

Record Book of Trustees of Meredith Public Library.

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Meredith N.H. July 23rd 1889.

Meeting of Trustees of Town Library at C.A. Clarke's office.

B.R. Dearborn chosen Chairman.

C.A. Clarke chosen Sec & Treasurer.

Voted that Chairman & Sec. arrange for cataloguing books in Library.

Voted to instruct Chair. & Sec. to contract for care of library for coming year.

Full board present at meeting.

Adjourned to call call of Pres.

C.A. Clark Secretary.

Meredith, N.H. October 8th 1889.

Meeting of Trustees of Town Library at the library rooms.

Voted to have the Treasurer draw the money appropriated by the Town and pay bill of Damrell & Upton also for taking care and rent of Public Library one year.

Voted to adjourn to Oct. 29th.

B.R. Dearborn Chairman, F. W. Smith. [?].

C.A. Clark. Sec.

Meredith, N.H., March 21st, 1890.

Meeting of Trustees of Town Library at C.A. Clark's office.

Voted on motion of Frank W. Smith that we have some catalogues for the Meredith Town Library and received bids for printing same from [R.Y. Press?]. Also, Ira C. Evans, Concord. Laconia Democrat Laconia G.F. Sanborn & C.A. Clark & Co. Meredith.

Above motion carried.

Present F. W. Smith, H.L. Brown, B.R. Dearborn, Chairman.

Voted to adjourn.

C.A. Clark Sec.

Meredith N.H. Oct 28th 1890.

Trustees met at C.A. Clark's office. Alvin Peavey, Chairman. Fred H Smith, B.R. Dearborn present. Examined bids from R.P.A., Ira C. Evans, Laconia Democrats, G.H. Sanborn & C.A. Clark.

Voted adjourn.

C.A. Clark, Sec.

Meredith NH. Nov. 1st 1890.

Trustees meet at C.A. Clark's office. Full board present.

Voted to pay Virginia B. Ladd's bill of \$50.00 dated from Aug 18th 1889 to Feb. 18th, 1890.

Voted have the Treasurer draw the full amount of the Town's appropriations that is due this year.

Voted to adjourn until Saturday, Nov 8th 1890.

C.A. Clark Sec.

Meredith N.H. Nov. 8th 1890.

Meeting of Trustees of Town Library at Public Library rooms.

B.R. Dearborn present

Alvin Peavey Chairman.

Adjourned.

C.A. Clark, Sec.

Meredith, N.H. Dec. 20, 1890

Trustees of Meredith Public Library met at C.A. Clark's office at 7 o'clock.

Voted to give the Printing of the Library Catalogues to C.A. Clark & Co. with satisfactory specifications to be submitted to the board.

Motion carried.

Alvin Peavey Chairman, H.L. Brown, Fred H. Smith, B.R. Dearborn.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the Sec.

C.A. Clark, Sec.

Meredith N.H. March 10, 1891.

Special Meeting of Trustees of Town Library.

Met at C.A. Clark's office.

Voted to rescind the vote of giving C.A. Clark & Co the printing of the Library Catalogues of Town Library.

Alvin Peavey Chairman, H.L. Brown. Fred H. Smith, present.

Voted to adjourn.

C.A. Clark, Sec.

Meredith N.H. Mar. 14, 1891

Trustees met at C.A. Clark's office.

Fred H. Smith was elected Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. Moved that we invite the citizens of Meredith to bring in a list of books to be added to the Public Library.

Motion made to appoint two as a committee to draft a set of By Laws to be adopted by the Board.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock Friday Eve. Mar. 20 1891.

C.A. Clark
Secretary

Meredith March 20, 1891

Trustees met at C.A. Clark's office. Committee on By laws reported. Report of Committee accepted. Voted that the lists of books be brought in on or before Apr. 15, 1891.

Adjourned

C.A. Clark
Secretary

Meredith N.H. April 15, 1891.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library was held at the Library rooms. The Board organized by the election of the following officers.

President Alvin Peavey
Secretary Sarah M. Noyes
Treasurer Fred Smith

The following resolution was then passed, and the Treasurer was instructed to present the same to Clarence A. Clark, the former Treasurer.

We, the Trustees of Meredith Public Library request Clarence A. Clark to give to Fred H. Smith the present Treasurer of the Board, as the funds now available for use by the said Board, the sum of one hundred eighty five and 39/100 dollars.

It was also voted that the Treasurer should be required to furnish bonds in the sum of five hundred dollars. A few lists of books were brought in, and left with the Secretary.

Adjourned to Saturday evening April 18th at the Library rooms.

Sarah M. Noyes Secretary

Meredith N.H. May 1st 1891

A meeting of the Trustees of the Town Library at the Library rooms. [?] Peavey, Smith, Dearborn, and Miss Noyes present. The Treasurer reported funds paid over to him by the ex-treasurer amounting to one hundred sixty and 39/100 dollars. The Board then proceeded to the examination of lists of desirable books handed in. A list of books to complete broken sets by Miss [E.?] B. Ladd was accepted. Also works of E.P. Roe, Miss Alcott and Mrs. Whitney as given on list. Adjournment.

Sarah M. Noyes Sec.

Meredith N.H. June 23, 1891

A meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library was held at the Library rooms. A vote was passed to get 500 new cards printed. And the rules were amended as follows - Time for which books may be kept out extended to three weeks, for all living out of the precinct. -

The hours for opening the library in the afternoons of Wednesday and Saturday were changed from 1 to 4, to 2 to 4 o'clock. The Secretary was authorized to draw the money voted the library by the town for the present year.

Adjourned for one week.

Sarah M. Noyes Sec.

Members present were

Alvin Peavey
Fred Smith
B.R. Dearborn
S.M. Noyes

Meredith N.H. June 30, 1891.

A meeting of the Trustees of Public Library at the Library rooms.

It was voted that the Secretary be authorized to purchase books for the library as per list-, to the amount of 230 dollars. Adjourned.

Sarah M. Noyes Sec.

