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PLANTATION OFFICERS

CLERK

NETTIE TAGUE

TREASURER

LOUISE SAVAGE

ASSESSORS

E. L. HINDS

ALBION SAVAGE

JAMES BACHELDER

CONSTABLE AND COLLECTOR

OMER DYER

SCHOOL BOARD

LOUISE SAVAGE

ETHEL BACHELDER

EFFIE SCRIBNER

DISTRICT SUPT. OF SCHOOLS

R. L. SINCLAIR

ROAD COMMISSIONER

FRANK BOURQUE

BOARD OF HEALTH

T. W. BRIMIGION, M. D.

OMER DYER

E. L. HINDS

SURVEYORS OF WOOD,
LUMBER AND BARK

ELMER BLACKWELL

OMER DYER

PLANTATION WARRANT

STATE OF MAINE

FRANKLIN COUNTY, SS.

To Omer Ayer, a constable in the Plantation of Coplin, in
said County of Franklin: Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Plantation, qualified by law to vote in plantation affairs, to assemble at the Schoolhouse, in said Plantation, on the 5th day of March, 1933, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art.1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art.2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art.3. To see if the plantation will vote to accept the report of the municipal officers as printed.
- Art.4. To choose all necessary plantation officers for the ensuing year.
- Art.5. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to appropriate and raise for the support of Common Schools for the ensuing year.
- Art.6. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to appropriate and raise for High School tuition for the ensuing year.
- Art.7. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to appropriate and raise for text-books and school supplies for the ensuing year.
- Art.8. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to appropriate and raise for transporting scholars for the ensuing year.
- Art9. To see if the plantation will vote to appropriate and raise money, and how much, for the county health nurse.
- Art.10. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to appropriate and raise to pay plantation officers' bills for the ensuing year. Estimate \$475.00
- Art.11. to see what sum of money the plantation will vote to appropriate and raise for the maintenance of roads in summer for the ensuing year. Estimate \$125.00
- Art.12. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to appropriate and raise for the maintenance of roads in winter for the ensuing year. Estimate \$225.00
- Art.13. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to appropriate and raise for the maintenance of fifty-fifty highway for the ensuing year. Estimate \$90.00

Art.14. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to appropriate and raise to cut the bushes on State Aid Road, 3rd Class Road and Town Roads for the ensuing year. Estimate \$50.00

Art.15. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to appropriate and raise for the maintenance of State Aid Highway Patrol for the ensuing year. Estimate \$190.00

Art.16. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to appropriate and raise for the maintenance of Improved Sections of 3rd Class Highway. Estimate \$35.00

Art.17. To see what sum of money, if any, the plantation would recommend to take from the joint State aid account for the purpose of applying bituminous surface treatment to State aid roads built within the past five years, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 271, P. L. 1931.

Art.18. To see if the plantation will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the plantation to State aid, as provided in Section 20 of Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of 1930.

Art.19. To see what sum the plantation will appropriate and raise for the improvement of the section of State aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of the ways, highways and bridges, under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 28, of the Revised Statutes of 1930, or under the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of 1930. Estimate \$600.00.

Art.20. To see what sum of money the plantation will vote to appropriate and raise for the abatement of taxes for the ensuing year.

Art.21. To transact any other business that may come before said meeting.

The Assessors give notice that they will be in session, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the Schoolhouse at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Coplin this 22nd day of February, 1933.

E. L. Hinds

A. L. Savage

James Bachelder

Assessors of Coplin Plantation

ASSESSORS' REPORT

In this annual report we are submitting to you the same figures that were submitted to the State Assessors for the year ending February 1, 1933.

Number of polls taxed	25
Number of polls not taxed	0
Amount assessed on each poll	\$3.00
Rate of taxation	0.89

Valuation, 1932

Real estate, resident	\$12365.00	
Real estate, non-resident	48418.00	
Total real estate		\$60783.00

Personal estate, resident	\$2890.00	
Personal estate, non-resident	1170.00	
Total personal estate		\$4060.00

Grand total amount \$64843.00

Total value of land	\$53083.00
Total value of buildings	7700.00

Taxable Livestock and Poultry

	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Horses	34	\$32.50	\$1105.00
Cows	51	20.00	1020.00
3 Years old	15	15.00	225.00
2 Years old	28	10.00	280.00
Total amount			\$2630.00

