

Westhampton, Mass. Annual Reports



1910

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
WESTHAMPTON, MASS.
FOR THE
Year Ending February 1, 1910



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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

BIRTHS -1909

1909

- 1 Jan. 3. Frick Gavosa.
- 2 Apr. 21. Olive Rhoades.
- 3 22. William Buell Culver.
- 4 July 22. Sanford Levi Payson.
- 5 Sept. 4. Donald Burt Lyman.

BIRTHS IN RECENT YEARS

'04	'05	'06	'07	'08
7	6	4	12	8

1909

MARRIAGES 1909

- 1 April 2. Aaron Fisher,
Domicela Styczinski Lewandowky.
- 2 May 8. Albert Delisle, Jr.,
Marion E. Blakesley.

MARRIAGES IN RECENT YEARS

'04	'05	'06	'07	'08
3	2	4	5	4

DEATHS-1909

¹⁹⁰⁹ 1 Jan. 18.	Olive E. Graves	1—0—24
2 27.	Hattie A. Gratton	58
3 Feb. 6.	Caroline Brower	78—6—0
4 Apr. 17.	Frederick Gagnon	39
5 July 21.	Albert J. Griffin	54

DEATHS IN RECENT YEARS

'04	'05	'06	'07	'08
11	10	5	12	10

Causes of Death:—Whooping Cough 1, Diabetes 1, Heart Disease 1, Pyelo Wephritis 1, Tumor of the Pelvis, 1.

DOGS LICENSED, 1909

Allen Bluto, (2)	April 20	Arthur Dodge	“	4
A. D. Montague	“ 26	Lena Dodge	“	4
Crville Flint	“ 27	Frank Hathaway	“	4
A. S. Bridgman	“ 28	Attalie Pelton	“	4
A. R. Loud	“ 28	Cornelius Benson	“	4
G. W. Graves (2)	“ 28	C. A. Bartlett	“	6

Levi Burt	“ 28	Nathan Damon	“ 8
A. K. Chapman	“ 28	A. D. Rice	“ 10
E. B. Clapp	“ 28	M. G. Crandall	“ 11
P. A. Connery	“ 28	N. H. Boyer (2)	“ 25
L. W. Clapp	“ 28	Eugene Galpin	“ 25
I. O. Shaw	“ 30	J. H. Kingsley	“ 25
T. Collier	“ 30	A. L. Snow	“ 28
Geo. Coleman	“ 30	G. W. Graves	“ 29
Mary A. Lyman	“ 30	S. A. Rust	June 12
Mrs. F. Lyman	“ 30	Frank Gillett	“ 15
W. R. Lyman (2)	“ 30	H. M. Clapp	“ 23
J. F. McCarthy	“ 30	E. H. Montague	July 23
A. J. Griffin	“ 30	C. G. Loud	“ 30
E. J. Hathaway	“ 30	Julius Billioux	Aug. 2
G. L. Hathaway	“ 30	Almon Benson	Sept. 7
A. L. Hathaway	“ 30	Oscar C. Bartlett	“ 8
Albert Delisle, Jr.	“ 30	Etta Blakesley	“ 25
Franklin Howard	“ 30	E. W. Payson	“ 30
H. S. Ives	May 1	Joe Atwood	“ 30
O. W. Bartlett	“ 1	F. W. Blakesley	Oct. 1
Chas. T. Williams	“ 3	Joseph Poudrier	“ 1
H. J. Payson	Sept, 20		

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

F. A. Loud in account with the Town of Westhampton

DR.

To cash received for 6 months ending June 1, 1909		
For license of 44 dogs at \$2.00	\$88 00	
“ “ “ 1 dog “ \$5.00	5 00	\$93 00

CR.

By Clerk's fees, 45 dogs at 20 cents	\$9 00	
By Cash paid County Treasurer	84 00	—\$93 00

DR.

To cash received for 6 months ending Dec. 1, 1 09		
For License of 14 dogs at \$2.00	\$28 00	—\$28 00

CR.