Members present were-

Alvin Peavey, Fred Smith, S.M. Noyes.

July 29, 1891

Meeting of the Trustees of Public Library at the Library rooms. The new books were examined and compared with the bill. Adjourned to Sat. Aug 1st.

S.M. Noyes

Members present

Alvin Peavey

Fred Smith

B.R. Dearborn

S.M. Noyes

Meredith N.H. Aug. 1 1891.

A meeting of the Trustees of Public Library at the Library rooms. The full board was present. The question of new Catalogues was discussed. It was decided to order 500 copies, to obtain figures however on 500 to 700 copies. A committee consisting of B.R. Dearborn and the Secretary was elected, to make out specifications to be submitted to the printers in town, for catalogue: sealed proposals to be submitted to the Board.

Adjourned to Wednesday evening Aug 5th.

Sarah M. Noyes, Sec.

Meredith N.H. Aug. 5, 1891

A meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library was held at the Library rooms. Proposals for printing catalogues were received from Geo. F. Sanborn, and Clarence A. Clark: the former at \$1.22 per page, the latter at \$.74 ½ per page. 500 Catalogues to be printed from copy furnished by the Trustees, on 60# book paper, the covers of heavy cover paper. The size of pages 6 x 9 inches or more, not less than 40 lines to the page in full, blank leaves to be bound in book between letters specified. In making count of pages only that part actually printed to be reckoned. The margin at top of page to be 7/8 in. or more, the margin at bottom to be ¾ inches or more. The work to be of high quality. The proofs to be corrected by Trustees without delay. The proposal of Clarence A. Clark was accepted by the Trustees.

Bills for freight on books \$1.08, Stanleys "In blackest Africa" 2.[8?] Vols at 6.50, and cards at \$2.50 were approved, and Treasurer authorized to pay them.

Adjourned.

S.M. Noyes Sec.

Mr. Peavey - Mr. Dearborn

Mr. Smith and Miss Noyes present.

Meredith N.H. Sept. 11, 1891

Meeting of Trustees at the Library rooms. It was voted to purchase two sets of number labels for books, from 1 to 4000; also one rubber stamp. Adjournment.

S.M. Noyes Sec.

Meredith N.H. Oct. 28, 1891.

Meeting of the Trustees, at the Library rooms. The catalogue was reported as so near completion that the first pages were placed in the printer's hands Oct. 21st, the rest to be ready for him as he required it. It was decided to have such books repaired as needed it. After a discussion of other changes required before the opening of the library, the meeting adjourned.

S.M. Noyes, Sec.

Members present-

Alvin Peavey, Pres.

Fred Smith Treas.

B.R. Dearborn

S.M. Noyes, Sec.

Meredith N.H. Jan. 5, 1892.

A meeting of the Trustees was held at Dan [?]' residence. On account of the destruction of a part of the card catalogue in the fire at C.A. Clark's printing office, it was decided to open the Library Jan. 9, without the catalogues, the new books only to be let out from a list.

S.M. Noyes, Sec.

Four members present.

Meredith N.H. Jan. 30, 1892.

Meeting of the Trustees at the Library rooms. It was voted to engage Miss Lizzie Lang to make a copy of the catalogues to send to the printer. Mr. Clark having communicated his readiness to carry out his contract with the Trustees to print the catalogue, with satisfaction guaranteed etc., it was decided to retain him as printer. Bills for lamp, and repairs on books were accepted, and the meeting was adjourned.

S.M. Noyes, Sec.

Four members present.

Meredith N.H. Feb. 26th 1892

Meeting of the Trustees at D. [Norris'?] residence. The Annual report of the Treasurer was read and accepted. Adjournment.

S.M. Noyes Sec.

Members present – [mrz?]

Alvin Peavey

Fred Smith

B.R. Dearborn

S.M. Noyes

Meredith N.H. May 4th 1892.

A meeting of the Trustees of Meredith Public Library was held at the Library rooms. The Board organized by electing as President, - Allen Peavey, Secretary, Sarah M. Noyes, Treasurer, Fred Smith. A motion was made by Mr. Dearborn that persons living out of town whose post-office address is Meredith should have the privileges of the Library by paying at the rate of \$1.50 per year. The motion was laid on the table until the next meeting. It was decided to purchase the Scientific American with Supplements for 1891, at an early date, that they might be catalogued with the others in the library. Adjourned to Saturday May 7, at 7.30 P.M.

Members present-

Alvin Peavey

B.R. Dearborn

Lillian Wadleigh

Sarah M. Noyes

Meredith N.H. July 22nd 1892.

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Library rooms. The full board were present. The catalogues having been received from the printer, it was decided to sell them to patrons of the Library for fifteen cents each, and that those who had assisted in their preparation should be presented with a copy. Also that one should be sent to the Editor of the Meredith-News, with a notice for the paper, that the catalogues were ready for distribution.

It was voted to allow residents of adjoining towns whose post-office address is Meredith, the privileges of the Library, on payment of \$1.50 per annum.

S.M. Noyes. Sec.

Alvin Peavey - Pres.

Fred Smith, Treas.

B.R. Dearborn

Lillian Wadleigh

Meredith N.H. Aug. 17th 1892.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library was held at the Library rooms. It was voted to authorize the Treasurer to pay the bill of Weeks Brothers by Clarence A. Clark, for printing 500 Catalogues. The resignation of Miss V. B. Ladd as Librarian was received, and laid on the table till the next meeting.

Adjourned to Saturday evening, Aug. 20.

S.M. Noyes Sec.

Meredith N.H. Aug. 20th 1892.

Adjourned meeting of the Trustees was held at the Library rooms. The resignation of Miss Ladd was accepted. Brad. R. Dearborn and Mrs. T. L. Wadleigh were appointed a committee to confer with Miss Ladd about rent of rooms to [etc.?] Adjourned for one week.

S.M. Noyes Sec.

Full board present.

Meredith N.H. Aug. 27th 1892.

