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WARRANT.

TO JOSIAH D. HINDS,

A Constable in the Town of Orrington, in the County of Penobscot,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Orrington, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said Town, on Monday, the tenth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- First.* To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Second.* To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- Third.* To hear the report of the Selectmen and act thereon.
- Fourth.* To hear the report of the Supervisor of Schools and act thereon.
- Fifth.* To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- Sixth.* To see if the Town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintainance and support of schools and the poor, and the repairs of roads and bridges, and to defray all other Town charges for the ensuing year.
- Seventh.* To determine what way the Town will adopt for the repairs of its highways the ensuing year, and to establish the price for labor thereon.
- Eighth.* To determine what way the Town will choose their Highway Surveyors and School Agents for the ensuing year.
- Ninth.* To see if the Town will tax dogs.
- Tenth.* To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen in regard to letting and care of Town House.
- Eleventh.* (By Petition) To see if the Town will raise or appropriate a sum of money to assist in providing a well or reservoir that water may be obtained in case of fire at South Orrington.
- Twelfth.* To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the School Committee or Supervisor to make such changes in the school books now used in the Town as they may deem expedient.
- Thirteenth.* To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the purchase of school text-books.
- Fourteenth.* To see if the Town will allow F. H. Smith and W. E. Higgins for building Town stable money enough to make them reasonable day wages for their work, in addition to what they have already received, which is seventy cents per day.

Fifteenth. To see if the Town will authorize the Committee to expend the balance of the money raised at the last annual meeting for the improvement of Dean Hill Cemetery.

Sixteenth. To hear the report of the Board of Health and act thereon.

Seventeenth. To see if the Town will raise a sum of money to build or repair the fence around the Goodale grave yard.

Eighteenth. (By request) To see if the Town will pay Arthur W. King for the loss of a horse on the road near the old Rollins place.

Nineteenth. To see if the Town will have one or more Free High Schools the present year, and raise money for that purpose.

Twentieth. To see if the Town will purchase a road machine and raise money for the same.

Twenty-first. (By request) To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell the old Meadow Brook Cemetery lot.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Orrington, this twenty-seventh day of Feb. A. D. 1890.

J. D. BAKER,	}	Selectmen of Orrington.
N. A. NICKERSON,		
A. M. HARRIMAN.		

ANNUAL REPORT

ALBERT G. DOLE, Treasurer,

In account with the Town of Orrington,

DR.

Feb. 26th, 1890.

To uncollected non-resident taxes.....	\$469 98	
" resident " 	444 91	
money in the treasury	683 42	
		\$1,598 31

AMOUNT RAISED BY THE TOWN MARCH 11th, 1889.

For the support of the poor.....	\$500 00	
defraying town charges.....	500 00	
repairs of roads and bridges.....	700 00	
To amt. for the support of a Free High School,	80 00	
building stable on Town House lot.....	400 00	
improving Dean Hill cemetery.....	200 00	
buy a gravel lot in No. 1.....	100 00	
overlaying in assessments.....	187 06	
highway deficiency for 1888.....	93 19	
tax on dogs.....	61 00	
		2,821 25
To cash from G. H. Higgins for G. W. Godfrey,	21 86	
E. A. Baker	2 10	
D. Sargent's Sons.....	350 00	
E. R. Road, for back tax.....	17 55	
J. D. Baker, gravel sold.....	90	
O. J. Kendall, use of road machine,	2 00	
N. A. Nickerson, use of Town Hall,	5 00	
N. A. Nickerson, glass sold.....	50	
A. M. Harriman from O. Hymes,		
(diseased).....	5 70	
R. Road and Telegraph tax.....	21 00	
		426 61
		\$4,846 17

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By paid for support of poor.....	\$759 56	
repair of roads and bridges.....	506 93	
miscellaneous expenses.....	1,500 82	
Town Officers.....	499 75	
		3,267 06
Uncollected non-resident tax.....	446 55	
Uncollected resident tax.....	912 25	
Money in the treasury.....	220 31	
		\$1,579 11

2,846 17

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

J. Wyman Phillips, Supervisor of Schools for 1888.....	\$ 78 50
A. M. Harriman, Supervisor of Schools for 1889,	75 00
J. D. Baker, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of Poor.....	93 25
N. A. Nickerson, same.....	61 50
A. M. Harriman, same.....	49 50
A. G. Dole, Treasurer.....	40 00
A. G. Kent, Collector.....	100 00
J. D. Hinds, Constable.....	2 00
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	\$499 75