By Clerk's Fees, 14 dogs at 20 cents	\$2 80	
By Cash paid County Treasurer	25 20	—\$28 00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS A. LOUD, *Clerk*

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1910

I have examined the report of the Town Clerk and find it correct.

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor*

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1910

DR.

Balance from last year	\$2,596 78
City of Pittsfield (Daly case)	45 50
Easthampton School Dept.	38 66
Scholarship fund	42 00
A. G. Jewett, int. on Wright fund	25 00
A. D. Montague, Collector, (interest)	5 00
Auditor City Boston, for schools	81 50
Inspection animals	7 87
Rent of hall	1 50
Trustees of Whiting Street fund	65 00
Northampton School Dept.	181 21
State Treasurer, Corporation tax	12 94
“ “ National Bank tax	179 39
“ “ State Aid	152 00
“ “ Burial of Soldier	37 00
Interest on deposits	33 37
“ “ Wright fund	18 91
Interest on Thayer fund	38 78
“ “ M. G. Strong fund	3 77
“ “ O. C. Bridgman fund	18 91
Income of Mass. School fund	1,308 35
County Treasurer, dog fund	84 67

From Thayer fund	25 00 —	\$5,003 11
Amount of assessment		4,263 38
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		\$9,266 49

CR.

By paid orders of Selectmen	\$3,861 60	
“ “ “ “ Sch'l Committee	2,458 71	
Balance due from Levi Burt, Col- lector taxes for 1908	84 43	
Balance due from A. D. Montague, Collector taxes for 1909	785 99	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	2,075 76 —	\$9,266 49

The above report shows a balance in the town's favor of \$2,946.18, \$1,609.72 of which is school money and can be used for schools only.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. CHAPMAN, *Treasurer*

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1910

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct, showing disbursements to the amount of six thousand three hundred twenty dollars and thirty-one cents (\$6,320.31) for which vouchers are on file, and a balance of cash on hand of two thousand seventy five dollars and seventy-six cents (\$2,075.76.) Due from Collector Levi Burt, eighty-four dollars and forty-three cents (\$84.43). Due from Collector A. D. Montague, seven hundred eighty-five dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$785.99).

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

HIGHWAY

LEVI BURT, SURVEYOR

Levi Burt	107	73	
“ “ 2,819 ft. Plank	56	38	
“ “ Posts		70	
“ “ Spikes	1	15	
F. P. Newkirk, Tile	5	40	
H. M. Clapp, lumber		60	
Gilbert Flint		75	
Eugene Hathaway	5	33	
C. A. Bartlett	21	50	
Joseph Guerin	4	50	
B. C. Messinger	2	20	
C. N. Loud, 206 ft. lumber	4	12	
Almon Benson	35	13—	\$245 49

SNOW BILL

Levi Burt	5	10
Clifford Bartlett		75

C. A. Bartlett	50	
B. C. Messinger	2 52—	\$8 87
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		\$254 36
W. H. Riley & Co., 120 feet tile	60 00	
Levi Burt, tile	1 00	
“ “ laying tile	11 75—	\$72 75

IRON BRIDGE

The United Construction Co.	215 00	
W. N. Potter Sons & Co., cement	3 63	
M. K. Parsons, lumber, 1,840 ft.	40 48	
“ drawing cement	50	
C. A. Bartlett	7 25	
Levi Burt	16 42	
D. S. Bridgman	29 25—	\$312 53

A. D. MONTAGUE, SURVEYOR

A. D. Montague	61 80	
“ 479 feet Plank	9 48	
“ Railing, posts and nails	8 20	
Howard Thayer	10 85	
Frank Hathaway	18 28	
E. H. Montague	39 00	
A. L. Hathaway	23 09	
W. W. Kingsley	4 50	
E. J. Hathaway	12 12	
L. W. Clapp	1 00	
H. L. Dodge	3 89	
I. O. Shaw	10 21—	\$202 42