Meeting of the Trustees at Library rooms. Miss Setter [A. M.?] Blount was appointed Librarian.

Adjourned.

S.M. Noyes, Sec.

Meredith N.H. Oct. 6th 1892.

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Library rooms. The board authorized the payment of Miss Lizzie Lang's bill for copying manuscript for catalogues: also the payment of rent and librarian for six months, to Aug 19th, 1892.

S.M. Noyes, Sec.

Meredith N.H. Feb. 18, 1893.

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Library rooms. After an informal talk, adjourned to Wednesday Feb. 22nd.

Lilian Wadleigh Sec. pro. tem.

Meredith N.H. Feb. 25, 1893.

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Library rooms. The Treasurer was authorized to pay the Librarian for six months, ending Feb. 18; also bill for Scientific Americans. The purchase of books to the value of \$75, was voted, the Librarian, with assistance of Trustees to prepare a list, which should be ordered by the Secretary. Mr. Dearborn was appointed a committee to see an insurance agent with reference to Insurance of books in library. Adjournment to Wednesday Mar. 1st.

S.M. Noyes Sec.

Meredith Mar.1, '93

Adjourned meeting of the Trustees at the Library rooms. Mr. Dearborn reported having obtained rates for insurance as 1 ¼%: voted that Mr. Dearborn obtain insurance of \$800 on books and furniture of library. After signing report of Library for the year, to be sent in to Selectmen, the meeting was adjourned.

S.M. Noyes Sec.

1893. Sept. 2.

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Library Rooms. The Board re-organized by the re-election of the old officers: viz [viz means namely] - Alvin Peavey Pres., S.M. Noyes Sec., Fred Smith Treas. It was voted to authorize the Secretary to draw the amount appropriated for the town for running expenses of current year. The Treasurer was authorized to pay bills due, as follows: semi-annual Salary of Librarian. Scientific Americans for six months. Jan. to July 1893. Adjourned sine die. [sine die means without assigning a day for further meeting.]

S.M. Noyes Sec.

Members present.

Alvin Peavey
F. H. Smith
B.R. Dearborn
Lillian Wadleigh
S.M. Noyes.

1894. Jan. 6

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the Library Rooms. The Treasurer reported a balance in his hands sufficient to allow fifty-dollars for replacing old books and purchase of new ones. It was voted that Miss Noyes and Mrs. Wadleigh be a committee to prepare a list of books and order them as soon as convenient.

Adjourned.

S.M. Noyes Sec.

Members present-
Alvin Peavey
F.H. Smith
Lillian Wadleigh
S.M. Noyes

Feb. 22nd

A meeting of the Trustees was held at Mrs. T.L. Wadleigh's. An order was signed authorizing the Treasurer to pay Damrill & Upharris [?] bill for books. Adjourned.

S.M. Noyes Sec.

1894. July 4th

A meeting of the Trustees was held with Miss Noyes; The Board reorganized by the re-election of the old board of officers. The Secretary was authorized to draw the money appropriated by the town, for 1894. The Treasurer was authorized to pay bills for bookcase and express.

Adjourned.

S.M. Noyes Sec.

Members present.

Alvin Peavey - B.R. Dearborn
Mrs. T.L. Wadleigh - Sarah M. Noyes.

1894 November 10.

The Trustees of the Meredith Public Library met at the Library rooms. The meeting was called to order by the President. The Secretary, Miss Noyes gave in her resignation, on account of expected absence, and Mrs. T.L. Wadleigh was chosen as secretary for the remainder of the year. The Treasurer was authorized to pay bills for new record-book, for four vols, Scientific Americans, (including supplements), and to Munn & Co. for re-binding books. Adjourned.

S.M. Noyes Sec.

Members present were Alvin Peavey, B.R. Dearborn, S.M. Noyes.

Jan. 9. 1895.

The Trustees of the Meredith Public Library met with Mrs. T.L. Wadleigh.

New books for the library were discussed, lists looked over and amount of available funds ascertained.

Owing to the purchase of the Encyclopedia Britannica, for which \$25.00 had been paid (the remaining \$25.00) to be paid after next March meeting) not as many new books can be bought as had been expected.

Mrs. Wadleigh was authorized to send for new books as soon as possible. Adjourned.

Lillian Wadleigh.

Sec. Pro Tem.

Members present.

Alvin Peavey
B.R. Dearborn
F.H. Smith
Lillian Wadleigh.

1895. Jan. 26

A meeting of the trustees was held with Mrs. Wadleigh. The question of a new librarian was discussed, as Miss Blount is to be absent until July. Mrs. Wadleigh was authorized to act as librarian, or get some one to fill the place until Miss B.'s return. Mrs. W. was also authorized to pay Miss Blount for her services as librarian from Aug. 18 '94 to Jan. 26, '95.

Mr. Dearborn was authorized to attend to the printing of new cards.

Adjourned.

Lillian Wadleigh
Sec.

Members present.

Alvin Peavey. Pres.

B.R. Dearborn.

Lillian Wadleigh.

Note: Mrs. Georgia M. Blaisdell became Librarian the first of Feb. 1895.

Meredith, N.H. March 20- '95

Trustees met with Mrs. Wadleigh. Decided to charge ten cents for catalogues instead of fifteen cents and have notice printed to that effect. Also voted to enforce the vote passed July 22 '92.

Members present.

Mr. Peavey. Mr. Dearborn. Mrs. Wadleigh.

Aug. 7 - '95

Meeting of Trustees with Mrs. Wadleigh. Mr. Peavey, Miss Noyes, Mr. Dearborn and Mrs. Wadleigh present.

Discussed propriety of charging summer boarders a small fee for use of library.

Apr. 24 - '96

A Trustees meeting was held with Mrs. Wadleigh. The oath of office was administered by the Selectmen. The same officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Miss Noyes + Mrs. Wadleigh were appointed a committee to see that the vote of July 22- '92 be actually enforced and that notices be printed to that effect and hung in the library.

Members present

Mr. Peavey Pres.

