 20 yrs, 1 mo, 15 days.  
 1919.  
 Jan. 7 Bernice L. Cobb, age 17 yrs, 1 mo, 7 days.  
 Jan. 12 Richard R. Perkins, age 1 yr, 9 mos, 6 days.