Exempt Livestock and Poultry

	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
1 Year old	61	\$7.68	\$469.00
Sheep	83	2.00	166.00
Swine	24	6.04	145.00
Poultry	188	1.00	188.00
Total amount			\$962.00

Other Personal Property

	No.	Value	Total Value
Cedar poles	1000	"	\$300.00
Tractor	1	"	200.00
Radios	8	"	80.00
Gas tanks	5	"	350.00
Amount Taxable Livestock brought forward			2630.00
Total Amount			\$4060.00

Assessments for 1932

Common Schools	\$50.00
High School tuition	350.00
County Health nurse	15.00
Plantation Officers' bills	400.00
Summer roads	75.00
Cutting bushes	75.00
Roads in winter	200.00
Fifty-fifty highway	50.00
Highway patrol	225.00
State Aid road	600.00
Third class road	100.00
Abatement of taxes	135.00
Miscellaneous expenses	1500.00
State tax	1157.10
County tax	530.98
District tax	242.99
Overlay	130.98

Plantation Officers' Bills

E. L. Hinds, 1st assessor	\$100.00	
A. L. Savage, 2nd assessor	25.00	
James Bachelder, 3rd assessor	20.00	
Nettie Tague, clerk	40.00	
Louise Savage, treasurer	52.00	
Omer Dyer, constable and collector	75.00	
R. L. Sinclair, Dist. supt. of schools	92.28	
Louise Savage, school committee	20.00	
Ethel Bachelder, school committee	20.00	
Effie Scribner, school committee	20.00	
T. W. Brimigion, health officer	5.00	
Total	<u>469.28</u>	\$469.28
Unexpended balance, 1931	\$63.10	
Raised by plantation	400.00	
Total	<u>463.10</u>	\$463.10
Overexpended		<u>\$6.18</u>

County Health Nurse

Raised by plantation	\$15.00
Expended by plantation	<u>15.00</u>

Plantation Roads in Summer

Raised by plantation	\$75.00	
Expended by plantation	<u>122.04</u>	
Overexpended, 1932		\$47.04
Overexpended, 1931		10.50
Total overexpended		<u>\$57.54</u>

Cutting bushes

Raised by plantation	\$75.00	
Expended by plantation	<u>47.56</u>	
Balance unexpended, 1932		\$27.44
Overexpended in 1931	\$31.50	
Balance unexpended, 1932	27.44	
Total overexpended	<u>\$4.06</u>	

Roads in Winter

Raised by plantation	\$200.00	
Rec'd from State	244.67	
Total	<u>\$444.67</u>	
Expended by plantation	448.75	
Total overexpended	<u>\$4.08</u>	

State Highway Patrol

Raised by plantation	\$225.00	
Unexpended in 1931	28.00	
Total	<u>253.00</u>	\$253.00
Expended by State		222.00
Unexpended balance		<u>\$31.00</u>

Fifty-Fifty Highway

Raised by plantation	\$50.00	
Rec'd from State	<u>50.00</u>	
Total		\$100.00
Expended by plantation		122.43
Overexpended		<u>\$22.43</u>
Overexpended, 1932	\$22.43	
Overexpended, 1931	18.00	
Total overexpended	<u>\$40.43</u>	

Snow Fence

Balance unexpended, 1931	\$116.25	
Expended by plantation for fence posts	<u>39.79</u>	
Balance unexpended		\$76.46

Miscellaneous Accounts

Hauling flour from Oquossoc	\$1.00	
Town line signs	6.25	
Sealer of weights and measures	5.00	
Printing town reports, 1931	36.16	
Two trips to Augusta	<u>25.00</u>	
Total		\$73.41

Abatement of Taxes

Raised by plantation	\$135.00	
Discount on taxes paid July 1	<u>67.28</u>	

Reconstruction of State Aid Road for 1932

Funds available-----\$2603.47

Paid Forest Savage	\$157.44	
Frank Bourque	117.30	
Kirke Paine	131.52	
Frank Chase	154.56	
Elmer Blackwell	55.60	
Omer Dyer	174.72	
Odell Dyer	7.20	
Vinton Dyer	134.40	
Sherwood Wyman	141.28	
Earl Bachelder	45.02	
James Bachelder	219.44	
Donald Savage	53.16	
Claude Tompson	63.36	
A. L. Savage	273.72	
H. L. Tague	128.41	
Wallace Scribner	124.32	
E. L. Hinds	241.50	
	<hr/>	\$2217.32
Paid A. L. Savage, gravel	\$311.20	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	39.41	
A. L. Savage, Dun.caps & fuse	6.27	
State for road machine	2.50	
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		\$2576.70