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Tax refunded in Odd Fellow's Hall for 1888....	\$ 5 80
B. A. Burr for printing Town reports for 1888 and 1889.....	25 00
J. D. Baker for stamps and stationery 1888.....	2 46
Town Clerk for recording Birth, Deaths, 1888..	3 52
Kimball Means for edger for road machine and express on same.....	18 00
G. A. Lambert repairs on road machine.....	4 95
P. Kent & Son 27½ days for painting Town House.....	48 65
Rice & Miller, lead and oil.....	55 28
F. H. Smith and W. E. Higgins for building stable for the Town.....	400 00
Chester Baker, wood for Free High School.....	7 00
M. Trecarton for teaching High School.....	137 50
E. N. Fowler fitting and care of Town Hall for High School.....	15 56
H. G. Field for repairing long bridge.....	100 00
N. H. Bragg & Son for iron to rail long bridge.	20 62
H. G. Field for railing long bridge and cutting bushes.....	63 58
J. B. Bartlett, Com. repairs on Dean Hill Cemetery.....	175 00
S. L. Rogers, cutting grass and bushes in Oak Hill Cemetery.....	3 00
G. E. Powers, painting and lettering guide boards.....	5 00
J. D. Baker, expenses with team on Town business.....	10 20
Benj. Ryder, Jr., labor in cemeteries at S. Orrington.....	5 25
Wilber G. Freeman and others for labor on Town well.....	72 00
A. E. Freeman, labor on Town Well.....	26 25
W. G. Freeman, labor on Town House.....	20 19
Kimball Means, express bill and material furnished for Town House.....	12 08
A. M. Merriman, making guide boards and labor on Town House.....	6 00
Wilson & Woodard, counsel fees, 3 years.....	59 00
Geo. C. Rogers, abatement of tax.....	1 36
A. G. Kent, abatement of taxes for 1887-8-9....	28 14

Almon Rogers, logs, planks for bridges and culverts.....	\$ 28 44	
C. A. Severance, witness fees in Sargent case...	2 94	
R. H. Dickey, same.....	2 22	
Nicholas B. Currin, same.....	2 22	
Horace G. Field, same.....	2 22	
D. Bugbee & Co., books and stationery.....	6 02	
Selectmen to Augusta before the State Com....	16 50	
J. D. Baker for express, stamps and stationery, 1889.....	2 66	
E. W. Rogers, one-half ream paper.....	70	
A. M. Harriman, repairs on culvert No. 7, east,	2 00	
N. A. Nickerson, pump, glass rings, etc.....	8 35	
A. G. Dole, Treasurer of School Fund, 1889....	69 42	
A. G. Kent, Col. abatements for 1888-9.....	24 24	
P. A. Fowler for housing road machine.....	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$1500 82

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

District No. 1.

H. S. Nelson.....	\$ 6 47	
A. G. Dole, labor and gravel.....	39 61	
H. P. Marston, labor.....	15 00	
Phi Kent, ".....	2 35	
Henry Nelson, ".....	5 50	
R. R. Bayard, surveyor.....	21 65	
Walter A. Marston.....	6 05	
H. K. Roberson, labor and gravel.....	8 97	
N. P. Marston.....	1 35	
	<hr/>	\$106 95

District No. 2.

Fuller A. Dillingham, surveyor.....		
G. G. Hodgdon, labor.....	\$ 2 28	
	<hr/>	\$2 28

District No. 3.

G. G. Hodgdon, surveyor.....	\$27 33	
B. W. Bolton, labor.....	8 75	
J. D. Hodgdon, labor.....	4 48	
C. A. Gott, labor.....	5 22	
J. E. Witham, labor.....	5 77	
J. E. Smith, labor.....	1 71	
	<hr/>	\$53 66

District No. 4.

A. E. Freeman, surveyor.....	\$14 84	
J. D. Freeman, labor.....	6 44	
L. B. Blake, ".....	2 23	
	<hr/>	\$23 51

District No. 4, South.

Benjamin Ryder, Jr., surveyor.....	\$ 8 54	
Thomas Banton, labor.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$10 54

District No. 5.

Ezekiel Glass, surveyor.....	\$11 47	
E. H. Freeman, labor.....	4 01	
S. L. Rogers, ".....	5 00	
L. A. Chapin, ".....	1 50	
S. S. Harriman, ".....	54 00	
J. B. Ryder, ".....	3 46	
	<hr/>	\$79 44

District No. 6, West.

Chas. W. Atwood, surveyor.....	\$17 43	
L. M. Steele, labor.....	3 15	
Geo. W. Freeman, labor.....	3 15	
	<hr/>	\$23 73

District No. 6 East.