Mr. Smith Treas.

Miss Noyes.

Mrs. Wadleigh

Dec. 1 - 1896.

An informal meeting of the Trustees of the Meredith Public Library was held with Mrs. Wadleigh.

Miss Noyes and Mrs. Wadleigh were instructed to order the new books as early in January as possible. It was thought best to issue a supplement to the catalogue at an early date.

All of the members were present.

Lillian Wadleigh - Sec.

March 1 - 1897.

Mr. Peavey, Pres., Mr. Smith, Treasurer, and Mrs. Wadleigh, Sec., met and completed a financial report of the affairs of the library. The same to be printed in the annual town report. No other business was transacted.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

May 28 - 1897.

A meeting of the Trustees was held with Mrs. Wadleigh.

The same officers were re-elected. The secretary was authorized to draw from the town clerk the money in his keeping, due to the library from the Chase Wiggin will. Every Trustee was present.

Lillian Wadleigh
Sec.

July 10 - 1897.

The Trustees met with Mrs. Wadleigh. The matter of changing the Library to other rooms was discussed, also the advisability of remaining in present quarters after extensive repairs are made. Mr. Peavey and Mr. Dearborn were appointed to consult with Mr. Coe concerning repairs and rent, also ascertain if any better rooms can be secured and report at next meeting. All present - except Miss Noyes.

July 29 - 1897.

A brief Library meeting was held with Mrs. Wadleigh. Repairs are being made to the Library which are very satisfactory and the Trustees will take a five years lease of the room. No other place as suitable as the present quarters can be obtained. Work on the supplement will begin at once. Members present. Miss Noyes, Mr. Peavey, Mr. Dearborn and Mrs. Wadleigh.

Aug. 7 - 1897

The Trustees met with Mrs. Wadleigh and were called to order by the President.

Work on the Library room is completed and on Monday next the cases are to be repaired and placed in position as soon as possible.

The Library will be open to the public Aug. 14th. Some new furnishings will be procured and everything will be made as attractive as possible.

Mr. Smith made a motion to appoint Mr. Peavey and Mr. Dearborn a committee to consult with Electric Light Co. and put in what lights may be necessary if suitable rates can be procured.

Mr. Dearborn was appointed to see about placing the printing of the supplement and report at the next meeting.

All the members were present.

Aug. 14 - '97.

A meeting of the Trustees was held with Mrs. Wadleigh.

It was decided to get a complete set of new shelves as soon as catalogues come. The present shelving is shabby and inadequate. The Library was not opened today as intended, but will be open Aug. 18th.

All members present except Mr. Smith.

Lillian Wadleigh. Sec.

Aug. 21- '97

A meeting was held, in the afternoon, of the Trustees and the Town School Board to consult concerning an agency being established at Meredith Centre and the purchase of books about to be made by the School Board from the Chase Wiggin fund.

Mr. Arthur Mead and Miss Noyes were appointed a committee on selection of books. It is the wish of the School Board to avoid getting duplicates of regular library books as much as possible. All present except Mr. Peavey.

L. Wadleigh. Sec.

Sept. 4 - '97.

A brief Library meeting was held in the evening. Members present were- Mr. Dearborn, Miss Noyes and Mrs. Wadleigh. Mr. Dearborn had examined furniture in Boston and it was decided to order a desk and revolving chair at once for the librarian.

Work will begin on new shelving this coming week.

Lillian Wadleigh.
Sec.

Nov. 8 - 1897.

The Trustees met at usual place to see about the finances and amount of available cash.

Lillian Wadleigh. Sec.

Dec. 18 - '97

A full meeting of the Trustees was held to see about ordering the new books and completing the supplement to catalogue. Since repairs on library room were completed new shelves have been built, which will accomodate many new books without crowding. Also a large table has been purchased and six chairs, besides the desk and chair for librarian.

Miss Noyes and Mrs. Wadleigh were appointed to make out the list of new books, also to get catalogue ready for printer.

Lillian Wadleigh.
Sec.

Feb. 5 - 1898

The Trustees met with Mrs. Wadleigh and were called to order by the Pres. It was voted that the new supplement be sold for the sum of ten cents per copy and an old catalogue given with it when desired.

The lease of the present library quarters for a term of five years was read and signed by all present. Miss Noyes and Mrs. Wadleigh were appointed to make some changes in the rules for the library cards, which will be recorded hereafter.

Every member present.

Lillian Wadleigh. Sec.

Meredith, N.H. March 26 - 1898

Meeting of Trustees with Mrs. Wadleigh. Miss Noyes and Mrs. Wadleigh were appointed to purchase new books, thirty dollars having been received as a gift from Mrs. J. E. Warner. All the Trustees having been sworn in the same officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Every member present.

Lillian Wadleigh
Secretary.

August 6 - 1898.

The Trustees held a meeting to appoint a new librarian. Mrs. Blaidell's resignation was accepted and applications were read from Miss Clara Hoyt, Miss Elizabeth Lang and Miss Ellie Bedee. The vote resulted in the election of Miss Bedee, whose duties will begin the twentieth of the month.

The following rules were adopted in regard to the loaning of books at Meredith Centre -

20 books may be taken at a time subject to the same rules of all other patrons of the library.

The books may be kept four weeks in care of some suitable person, who becomes responsible for the safe keeping and return of same.

In case of violation of rules the person in charge may be removed by the Pres. and Sec. and a new caretaker appointed.
Every member present.

Lillian Wadleigh - Sec.

January 25 - 1899.

A brief meeting of the Library Trustees was held with Mrs. Wadleigh.

The amount of money on hand available for new books was ascertained and the Secretary was instructed to purchase the same as soon as possible.

Lillian Wadleigh -
Sec.

Members present-

Mr. Peavey – Pres

Mr. Smith – Treas

Mr. Dearborn

Mrs Wadleigh

May 25 - 1899.

A brief Library meeting was held on the above date.

Mr. Goodwin having kindly offered to get up an entertainment for the benefit of the Library, it was voted to accept his offer and leave details entirely with him.