James Bachelder

State Aid Road Account
Resources

Raised by plantation	\$525.00	
Rec'd from state	2067.19	
Unex. balance, 1931	11.28	
	<hr/>	\$2603.47
	Total	
	Expenditures	
Paid labor	\$2217.32	
gravel	311.20	
fuse and caps	6.21	
culvert	39.41	
state for road machine	2.50	
	<hr/>	\$2576.70
	total	
	Unexpended balance	<hr/>
		\$26.77

Third Class Highway

Received from State	\$121.25
Expended by plantation	208.37
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Over expended	\$87.12
Unex. Maintenance Fund	26.00
Over expended	<hr/>
	\$61.12

Treasurer's Report

Summary for 1932

Cash on hand	\$140.75	
Assessors' note	500.00	
Rec'd from Frank Bourque for roofing	2.27	
" " dog licenses	14.00	
" " State Treasurer, 50-50 road	50.00	
" " " " , 3rd class road	121.25	
" " " " , state aid road	2296.37	
" " " " , state school fund	473.89	
" " " " , int. on Res land 1931	925.90	
" " " " , " " " " 1932	925.90	
1931 tax	691.75	
1932 taxes from collector	5189.66	
Total receipts		\$11,331.74

Expenditures

Paid assessors' note	\$500.00	
" interest on above note	6.25	
" State Treas. patrol maintenance	222.00	
" " " , rental grader #17	2.50	
" " " , dog licenses	14.00	
" " " , state tax	1157.11	
" " " , district tax	242.99	
" County tax	539.98	
" Plantation orders	6271.17	
Cash on hand	2375.75	
Total		\$11,331.74

Louise Savage, Treas

Tax Collector's Report, 1932

Total amount on tax book	\$5846.05	
Discount	67.28	
Due the plantation		\$5778.77
Paid to treasurer	\$5130.72	
Uncollected taxes	648.05	
Total		\$5778.77
Paid in excise taxes	\$37.74	

Omer Dyer, Collector

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Superintending School Committee

Louise Savage	Term expires March, 1933
Effie Scribner	Term expires March, 1934
Ethel Bachelder	Term expires March, 1935
Officers of the S. S. Committee	
Louise Savage	Chairman
R. L. Sinclair	Secretary

To the Members of the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the Plantation of Coplin:

I hereby submit, as required by law, the annual report of your school for the municipal year ending January 31, 1933.

Our school has had a very profitable year and marked advancement in their subjects has been evident in all our pupils. The first impression on entering the school is the quiet orderly way in which the pupils are attending to their work. Then as one listens to the recitations one can see that the pupils are not only reciting from the text but are using their own ideas of applying the text to the various problems of life as they have observed them. In other words we are developing thinkers, a class of people that are needed at this stage of the world's development.

During the school year 1931-32 the average attendance was 8.7 from an enrollment of 9 pupils. I think this is a high water mark in attendance for Coplin and I am glad to state that the average attendance for the present school year to date is even higher than that of last year. I doubt if this attendance record is bettered by any school in the state.

During the present session of the Legislature, a move was initiated to cut the interest on Reserve Lands for plantations. Under this act there was no guarantee that the plantation would receive any interest whatever. Our only hope was to kill it in the committee hearing and twelve men from this section attended this hearing and opposed the bill. Those from Coplin were E. L. Hinds, A. L. Savage, H. L. Tague and Elmer Blackwell. I wish to express my thanks to these men for their aid and I am glad to report that the bill failed to be recommended for passage. It meant a loss of from three to nine hundred dollars to Coplin alone. Our State money will be cut 20% during the coming year and that means somewhat larger appropriations by the plantation.

We have already reduced the cost of the school somewhat and we can make other small reductions. Our high school tuition should be less next year also.

With all these things in mind I beg leave to submit the following recommendations.