S. L. Rogers, surveyor.....	\$ 5 56	\$ 5 56
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District No. 7, West.

Wm. F. Eldridge, surveyor.....		
E. B. Lufkin, labor.....	\$ 4 00	\$4 00

District No. 7, East.

John Elms, surveyor.....	\$50 41	
E. B. Lufkin, labor.....	13 80	
A. M. Lufkin, ".....	2 03	
H. G. Field, labor.....	10 75	
	<hr/>	\$76 99

District No. 8, West.

Perry A. Fowler, surveyor.....	\$ 50	
Josiah Quimby, labor.....	3 48	
J. E. Bowden, ".....	3 75	
Herbert Rogers ".....	2 25	
A. Chapin, ".....	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$11 48

District No. 8, East.

L. Perkins, surveyor for 1888.....	\$ 6 58	
Charles H. Chapman, surveyor for 1889.....	4 81	
E. Hatch, labor.....	3 03	
J. E. Bowden, labor.....	3 83	
	<hr/>	\$18 25

District No. 9.

Joseph W. Bowden, surveyor.....	\$75 39	\$75 39
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District No. 10.

Herbert Thayer, surveyor.....	\$ 7 08	\$ 7 08
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Corner District.

W. G. Freeman, surveyor.....		
Geo. F. Pierce, labor.....	\$ 1 10	
A. L. Smith, ".....	1 69	
J. B. Bartlett, ".....	3 28	
G. G. Hodgdon ".....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 8 07

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Mrs. Conant, support of Mrs. L. Kenney.....	\$182 00	
Dr. G. B. Tibbetts, medical service for Mrs. L. Kenney.....	13 25	
Insane Hospital, for support of Mrs. David Godfrey.....	109 80	
Insane Hospital, for support of G. W. Gould...	134 79	
Dr. G. B. Tibbetts, medical attendance on G. W. Gould.....	5 00	
H. P. Marston, Sexton, for burying Mrs. D. Godfrey.....	4 00	
Widow D. Appleton, for support of Emeline Appleton.....	30 00	
Daniel Appleton, Jr., for support for three years in part, to E. Appleton.....	70 00	
E. W. Maddox, for support of C. A. Ayer, in full.....	37 50	
S. S. Harriman, board and care of Mrs. Hymes.	66 00	
A. M. Harriman, miscellaneous expenditures of Mrs. Hymes.....	5 50	
Dr. G. B. Tibbetts, medical attendance of Mrs. Hymes.....	8 00	
Benj. Ryder, Jr., for burying Mrs. Hymes.....	3 00	
Able Hunt, for casket for Mrs. Hymes.....	12 00	
Town of Hermon, care of J. A. Nickerson, sickness, death and funeral expenses.....	70 00	
R. J. Wheelden, supplies to Mrs. D. Freeman..	8 72	
		\$759 56

AMOUNT RAISED BY THE TOWN, MARCH 11th, 1889.

For schools.....	\$1300 00	
Support of poor.....	500 00	
Repair of roads and bridges.....	700 00	
Town charges.....	500 00	
Building Town stable.....	400 00	
Improving Dean Hill cemetery.....	200 00	
To buy gravel lot in Dist. No. 1.....	100 00	
For Free High School.....	80 00	
		\$3780 00
State tax for 1889.....	\$1120 71	
County tax for 1889.....	721 21	
		\$1841 92
Tax on dogs for 1889.....	61 00	
Overlaying in assessments.....	187 06	
		\$248 06
Total assessments for 1889.....		\$5869 98

VALUATION FOR 1889.

Real estate residents taxed.....	\$252,330 00	
Personal estate of residents taxed.....	67,450 00	
Real estate of non-residents taxed.....	28,710 00	
Total estates taxed.....		\$348,490 00
Number of polls, 355. Poll tax, \$3.00. Percentage, \$1.36 on \$100.00.		

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Uncollected non-resident taxes.....	\$446 55	
Uncollected resident taxes.....	912 25	
Money in the treasury.....	220 31	
Due the town from D. Godfrey's estate.....	844 01	
Due from the State for Free High School.....	68 75	
		\$2,491 87

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance due the districts Feb. 27th, 1889.....		\$356 87
Amount raised by the Town March 11th, 1889..	\$1,300 00	
Interest on Town School Fund.....	69 42	
State School Fund for 1889.....	708 16	
		2,077 58
Total amount.....		\$2434 45

APPORTIONMENT.