P. A. CONNERY, SURVEYOR

P. A. Connery	84 76	
“ Snow bill	5 00	
“ 1,042 plank	20 84	
G. W. Graves	55 33	
T. P. Elwell	30 00	
Edward Cole	15 00	
A. W. Church	3 00	
A. W. Blakesley	3 00	
A. Hall	3 00	
J. Atwood	1 50	
A. T. Edwards	6 00	
E. L. Gorham	5 00	
C. S. Bartlett	2 25	
M. G. Crandall	14 25	
Harry Crandall	2 30	
Milton Snow	3 75	
S. A. Rust	1 75	
W. T. Evans	1 25	
A. D. Rice	3 50—	\$261 48

TOWN OFFICERS

A. K. Chapman, Treasurer	50 00	
“ Election officer	2 00—	\$52 00
F. A. Loud, Clerk	15 00	
“ Sealer	5 00	
“ Registrar	6 00	
“ Elector	4 00	

F. A. Loud, Recording births, deaths and marriages	3 80	
“ Return of births	1 75—	35 55
H. M. Clapp, Auditor	5 00	5 00
A. D. Rice, Assessor	30 00	
“ Selectman	16 00	
“ Registrar	4 00	
“ Overseer of Poor	4 00	
“ Board of Health	1 50—	55 50
D. S. Bridgman, Assessor	29 69	
“ Selectman	10 00—	39 69
Levi Burt, Assessor	28 75	
“ Selectman	9 25	
“ Overseer of Poor	2 00—	40 00
A. D. Montague, Collector, 1909	60 00—	60 00
A. T. Edwards, Meat Inspector	4 00	
“ Quarantine notices	3 50—	7 50
C. G. Loud, Meat Inspector	29 50—	29 50
G. E. Knight, Librarian	25 00	
“ Janitor hall	10 50	
“ Constable	7 50—	43 00
N. A. Kingsley, Election officer	2 00	2 00
		\$369 74

SUPPORT OF POOR

John Gravelin	103 89
Mabel Howard	29 15

Elizabeth Howard	26 29	
Hazel Howard	19 15—	74 59
Frank Hayden	5 00—	5 00
M. Maher, transportation to New York		4 00
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		\$187 48
State Aid	144 00—	144 00
Almoners of Street and Wright funds	45 00—	45 00
Smith Agricultural School, tuition	805 00—	805 00

STREET LAMPS

G. H. Batchelder, care of lamps	25 00	
“ Gasoline	2 25	
“ Gasoline for hall	4 85	
“ Acid for fire extinguishers	70—	32 80

DAY LAW CASE

Witness fees	40 00	
Edward L. Shaw	90 30—	130 00

MISCELLANEOUS

C. T. Bagnall, stationery	2 35	
Enterprise Printing Co.	33 20	
Westhampton Water Co.	15 00	
Good Roads Machine Co., repairs	9 00	
C. T. Bagnall, assessors' blanks	1 90	
A. D. Rice, express	35	
S. A. Phelps, markers for Soldiers' graves	16 50	
Levi Burt, Memorial Day expenses	15 31	

R. W. Lyman, transfers of property	3 00	
E. W. Kingsley, mowing cemetery	6 00	
E. B. Clapp, Thayer fund for parish	20 00	
Levi Burt, repairs hall	2 00	
" Postage and telephone	89	
F. A. Loud, supplies for Sealer	4 00	
" Express	1 40	
" Stationery and printing	6 50	
" Postage	2 55	
A. K. Chapman, Postage	2 75	
" Recording	1 00	
" Smith work	3 20—	146 90

TAXES

State tax	315 00	
County tax	392 00	
Discount on taxes	150 28	
Abatements	21 56	
" by Thayer fund	18 00—	896 84

RECAPITULATION

Town officers	369 74
Highways and bridges	1,103 54
Smith School	805 00
State Aid	144 00
Street and Wright funds	45 00
Care street lamps and gasoline	32 80