It was the unanimous opinion of all present that it would be wise to use the money thus obtained as a nest egg for a Library building.

New screens being needed for the Library room. It was noted to purchase same at once.

Members present - Mr. Peavey, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Wadleigh, Mr. Dearborn.

Lillian Wadleigh –
Sec.

December 9 - 1899.

The Trustees met with Mrs. Wadleigh to discuss the offer made by Mr. Benjamin Smith of Beverly, Mass. Mr. Smith proposes to give a ten thousand dollar library building, provided the town buy lot of land indicated by him and grade the same. The trustees were unanimous in their approval of the plan and instructed the Secretary to write a communication for the Meredith News expressing their views on the matter, also write Mr. Smith a note of appreciation.

Adjourned to meet the following Thurs.

Members present Mr. Peavey, Mr. Dearborn, Miss Noyes and Mrs. Wadleigh

L.W. – Sec

December 14 – '99.

A brief meeting was held to ascertain amount of money available for new books and Miss Noyes and Mrs. Wadleigh were requested to purchase same.

Mr. Peavey, Mr. Smith, Miss Noyes, Mrs. Wadleigh present.

L. W. – Sec

June 13 - 1900.

The Trustees of the Public Library met with Mrs. Wadleigh to take some action on Miss Ricker's offer to present the Library with a set of Ingersoll's works. It was noted to respectfully decline the offer.

Work was begun this day on the grading for the new Library building.

Members present.

Mr. Peavey – President

Miss Noyes

Mrs. Wadleigh

Lillian Wadleigh
Sec.

October 30, 1900.

The Trustees of Library met at usual place. The amount of available money for books being ascertained the committee were instructed to purchase same at once.

By the death of Mr. Peavey, which occurred in September, a vacancy is caused in the board of Trustees. A new member will probably be appointed by the selectmen at an early date. For many years Mr. Peavey has been the President of the board of trustees and his cheery greeting and friendly counsel will be greatly missed in future meetings. His interest in everything pertaining to the library was most sincere and deserves a word in these records.

Lillian Wadleigh –
Sec.

Members present

Mr. Smith, Mr. Dearborn, Miss Noyes, Mrs. Wadleigh

February 22 - 1901.

At a meeting of the Trustees held with Mrs. Wadleigh, Mr. Dearborn was appointed President and the Secretary was requested to notify him and suggest that he call on Miss Virginia Ladd before town meeting and arrange with her regarding the lease for present quarters of library. Said lease does not expire until the summer of [~~1898~~ 1902] and it is expected removal to new library will take place a year before that time.

As all the members were not present no further business was transacted, but the report for the next March meeting was discussed, also the question of increased expenses for coming year etc. The new Library is about completed and will be dedicated as soon as the grounds are in readiness.

Mr. Roy F. Bickford of Meredith Neck has been appointed a Trustee in place of Mr. Peavey.

Mr. F. H. Smith, Miss Noyes & Mrs. Wadleigh present.

Lillian Wadleigh, Sec

April 19 - 1901.

A meeting of the Trustees was held with Mrs. Wadleigh on the evening of the above date, every member being present.

Matters were discussed relating to the dedication ceremonies of the new library and the Secretary was instructed to call a mass meeting of Meredith's citizens to be held Friday evening Apr. 26 in the town hall to take steps preparatory for the dedication.

It is the unanimous sentiment of the trustees that Meredith should show its appreciation of Mr. Smith's generous gift by doing everything possible to insure a suitable and successful dedication. The question of presenting Mr. Smith's portrait to the library, by private subscription, was brought up and will be decided after conferring with Mr. Smith.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

June 11 - 1901.

The Trustees met at 8pm at usual place. Every member present.

It was decided to place all the books in good condition before their removal, accordingly all those in need of rebinding will be sent to Concord next week.

New cards will be ordered at once and Miss Noyes was selected to revise the rules.

Slips will be printed to place in books which are gifts to the Library.

There was a general discussion of matters pertaining to the new Library, such as heating, lighting, care etc.

The Library will be dedicated June 17th, books will be moved as soon after as possible. No books will be given out at present, but the library will be open to receive books on the 12th & 15th.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

July - 1901.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Dearborn and Mrs. Wadleigh met at the new Library to see about lighting the new building. The price charged by electric co was thought too high and it was finally decided to use a meter at the rate of one cent an hour for every light used.

L. W. Sec

September 25 - 1901.

The Trustees of the Meredith Pub .Library met with Mrs. Wadleigh.

It was decided to give Mr. Roberts a trial as janitor of new library salary to be decided upon later, if he gives satisfaction.

Mr. Dearborn was instructed to purchase three tons of coal for use the coming winter. Those present were – B. R. Dearborn

Fred Smith

Sarah Noyes

Lillian Wadleigh

Lillian Wadleigh
Sec

Jan 9 - 1902.

A Trustees meeting was held at usual place to ascertain amount of money on hand and arrange for a list of periodicals to be ordered for current year.

Mr. Smith, Treas. reported cash on hand \$120.63, \$150.00 still due from town. This will allow of about the usual amount being spent for new books. Miss Noyes and Mrs. Wadleigh will prepare a list at once.

The following periodicals are to be ordered – Success, Review of Reviews, N. Eng. Mag., Cosmopolitan, Good Housekeeping, Bookman, Scientific American and supplement, Everybody's Public Opinion, Harper's Weekly, American Boy.

Mr. Roberts, proving satisfactory as janitor has been hired for five dollars a month.

Those present were, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Smith, Mrs. W..

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

February 25 - 1902.

On above date a meeting was held at usual place. The meeting was informal and a general discussion of Library affairs was held. The financial report for the year, also secretary's report, was examined. The question of the appropriation for another year was discussed and the financial status of the Library in general.

Mr. Smith was instructed to order a tall step ladder for use in Lib.

Mr. Roy Bickford, having moved away, has resigned as Trustee and a vacancy has not yet been filled.