Common Schools	\$100.00
High School Tuition	400.00
Conveyance	150.00
Text Books and Supplies	50.00
Total	\$700.00

At this time I wish to express my deep appreciation of the uniform courtesy and consideration I have received from the school officials, plantation officials and citizens in serving you in my present capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. Sinclair

Financial Statement
Coplin Plantation
Fiscal Year Ending Jan. 31, 1933

State School Fund Account
Resources

Unexpended balance, 1932	\$464.43	
Appropriation, Com. Schools	50.00	
" , High School Tuition	350.00	
State School Fund	473.89	
Interest on Reserve Land	<u>925.90</u>	\$2264.22

Expenditures

Teacher's salary	\$827.00	
Fuel	40.00	
Janitor service	42.00	
Conveyance	690.00	
H. S. Tuition	537.76	
Text Books and Supplies	<u>54.64</u>	\$2191.40
Unexpended balance		<u>\$72.82</u>

Repairs Account
Resources

Unexpended balance, 1932	\$32.88
No orders drawn	
Unexpended balance	\$32.88

Report of Teacher

Coplin, Maine
Feb. 24, 1933

To the Superintendent, School Committee and Citizens:
I submit the following report of the Coplin School for the twenty-two weeks the school has been maintained, beginning September 6, 1932 and ending February 24, 1933.

Names of pupils by Grades

Grade VIII	Verne E. Scribner
Grade VII	Harry Dyer, Phyllis Bachelder
Grade VI	Junior Scribner, F. Parker Savage
Grade V	Harry S. Farrow, Norma B. Savage
Grade IV	Joe Farrow, Eldora Bachelder
Grade II	Sheridan Scribner

The average attendance for this period is 9.89. Those who have been present every day for the past twenty-two weeks are the following: Eldora Bachelder, Harry Farrow, Joe Farrow and Sheridan Scribner. Parker Savage has only missed a half day; Junior Scribner, one day; Verne Scribner, one and one half days; Norma Savage, two days; Phyllis Bachelder, two days; and Harry Dyer, five days. There have been only two instances of tardiness.

Harry and Joe Farrow are tuition pupils from Lang plantation.

I found the school in excellent condition due to the splendid instruction of its previous teacher, Miss Georgie Wilbur.

We have completed the required amount of work in all branches for the twenty-two weeks. In some cases we have completed more than the required amount which gives time for thorough and extensive review work. We are now using the Strayer-Upton Arithmetics from the fourth grade up, which makes the work uniform.

Mr. Sinclair has made his customary visits on the average of about one a week. The pupils are industrious and I do not have to urge them to work or to take their subjects home. They do so habitually.

The evening of November third we put on a patriotic program in commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington followed by a box social. We cleared seventeen dollars. The ladies of the community furnished and served coffee and cocoa to go with the boxes. I wish to express my appreciation to the ladies for their cooperation on this occasion.

With the money obtained from the social, we paid for a croquet set, which was purchased in the fall, bought two packs of flinch cards for amusement on days we spent entirely indoors, and purchased "Current Events" for the school. We also paid two dollars for health seals.

We are issuing a monthly magazine which the pupils have named "The Coplin School Happy Tales". The best compositions written during the month and the school news are published.

We have organized "The Sunshine League". Meetings are held every two weeks and the programs are conducted by the pupils.

Mrs. Ruby Savage has been the only parent to observe our regular school work. We wish that more of the parents and friends would visit us.

It has been a pleasure to be the teacher of Coplin School where it is so easy for parents and the teacher to cooperate for the welfare of the children.

Helen H. Sinclair

Report of Health Nurse

To the Citizens of Coplin Plantation:

I hereby submit my fifth report as public Health Nurse for the fiscal year ending February 1, 1935.

In the Spring, the students were reweighed and nine Seven Point Pins and Certificates awarded to all the students, only a few schools being 100% correction.

In October, the Annual Routine Health Examination was given to 10 students, 2 were found with physical defects, 7 had corrections.

As usual the schools were asked to participate in the Health Parade held in Stratton.

The Nurse and the North Franklin County Public Health Committee again extend thanks to the teachers and others who have helped and co-operated with them in the Health work.

Respectfully submitted,
Ada H. Stafford, R.N.
No. Franklin County Nursing Service
Affiliated with the
Maine Public Health Association