Support of poor	187 48	
Day law case	130 30	
State tax	315 00	
County tax	392 00	
Discount on taxes	150 28	
Abatements	39 56	
Miscellaneous	146 90	
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Total Selectmen's orders		\$3,861 60
School Committee's orders		2,458 71
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		\$6,320 31
Balance Feb. 1, 1909	\$2,596 78	
Assessment	4,263 38	
From Treasurer's book	2,406 33—	\$9,266 49
Balance Feb. 1, 1910		\$2,946 18

D. S. BRIDGMAN, } *Selectmen*
 LEVI BURT, } *of*
 A. D. RICE, } *Westhampton*

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1910

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find that they have drawn orders and have vouchers to the amount of three thousand eight hundred and sixty-one dollars and sixty cents (\$3,861.60.)

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor*

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Real Estate valuation	\$180,148 00	
Personal estate “	55,747 00	
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Total valuation		\$235,895 00
Tax rate, \$17.25 per \$1,000.00.		
Real Estate tax	\$3,107 71	
Personal Estate tax	961 67	
Poll	194 00	
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Total tax		\$4,263 38

TAX LEVY

State tax	\$315 00
County tax	392 00
Highways	1,000 00
Schools	1,200 00
South school	450 00
Town officers	300 00
Discount on Taxes	150 00

Memorial Day	25 00	
Iron bridge	100 00	
Debt on Schoolhouse	100 00	
Contingent	200 00	
Overlayings	31 38—	\$4,263 38
Number of Horses assessed		173
Cows		305
Other than cows		151
Sheep		2
Swine		36
Fowls		942
Persons assessed		173
Poll tax only		27
Acres of land assessed		15,589

D. S. BRIDGMAN,	}	<i>Assessors</i>
LEVI BURT,		
A. D. RICE,		
		<i>of</i>
		<i>Westhampton</i>

REPORT

OF THE

Westhampton Cemetery Association

RESOURCES

Dividend from Easthampton Savings Bank	\$13 55
" " Northampton " "	16 84
Received from Town, mowing cemetery	6 00
" " Sale of muck	83—\$37 22

EXPENDITURES

Labor and teams	29 38
Fertilizers, grass seed and lime	4 22
Deficit last year	1 38—\$34 98
Leaving balance due Feb. 1, 1910	\$2 24
Dividend from Easthampton Savings Bank, M. Fairman fund	2 90
Labor and fertilizers	3 08
	18
Deficit February 1, 1910	18

Dividend from Easthampton Savings Bank, C. Clapp fund	6 77
Labor and Fertilizers	5 88
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Balance Feb. 1, 1910	89
Dividend from Northampton Bank, M. E. Kingsley fund	2 34
Balance from Strong fund last year	7 73
Labor and fertilizers	1 35
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Balance February 1, 1910	6 38

MARY C. KINGSLEY,
Secretary and Treasurer

Library Committee's Report

Balance from last year	\$198 52
Interest received on note	52 50
Received from Mr. E. C. Bridgman in memory of his mother, Mrs. C. J. Bridgman	100 00—\$351 02
Expended for new books, magazines, etc.,	96 86
Carpet for Library room	16 10— 112 96
	\$238 06

The \$100 00 received from Mr. E. C. Bridgman has been added to the permanent fund, leaving a balance of \$138.06.

Number of books in library	3,139
New books added in 1909	62
Magazines	12

REV. H. S. IVES, ORVILLE FLINT, A. D. MONTAGUE,	}	<i>Library Committee.</i>
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REPORT

OF THE

JOINT SCHOOL BOARD

TO THE DISTRICT COMPRISING THE TOWNS OF EASTHAMPTON, SOUTHAMPTON AND WESTHAMPTON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1909:

Received from the State Treasurer	\$500 00
Credited to Superintendent's salary:	
Southampton	187 50
Westhampton	112 50—\$300 00
Credited to towns of district in proportion to each town's share of superintendent's time:	
Southampton	125 00
Westhampton	75 00—200 00—\$500 00

Received from towns of district
on same basis as above:

Town of Southampton's share of Superintendent's salary	375 00	
Town of Westhampton's share of Superintendent's salary	225 00	
Paid superintendent's salary for year ending June 30, 1909		\$1,600 00
Net cost to Easthampton		1,000 00
Net cost to Southampton		62 50
Net cost to Westhampton		37 50

FRANZ WILLER, Chm., } *Joint*
C. N. LOUD, Secretary, } *Committee.*

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS EMPLOYED, ETC.