Members present were Mr. Smith, Miss Noyes and Mrs. W.. Mr. Dearborn was out of town.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

April 18 - 1902.

The Trustees of the Public Library met with Mrs Wadleigh in the evening and many matters pertaining to the welfare of the library were discussed.

It was decided to purchase a couple of cheap lamps for use when the electrics fail and Mr. Dearborn agreed to attend to the matter and dispose of the large hanging lamp if possible, as it is no longer needed. He was also advised to procure the winter's supply of coal in June. It was

thought four tons would be needed. Lawn mower and hose will have to be added to our supplies. Mr. Arthur Mead having asked for a gift of duplicates from our library for the Meredith Neck Church Library, the matter was talked over and it was the opinion of the majority (three to one) that the Trustees had no right to give away any of the volumes which are the property of the town. The Sec. will inform Mr. Mead accordingly.

Every member was present.

Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Smith, Miss Noyes, Mrs. W..

Lillian Wadleigh.
Secretary

June 21 - 1902.

The Trustees met at usual place in evening. Maj. Bedee has offered to give the town a Soldier's Monument to cost about \$ 2,000 and it is proposed to place it on the library lawn.

The Trustees have no authority to decide the matter, but they all expressed pleasure at the thought of the gift and willingness to have it located on Library grounds.

Miss Noyes, Mrs. Wadleigh, Mr. Dearborn and Mr. Smith present.

Lillian Wadleigh
Sec

December 19 - 1902.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Public Lib. was held at 7pm with Mrs. Wadleigh.

Some dissatisfaction was expressed over the way the Janitor performed his duties and Mr.

Dearborn agreed to talk with him and insist on having the Library properly warmed on the days it is open. It was decided to close the library at eight o'clock on Saturday evenings during the cold weather.

The amount of money in the treasury was ascertained and Miss Noyes and Mrs. Wadleigh were instructed to purchase the usual supply of books during January, and also to attend to the matter of ordering periodicals for the ensuing year.

Members present Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Smith, Mr. Roy Bickford, Miss Noyes, Mrs. Wadleigh.

Lillian Wadleigh.
Secretary.

April 14 - 1903.

The Trustees of Public Library met with Mrs. Wadleigh in evening. It was decided that the best interests of the library made it advisable to get a new janitor. Mr. Dexter having made application for the place it was thought best to give him a trial. Mr. Dearborn to arrange in regard to wages etc.

Every member present.

Lillian Wadleigh.
Sec.

September 14 - 1903.

Every member of the Board of Trustees met with Mrs. Wadleigh on Monday evening of above date. The object of the meeting was to see if the Trustees could influence the fire commissioners of precinct in regarding to the moving of electric light at head of Lake St.. It was noted at the precinct meeting in the spring to move the light across the street for the purpose of better lighting the Library and clock thereon, in accordance with Mr. B. M. Smith's wishes. This vote has not been carried out, the light remaining unmoved.

The Trustees visited the proposed new location, talked with Mr. Jones and Mr. Hartshorn (commissioners) and found that they and Mr. Smith could not agree on a site for the light. As there seemed to be nothing the Trustees could do in the matter an early adjournment was made.
Lillian Wadleigh - Sec

December 5 - 1903.

The Trustees met at usual place at 7 pm.

The amount of money available for new books etc was ascertained. It was decided to expend the same amount as last year for periodicals and to have books in need of repair attended to.

It has become absolutely necessary to have a new supplement, nothing having been issued for several years (Jan, 1898) and Miss Noyes and Mrs. Wadleigh will attend to the matter as soon as possible. Every member present.

An early adjournment was made.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

April 19 - 1904.

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the afternoon of the above date at usual place. The matter discussed was whether the Janitor should receive more pay, he having applied for larger wages.

While realizing that the amount paid is small, it was not thought necessary to increase it at present as there are others who will do the work at the present price.

Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Smith, Miss Noyes and Mrs. W. present.

L. Wadleigh – Sec

Later - Mr. Dexter decided to stay for same pay he is now receiving. \$6.00 per mo..

December 15 - 1904.

Every member of the Board of Trustees met with Mrs. Wadleigh at 2pm.

On motion of Miss Noyes, seconded by Mr. Bickford it was noted to make the librarian's pay \$5.00 per month or \$60.00 a year instead of \$50.00 as heretofore.

Enough money was found to be on hand to pay all necessary bills, including rebinding of old books and still leave a sum sufficient to purchase the new books needed. It was decided to purchase new cards and case from library bureau in Boston. Adjourned.

Lillian Wadleigh – Secretary.

March 31 - 1905.

A Trustee's meeting was held at 2pm with Mrs. Wadleigh. The object of the meeting was to consider the question of a new Janitor. It was decided to secure the services of Mr. Cowing at a salary of \$100.00 per year.

During the past winter Mr. B. M. Smith expressed the wish that the library should be heated all of the time and he would pay the extra expense attending same. This has been done, but the present janitor's bills were excessive, hence the change has been made.

It was decided to have the floor dressed over and the building thoroughly cleaned.

Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Smith, Mr. Bickford, Mrs. W. present.

Adjourned.

Lillian Wadleigh
Sec

April 19 - 1905.

A meeting of the Trustees was held 4pm in Library. Officers were elected as follows. Pres. Fred H. Smith, Treas. Roy F. Bickford, Secretary Mrs. T. L. Wadleigh.

It was decided to send the books in need of repair to the Rumford Printing Co., Concord.
Mr. Clough was appointed to look after a fertilizer for the lawn and Mr. Smith to see Mr. Hartshorn about fixing library floors.
Every member present. Mr. Aaron Clough being new member of board in place of Mr. Dearborn who has resigned.

Lillian Wadleigh - Sec.

December 1 - 1905.

The Trustees of the Meredith Public Library met with Mrs. Wadleigh at 6:30pm.
Miss Sarah M. Noyes was appointed Treasurer in place of Mr. Bickford, who is to leave town.
Amount of money in treasury was ascertained and usual purchas of periodicals and new books discussed. Books in need of rebinding to be sent to Concord again.
Every member present.

