

EXPENDITURES.

Clarence Bradway, serving criminal process,	\$2.10
H. W. Bullock, serving criminal process,	46.43
Assessors' abatements on 1897 tax,	18.00
Assessors' abatements on 1898 tax,	38.88
Selectmen's orders,	6,841.57
Balance cash in treasury,	1,630.50
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	\$8,577.48

The amount of the Josiah Bumstead Fund is \$2000.00, deposited in Springfield Institution for Savings, book No. 143,425.

W. M. PEASE,

Treasurer.

Town Clerk's Report.

Births recorded,	11
Males,	5
Females,	6
American parentage,	9
Foreign parentage,	1
Mixed parentage,	1
Marriages recorded,	4
American,	3
Foreign,	0
Mixed,	1
Deaths recorded,	11
Males,	5
Females,	6
American,	9
Foreign,	2
Documents recorded,	7
Dogs licensed,	73
Males,	71
Females,	2

W. M. PEASE,

Clerk.

Assessors' Report 1899.

TOWN VALUATION.

Value of assessed personal estate,	\$49,179.00
Value of assessed real estate,	334,000.00
Total value of assessed estate,	\$383,179.00

Tax for State purposes,	\$225.00
Tax for County purposes,	434.35
Tax for Town purposes, including overlayings,	4,283.16

Total tax for State, County, and Town purposes,	\$4,942.51
Rate of tax per \$1,000.00, \$11.75.	
Number of residents assessed on property,	188
Number of non-residents assessed on property,	83
Number of corporations assessed on property,	1
Number of persons assessed on property,	272
Number of persons assessed for poll tax only,	102
Total number of persons assessed,	374
Number of male polls assessed,	220
Number of horses assessed,	223
Number of cows assessed,	438
Number of sheep assessed,	26
Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed,	214
Number of swine assessed,	38
Number of fowls assessed,	2,400
Number of dwelling houses assessed,	204
Number of acres of land assessed,	11,869

APPROPRIATIONS.

Schools,	\$1,300.00
Books and supplies,	150.00
Permanent repairs,	150.00
Library,	125.00
Street lights,	150.00
Highways and bridges,	800.00
School superintendent,	100.00
Contingencies,	700.00
Paupers,	700.00
	\$4,175.00

TAXES ABATED FOR 1897.

Thomas Driscoll,	\$2.00
John Daly,	2.00
George P. Davis,	2.00
William Fagan,	2.00
James Howe,	2.00
George A. Mills,	2.00
Henry Maloney,	2.00
Robert H. O'Brien,	2.00
Michael Connell,	2.00

TAXES ABATED FOR 1898.

Dan Burke,	\$2.00
Anthony,	2.00
Andrew Chapman,	2.00
Mrs. Josephine Chapman,	.88
Thomas Dalton,	2.00
Charles Gallagher,	2.00
James Howe,	2.00
James Heno,	2.00
Charles D. Keegan,	2.00
Otis Lamson,	2.00
John Lennon,	2.00
John McGregor,	2.00

Arthur Mills,	\$2.00
Peter McEwen,	2.00
Alpheus Peck,	2.00
William Rooney,	2.00
Herbert Thresher,	2.00
Valentine,	2.00
Joseph,	2.00
Robert H. O'Brien,	2.00

TAXES ABATED FOR 1899.

John H. Fowler,	\$2.23
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P. E. WALL,

C. M. WALKER,

C. I. BURLEIGH,

Assessors of Hampden.

Tax Collector's Report.

TAXES OF 1898.

Due Treasurer, March 20, 1899, on assessments committed in 1898,	\$621.98
Paid Treasurer on the same,	609.13
Due from tax payers,	12.35
Have collected and paid to the Treasurer, interest amounting to,	17.98

TAXES OF 1899.

Committed for collection,	\$4,942.51
Have paid to the Treasurer,	4,001.79
Due from tax payers,	940.72
Have collected and paid to the Treasurer, interest amounting to,	2.27

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. McCRAY,

Tax Collector for 1898-1899.

REPORT OF THE
Inspector of Animals and Provisions.

Number of cattle inspected in town,	831
Number of cattle quarantined, as suspected diseased with tuberculosis,	2
Released from quarantine,	1
Condemned and ordered killed by cattle com- missioners,	1
Number of barns inspected,	91
Of several hundred calves slaughtered subject to inspection, one condemned and buried.	

M. H. WARREN,

Inspector.

List of Jurors.

List of Jurors for the ensuing year for the town of
Hampden, as prepared by the Selectmen, to be sub-
mitted to the town for acceptance:—

C. I. Burleigh,	C. N. Whitaker,
D. R. McCray,	John W. Twohig,
John W. Casey,	John Gordon,
W. S. Hunt,	Fred Kenworthy,
M. L. Day,	L. E. Laird,
Albert W. Cheesbro.	

Josiah Bumstead Fund.

This is a contribution of two thousand dollars given
to the town by Josiah Bumstead. Said sum to be held
by the town as a memorial of his regard for the town,
as being his place of birth, the home and burial place
of his ancestors and himself. The income of the fund
to be used: first perpetual care of his lot, the balance
for the care and beautifying of the cemetery known
as the Old Cemetery.

Library Trustees' Report.

The Public Library endears itself to the inhabitants of the town more and more, and now that it is established on a permanent basis we should all interest ourselves in it in some way,—by having the books read by our families and ourselves, and also recommend them to others that they may benefit thereby. The librarian reports as follows:—

Total circulation,	5,325
No. of persons who have drawn books,	302
Volumes in library,	1,279
Purchased,	60
Donations,	169

Donors of books: Miss E. P. Sohier and friends of library work, in Boston, donated forty new books which added materially to our list.

The City Library, of Springfield, donated a large number of useful books.

The "History of Longmeadow" was obtained by the librarian through exchange of "History of Wilbraham," donated by Miss W. A. Cady for the purpose.

Mrs. J. H. Button, Philadelphia; Secretary of Commonwealth, Boston; Mrs. Lyman Smith.

Donors of magazines: Century, Miss Eunice M. Beebe, Westfield; McClure's, Miss Ellen M. Beebe, Westfield; Our Dumb Animals, Mathias Casey; Harper's, Mrs. Wm. R. Sessions, Springfield; Youth's Companion, Mrs. Warner Chapin; Frank Leslie, Mrs. J. L. Weeks; Woman's Journal, Woman Suffrage Association, Boston.

All the donations are highly appreciated. We thank the donors one and all for their kindness in remembering and helping us.

We, perhaps, have not been as exacting in collecting delinquent fees as before, for we have found that those living at a distance have dreaded to have a fine imposed on them when the weather, traveling, sickness, or something might happen to prevent their returning the book just on the time set; while those who live near have an advantage, as they can easily return the books. If this fining acts as a bar to the more distant, who certainly need all the benefits of the library as much as those living near, it may be best to be more liberal, as common sense would dictate, especially when the individuals meet all other requirements in caring for and returning books in good order.

Aside from our schools, we have learned to look upon the Public Library as one of the greatest and best factors in the education of our people.

Summary:—

Appropriation for Library,	\$125.00	
Delinquent fees,	.22	
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Paid for books,	\$50.02	
Incidentals,	1.70	
Room rent to J. Q. Adams,	25.00	
Librarian, Mrs. J. Q. Adams,	30.00	
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Total expense of Library,		\$106.72
Expended less than appropriation,		18.50
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We recommend for Library,		\$125.00

JOHN N. ISHAM,
ESTELLA M. DAY,
MRS. C. C. CHAFFEE,
Library Trustees.