CENTER SCHOOL

Eva M. Smith

No. of pupils enrolled	22
Average membership	18.41
Average attendance	16.95
No. over 15 years	1
“ under 5 years	1
“ between 7 and 14	17
“ weeks school	34

Charles and George Burt, Lillian and Louise Clapp, Henry Raymond and Evelyn Hathaway have no tardy mark and have lost but one or two days through the year.

The roof leaked so badly that we were obliged to shingle one side.

NORTH-WEST SCHOOL

Ruth J. Bridgman

No. of pupils enrolled	16
Average membership	13.46
Average attendance	11.93
No. of pupils over 15 years	0
“ “ “ under 5 years	0
“ “ “ between 7 and 14 years	13
“ “ weeks' school	34

The new school building is a very great improvement on the old one, and there is now plenty of room for a playground, and is sheltered from the cold northeast storms. The schoolhouse is much larger than the old one, but if a new one was to be built, we should advise making it at least four feet longer.

NORTH-EAST SCHOOL

Mabel L. Flint, C. M. Crosby

No. of pupils enrolled	14
Average membership	12.4
Average attendance	11.65

No. of pupils over 15 years	0
No. of pupils under 5 years	0
“ “ “ between 7 and 14 years	9
“ “ weeks school	34

It was unfortunate for this school that we were obliged to change teachers, as it takes several weeks for a new teacher to find just what the pupils can do, and where a teacher comes from another state, the books are different and the method of teaching is so different that the teacher can hardly get to work successfully during the year.

LOUDVILLE SCHOOL

Mary C. Powers

No. of pupils enrolled	32
Average membership	17
Average attendance	15.2
No. of pupils over 15 years	0
“ “ “ under 5 years	0
“ “ “ between 7 and 14 years	23
“ “ weeks school	36

The apparent discrepancy between the number of pupils enrolled and the average attendance was caused by the removal of several families from town. Alice Connolly has no tardy mark, but was obliged to stay at home two days during the year on account of sickness.

SOUTH SCHOOL

Flora B. Collins, Ethelwyn M. Clark

No. of pupils enrolled	17
Average membership	12.6
Average attendance	11.6
No. of pupils over 15 years	0
“ “ “ under 5 years	0
“ “ “ between 7 and 14 years	14
“ “ weeks school	34

The record of attendance in this school has been remarkably good, although there has been no one not absent or tardy. Several have been absent but one or two days. Taking into consideration the fact that almost everyone has to walk a mile or more, it is certainly worthy of commendation.

EXPENSES

Teachers' Salaries	\$1,667 45
Northampton tuition	200 00
Easthampton “	105 00
“ Superintendent's salary	37 50
“ Supplies	75 98
Alma J. Bridgman, music	91 00
Ginn & Co., music books	4 64
F. Howard, 13 cords hard wood at \$4.90	63 70
“ 3 “ 58 ft. soft wood at \$3.00	11 30
C. N. Loud, 1 cord hard “	5 00
A. T. Edwards, 3 cords hard wood	14 00

C. L. Williams, sawing and packing wood	1 50
C. K. Jewett Co., shingles and nails	19 50
H. J. Porter, paint and oil	13 93
C. A. Loud, painting and repairs	28 50
E. B. Bridgman, repairs	2 95
M. G. Crandall “	5 00
Door and lock for South schoolhouse	4 00
Janitors	36 30
G. H. Bachelder, sundries	6 00
Water Company	6 00
Sundries	2 66
Dr. F. C. Bruce, services	15 00
A. D. Montague, services '09 and '10	6 00
C. N. Loud, “ '08 and '09	28 00
F. D. Bridgman “ '08 and '09	8 00
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	\$2,458 71