Lillian Wadleigh
Sec.

Meredith, N.H. Feb 14 - 1906.

The Trustees met at 4pm at Public Library.
Various matters pertaining to the welfare of the Library were discussed, also the matter of annual town report.
It was noted to extend the time that students and teachers can retain books for school work - the rule to be formulated at next meeting. It is the wish of the Trustees to extend usefulness of Library by cooperating with schools in every possible way. Also to interest residents in remote parts of the town.
Every member present. Vacancy unfilled.

Lillian Wadleigh, Sec.

February 28 – 1906.

A brief meeting of Trustees was held at Library at 4pm. The new member Mr. Felker was present and was appointed a committee of one to ascertain the needs of Meredith Centre in regard to procuring books from the library.
No changes in rules were made at this meeting.
All present except Mr. Smith.

Lillian Wadleigh
Sec

May 7 – 1906.

A meeting of the Trustees of Public Library was held with Mrs. Wadleigh in the evening.
Mr. Felker had consulted with Meredith Centre people and thought they would appreciate having books sent over. Ways and means in regard to bringing this about were discussed and Mr. Felker was commissioned to call Mr. Buzzell again in regard to caring for the books, rules, etc.. The mail carrier will take the books for ten cents each way.
It was voted to plant grass seed on lawn wherever needed.
Adjourned until Wed. eve, May 16th.
Every member present.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

July 31 – 1906.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library was held with Mrs. Wadleigh on above date, the object of the meeting was to consider the best way of putting water into the library, the present system being defective. It was decided that the easiest and cheapest way would be to tap Mr. Caverly's pipe and a motion was made that the water for use of library be taken from Mr.

Caverly's pipe, if arrangements can be made with him to that effect. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded that the treasurer be empowered to pay the amount necessary to get the water from that source. Motion carried. It was voted to leave the matter of putting water in the library to Mr. Clough and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Felker reported that Mr. Buzzell would care for books at Meredith Centre for \$1.00 per month for six months. He will not agree to collect fines, but will do his best to get books in on time. Mr. Felker was appointed to perfect arrangements. Books will be sent for first time August 8 – about twenty-five at a time.

Adjourned.

Every member present.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

February 1 – 1907.

A full meeting of the board of Trustees was held with Mrs. Wadleigh in the p.m..

A general discussion of library matters and finances was held.

Mr. Clough expressed the wish that the library might be kept open a few more hours every week and a motion was accordingly made by Mr. Felker that Miss Noyes and Mrs. Wadleigh see the librarian and ascertain if arrangements can be made with her to that effect. Motion carried.

Adjournment was made until the middle of the month.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

April 24 -1907.

The Trustees met with Miss Noyes in p.m. An extra hundred dollars having been appropriated at last town meeting, it was voted to keep the library open an extra day in the week and increase the hours on days hitherto open. The new hours will be from 2 till 5pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and from 7 till 9 on evenings of same days. The new hours to go into effect the first of May. This will make eight hours additional each week. It was also voted to pay the librarian the sum of \$100 per year.

It was decided to continue the branch library at Meredith Ctr.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Clough, Miss Noyes, Mrs Wadleigh present.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

June 13 - 1907.

The Trustees of the Library met with Mrs Wadleigh on evening of above date. Mr. Clough acted as Chairman. After some discussion a motion was made and carried by Mr. Felker that the present Janitor be paid \$125.00 for his services when the library is open three days in the week.

On motion of Mr. Felker, Mr. Clough was appointed agent to purchase coal for the coming year.

It was decided to include in the janitor's duties the winding of the clocks. Mr. Clough agreed to see Mr. [Cowing?] in regard to the matter and ask Mr. Eastman for his bill.

All present except Mr. Smith.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

July 31 – 1907.

A meeting of the trustees was called, for evening of this date, in regard to exorbitant bill presented by Mr. Eastman for his services in winding the clock and alleged repairs and batteries. Mr. Smith was instructed to write him and see if any better terms could be made with him. His first bill was for \$60.00, which he reduced (and itemized by request) to \$31.00.

The meeting was held at usual place and every member present except Mr. Felker.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

November 1 – 1907.

A brief meeting of Library Trustees was held on evening of above date with Mrs Wadleigh. Matters connected with the library were discussed and it was decided to renew periodicals as usual and continue the days and hours of keeping the library open. During the past six months 172 more books were let out than last year during the same months.

All present except Mr. Felker.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

January 17 – 1908.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library was held at 5 p.m. with Mrs Wadleigh.

A set of the International Encyclopaedia having been received for examination, the same was looked over and the correspondence in regard to it was read and explained by the Sec.. The motion was made by Mr. Felker and unanimously carried, that the books be sent back to Dodd Mead & Co..

On motion of Mr. Clough it was voted to send notes of thanks to Mrs. Rand for her gift of a handsome loon in a glass case and to Mrs. Erskine for her gift of a fine photograph of the late Rev. J. S. Erskine.

It was also voted to purchase a ton of furnace coal to be used with the coal on hand, which is of poor quality.

It was thought best to defer the binding of the magazines until spring and use the money for the purchase of new books.

Every member present.

Adjourned.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

April 20 – 1908.

An informal meeting of the trustees was held in the library at four pm.

Ways and means were discussed of keeping better order in the library and other matters pertaining to its welfare.

All present except Mr. Felker.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

August 26 – 1908.

As Mr. [Cowing?] had asked the trustees whether they wish to retain him as janitor, a meeting was called to decide the matter. On motion of Mr. Felker it was unanimously voted that our chairman be instructed to inform our janitor that the trustees wished to retain his services for the remainder of the year or until further notice from the board.

This meeting was held at the library and every member was present.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

February 9 – 1909.

A meeting of the Trustees was held with Mrs. Wadleigh at 7:30 pm.

The state of the finances was ascertained from the treasurer and the librarian submitted figures regarding circulation for the past year.