Number of District.	Number of Scholars.	Apportioned.	Due from 1888.	Paid.	Now Due.
1	44	\$212 60	\$ 14 76	\$ 175 94	\$ 51 42
2	41	200 65	16 19	96 67	120 07
3	32	183 80	23 04	191 15	15 69
4	83	385 95	33 99	403 10	16 84
5	23	152 95	53 65	152 25	54 35
6	20	146 13	118 25	258 90	5 48
7	53	246 45	16 49	216 00	46 94
8	17	127 05	9 56	83 00	53 61
9	22	152 30	2 55	152 05	2 80
10	8	37 20	27 60	25 55	39 25
Corner.	50	232 50	40 79	201 13	72 16
	393	\$2,077 58	\$356 87	\$1,955 84	\$478 61

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. BAKER

N. A. NICKERSON,

A. M. HARRIMAN,

 Selectmen
 of
 Orrington.

Orrington, Me., Feb. 28th, 1890.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term.—Miss Mabel B. Reed, Teacher. The best of order was maintained throughout the term, and fair progress was made in all the studies pursued, especially by the younger pupils. This certainly would have been a more pleasant term if the teacher had received the cordial support of all the parents.

Fall Term.—Miss Emma E. Stanley, Teacher. Miss Stanley at first received the good will of the school, and the scholars seemed to work with pleasure to gratify her wishes. The improvement was satisfactory.

Winter Term was taught by Mr. Harry A. Frink. Mr. Frink at first found it very difficult to maintain good order; but being an earnest worker he soon had the school under good subjection, and it prospered well for five weeks, when he was obliged to leave on account of sickness, from which he did not recover in season to complete the term; then it was considered expedient to reserve the funds until more of the scholars would be able to receive benefit therefrom.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Term.—Miss Jennie Robinson, Teacher. Miss Robinson with her mild manner of discipline kept up much better interest in this school than was anticipated at the beginning. The scholars present at the examination, showed that considerable progress had been made in their studies.

Winter Term.—Mr. Judson C. Long, Teacher. Mr. Long is an experienced and successful teacher, and fully acquitted himself as such during this term.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer and Winter Terms.—Miss Annie H. Chipman, Teacher. These terms were well attended and good results were exhibited by most of the classes, especially the beginners in Grammar and the History class, who made excellent advancement. The order was good.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer and Fall Terms, including the Grammar and Primary schools united, were under the instruction of Miss Grace E. Washburn, of Brewer. These terms passed pleasantly. All was accomplished that could be expected in such a crowded school and short terms. The examination showed thorough instruction and good improvement.

Winter Primary.—Miss Mittie C. Nickerson, Teacher. This school was very orderly, and her pupils seemed to manifest a lively interest in their studies. The closing examination was certainly a proof that good results had been obtained during the term.

Winter Grammar.—Mr. Chas. E. Rogers, Teacher. This was Mr. Rogers' second attempt in his home school, and he fully sustained all the requirements in teaching. A most excellent display of the term's work was exhibited at the close, which was very pleasing to the many visitors who had taken enough interest in school affairs to present themselves at the examination and learn the results of the term, which is a much better way than to rely upon the Supervisor's Report.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer Term.—Miss Emma E. Stanley, of Brewer. A teacher of little experience, Miss Stanley labored diligently to keep up an interest in this school, and succeeded in securing good results.

Fall Term.—Miss Mittie C. Nickerson, Teacher. This school was small and not very energetic appearing; but the teacher's commanding instructions seemed to have the right effect, for the closing exercises were very good, especially from some of the younger scholars.

Winter term.—Miss Etta M. Linnell, Teacher. On account of sickness, Miss Linnell closed her school one week before intending to, without any examination. The reports from the district indicate that it was a thoroughly good school.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer Term.—Miss Rose E. Bowden, Teacher. During this term, Miss Bowden fully sustained her usual success in teaching. All the scholars showed that careful and thorough instruction had been extended to them. In this school were found the two most advanced scholars that attended the summer schools.

Fall Term.—Miss Jennie Snow, of Orland, Teacher. The results of this term were good. All the branches received equal attention and the examination, being well attended, was satisfactory to the parents present and to the supervisor.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer and Fall Terms.—Miss Lena H. Smith, Teacher. These terms were attended with good success, and most of the scholars appeared interested in their studies. Classes in Reading and 2d Arithmetic made great improvement. The order was excellent.

Winter Term.—Miss Carrie Parker, Teacher. The school opened under very favorable circumstances, but her mild discipline seemed to relax the interest of the scholars. At the end of eight weeks the school closed with few scholars; and they certainly proved that good results can be obtained by persistent attendance. Had the teacher been honorably sustained in her modern manner of discipline, the school might have been wrought with success.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer Term.—Miss Etta M. Linnell, Teacher. This was Miss Linnell's first attempt at teaching. She succeeded well in her school and gave good satisfaction.