RESOURCES

Balance from last year	\$1,384 37
Town appropriation	1,200 00
City auditor, Boston	81 50
Northampton, Loudville	181 21
Easthampton, tuition	38 66
Mass. State school fund	1,308 35
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	\$4,194 09
Expenditures	2,458 71
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Balance	\$1,735 38

There were so few pupils to attend the Hill School that your committee did not think it best to have a school there, and made an arrangement to send the pupils to the other schools, and in this way the balance this year is so large that we can add another week to the length of our school year—or raise by taxation a little less money. If in any case it should become necessary to maintain a school on the Hill, the balance left to the credit of schools will not be larger than what is needed.

The town this year has paid over eight hundred dollars to the Smith Industrial school, but will get back one-half the amount paid for tuition from the state, but the four hundred dollars is quite an addition to the amount we have to raise by taxation, when we could draw back from the state the whole amount paid out if these pupils had attended a high school.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. MONTAGUE,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
F. D. BRIDGMAN,		
C. N. LOUD,		

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1910

I have examined the accounts of the School Committee and find that they have drawn orders and have vouchers to the amount of two thousand four hundred fifty-eight dollars and seventy-one cents (\$2,458.71.)

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor.*

REPORT

OF THE

Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee:

Gentlemen:—

I respectfully submit the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools for the past school year.

At the opening of the schools in September there were few changes in the list of teachers, the only new teacher being Miss Marion E. Lyman, who was recently graduated from the Northampton high school. We are especially fortunate in being able to retain in town so many of the teachers who were here last year. The value of a teacher's services increases rapidly as she becomes familiar with the conditions and methods of work in a community.

The work in the schools has been carried on along the same general lines as in the past. We try to make a con-

stant improvement in the standard of the schools and to put especial emphasis upon the studies that seem to be of the most importance to the pupils.

The following statistics are taken from the reports of the teachers for the school year 1907-1908.

School	Whole Number	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent. of Attendance
Center	22	18.41	16.95	92
Hill	16	12.23	10.75	87
South	17	12.59	11.62	92
North east	14	12.04	11.65	96
North-west	16	13.46	11.93	88
Loudville	32	17.01	15.28	89

The report from Loudville includes the pupils from Northampton and Easthampton.

LOUDVILLE.

According to agreement the school in Loudville is under the control of the Westhampton school committee, and the expense of maintaining the school is divided among the towns of Northampton, Easthampton and Westhampton in proportion to the number of days of attendance by the pupils of the three towns. The following report shows the number of days of attendance from each town and each town's share of the expense of maintaining the school:

DAYS OF ATTENDANCE FOR 1908—1909.

Northampton	1,060½
Westhampton	1,001½
Easthampton	611
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Total	2,673

The cost of the school for the year was as follows:

Teacher's salary	\$387 00
Wood	9 25
Supplies furnished by Easthampton	30 60
Janitor	10 00
Cost of instruction in music	19 95—\$456 80
Northampton's share of expense	181 21
Westhampton's " " "	171 14
Easthampton's " " "	104 45

It will be seen that Westhampton's share of the expense is about fifty dollars less than last year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. MILLER.

ARTICLES

IN THE

Warrant for Annual Meeting, March 7, 1910

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Art. 3. To hear and act upon all reports to be presented at said meeting:

Art. 4. To vote "Yes" or "No" on the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this town?"

Art. 5. To see if the Town will appoint a committee of three with power to act with similar committees which may be appointed in other towns, to select a suitable place for the co-operative care of the Poor, and arrange terms and conditions for the use of the same, or act or do anything in reference thereto.

Art. 6. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To take action in regard to the collection of Taxes.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money to meet current expenses in anticipation of Taxes.