Winter Term.—Miss Grace M. Snow, Teacher. It is very seldom that so much interest is manifested in a school as they all manifested here during this term. The school was small; but nevertheless, the thoroughness and the advancement by all, also the discipline, was exceedingly commendable.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Summer and Winter Terms.—Miss Julia C. Smith, Teacher. During these terms, Miss Smith fully sustained her former reputation as a teacher. The schools were well disciplined, and thorough advancement was made in all the branches pursued therein. The Summer Term was the standard school in attendance, but four days absence for the term.

CORNER DISTRICT.

Summer and Winter Terms.—Miss Melvina Trecarton, Teacher. These terms, under such peculiar discipline, were well attended, the latter by several from other districts. Miss Trecarton as an educator, has few equals. Her time, regardless of school hours, was well devoted to her pupils; and most of the older ones set a high value on such advantages for acquiring knowledge and improved their time very judiciously, making excellent advancement, but the younger pupils not being adapted to such discipline, made very little advancement. The advance classes in Arithmetic and Analysis cannot be excelled in our Town schools.

Fall Term.—Miss Mabel B. Reed, Teacher. Great pains was taken with the little ones during this term and they all seemed to

appreciate it. The school appeared very orderly at all times, and the examination was creditable to teacher and pupils.

The High School was under the instruction of Miss Melvina Trecarton, a teacher of great experience and thorough qualifications. The discipline was somewhat mild, although it seemed to be no hinderance for making advancement. Her earnest and persistent labor was for the best interest of those under her care. The school was well attended, and the examination witnessed by many visitors, was highly commendable.

STATISTICS.

SUMMER SCHOOLS						WINTER SCHOOLS.					
No. of District.	Length of School in Weeks.	Number of Scholars Registered.	Average Number in Attendance.	Wages per Week.	Board per Week.	No. of District.	Length of School in Weeks.	Number of Scholars Registered.	Average Number in Attendance.	Wages per Week.	Board per Week.
1	9	22	18	5 00	2 00	1	5	27	20	5 00	3 00
2	10	22	14	4 00	2 50	2	9	20	15	9 00	2 50
3	8	14	13	4 00	2 25	3	12	15	13	5 50	2 75
4	6	43	39	8 00	2 00	4*	11	22	19	8 75	3 00
5	11	14	9	3 00	2 00	4†	10½	27	22	6 50	2 00
6	9	12	11	5 00	1 75	5	10	18	12	3 50	2 50
7	8	27	25	7 00	2 00	7	8	27	21	6 25	2 50
8	8	6	5	2 50	2 00	8	12	10	8	4 00	2 25
9	8	11	10	3 50	1 75	9	12	21	16	4 50	2 00
Corner.	8	26	23	4 50	3 00	Corner.	10	35	27	4 50	2 50

FALL SCHOOLS.

1	7	26	22	4 00	2 00	6	9	13	12	5 50	2 00
4	7	44	34	8 00	2 00	7	8	26	22	7 00	2 00
5	11	10	9	3 50	2 00	Corner.	8	25	19	5 00	2 00
						High.	11	34	30	9 50	3 00

*Grammar.

†Primary.

Number of scholars in town,	393
“ “ attending summer schools,	197
“ “ “ fall “	178
“ “ “ winter “	222
Average number attending summer	167
“ “ “ fall “	148
“ “ “ winter “	173

Average length of summer schools in weeks,	8.5
“ “ “ fall “ “ “	8.7
“ “ “ winter “ “ “	9.9
“ “ “ schools in weeks for the year,	9
“ wages of female teachers per week exclusive of board,	\$ 5.15
“ wages of male teachers per month, exclusive of board,	30.33
“ price of board per week,	2.27
Per cent. of average attendance in summer to number of scholars in town,	.426
Per cent. of average attendance in winter to number of scholars in town,	.44
Average per cent. of attendance for the year,	.433

The school work of the past year has been generally successful, but not entirely satisfactory. In only a few instances have our teachers failed to comply with all the requirements pertaining to their labor. The average attendance in our schools has been very much affected by sickness, especially during the winter terms.

In the twenty-seven schools of the year, there has been but one inexperienced teacher; fourteen of them have been under the instruction of home teachers, who deserve much credit for their success.

Our schoolrooms, with the exception of three, have been supplied with a complete school chart, which is very useful and instructive to teacher and pupils, although its usefulness for illustrative work was somewhat ignored.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. HARRIMAN, Supervisor.

Orrington, Feb. 28, 1890.