Mr. Smith gave a report of an interview with Mr. Hibbard of Laconia in regard to the disposition of the Maj. E. E. Beede legacy.

As Mr. Felker could not be present further discussion of affairs was postponed to a later date.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

April 6 – 1909.

A meeting of the Trustees was called for 2 pm in the library. Every member being present a

careful survey of the reference books on hand was made and rebound books looked over to decide on the best binding. As the books from the Barnard bindery seem to wear the best it was decided to send the next lot there, also to purchase a new encyclopaedia as soon as possible. The meeting was informal, but sufficient time was spent to discuss many matters pertaining to the welfare of the library.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

September 10 – 1909.

The Trustees met with Mrs. Wadleigh on above date.

A communication from B. M. Smith, in regard to care of library buildings and grounds, was read and the Secretary was instructed to reply to same. The letter and answer can be found in this book.

Further discussion was made of the encyclopaedia matter, as Mr. Samuel Burleigh has a set of Nelson's to sell. Examination has been made of the same, but the matter will not be decided until some other parties are heard from.

Members present.

Lillian Wadleigh - Sec

F. H. Smith

S. M. Noyes

Lillian Wadleigh

Aaron Clough

September 22 – 1909.

A Trustees meeting was held at the library at four pm. All present except Mr. Felker.

Several letters were read in regard to Encyclopaedias, among them one from the state librarian advising the "International". A motion was made and carried that Mr Burleigh be informed that after due investigation it is decided not to purchase his set of "Nelson's".

It was also decided to have window sills dressed over, grass removed from brick walk, bricks reset and steps fixed, also, if thought wise, to put up screening on cornice of building to keep away the doves which are causing much annoyance.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

December 27 – 1909.

A full meeting of the Trustees was held in the library at 2 o'clock p.m. of above date.

It was moved and carried that Mr Smith ascertain where the bonds from the Maj. Beede legacy are kept.

Also, moved and carried that Mr. Clough see Mr. Cowing in regard to driving doves away from the building and tell him not to shoot them.

The secretary was instructed to purchase the two new volumes of the Century Dict. and to get prices on "International Encyclopedia.

Adjourned till call of Pres. or Sec..

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

March 7 – 1910.

A meeting had been appointed for Feb. 26, but as only Miss Noyes and Mr Smith could attend, another brief meeting was held at the library on the above date. A financial statement was made by the treasurer so that Mr. Smith could understandingly present the needs of the library at the forth coming town meeting.

Mr Clough suggested that copies of the catalogues be placed in the schools of the town.

All present except Mr. Felker.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

September 28, 1910.

The Trustees met at 3 p.m. at the library. Chairman F.H. Smith presided.

The old question of 'what to do with the doves' was discussed at length. After a year of experiments the nuisance remains as great or worse than ever. The front of the building is defaced by the birds and often the clock is stopped. Mr Smith was instructed to get Mr. Pynn to put up some sort of metal arrangement to keep the birds away.

Mr. Felker was also instructed to talk with the janitor and advise more care and thoroughness about his work.

The secretary was authorized, by motion of Mr. Felker, to purchase card pockets for the backs of the books.

The matter of purchasing historical works for use of school was discussed.

Every member present.

Adjourned at 5:30 p.m..

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

June 5 – 1911.

A Trustees meeting was held at the library during the afternoon of above date.

The matter of lighting two of the alcoves was discussed, also of devising some method of fixing the shelves, which are warping and sagging. Mr. Clough was appointed to consult with Mr Heath about the shelving, the librarian to see about the lighting.

The need for a new catalogue and best methods of proceeding with that work was discussed.

All present except Mr. Felker.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

June 19 – 1911.

A meeting of the Trustees was held at library at 3 p.m..

In the absence of the president of the board Mr. Felker presided.

It was suggested by the chairman that the open room upstairs be utilized as a place to keep old and valuable books, antiques of all kinds, also collections of birds, insects, flowers etc.. The idea being to have some place where such things can be safely housed and properly cared for. At present the town is without such place.

A motion was made and carried to the effect that the librarian proceed as soon as possible with the making of a new catalogue and that she have charge of all business connected with same and be suitably recompensed for her work.

All present except Mr. Smith.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

August 18 – 1911.

A meeting was held at the library on Friday evening. All present except Mr. Felker.

Mrs. Fannie Coe of Centre Harbor and Miss Virginia Ladd of Meredith, having offered to loan the library the collection of minerals and curios belonging to the late Seneca Ladd, the trustees voted to accept same and give suitable accommodations for them.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

November 8 – 1911.

The trustees met with Mrs. Wadleigh on evening of above date.

A letter was read from B.M. Smith of Wenham, Mass. offering to give the library the sum of \$10,000 if certain conditions were carried out. Letter may be found in this book. After discussion of the matter it was thought best to obtain legal advice in regard to the powers of the trustees. Mr F.H. Smith was appointed to see and also have her Mr. Blaisdell in regard to the matter. Much appreciation was expressed for Mr. Smith's most generous offer and for his fine gift of the library

building, which is so greatly enjoyed by young and old.
Every member was present.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

December 13 – 1911.

The Trustees met at the library Wednesday pm.

Mr. Blaisdell had given his opinion that the Trustees had no power to change the name of the library as Mr. B.M. Smith had requested, but that such action must be taken by vote of town at annual town meeting. The secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Smith of such decision.

All present except Mr. Felker.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

April 26 - 1912.

A meeting of the Trustees was held with Mrs. Wadleigh at 3pm.

Mr. Smith took the following duties to attend to – Repairing of brick walk, cementing steps, cellar cleaned and ashes removed, floors dressed over.

Various matters were discussed, especially the librarian's salary, which is small for amount of work done. It was the opinion of those present that \$150.00 per year should be paid. Final action concerning salary will be taken at some further meeting.

It was moved by Mr Clough that the librarian be made a member of the State Librarian Association (annual due .50) and also have her expenses paid to attend meetings of said association.

This motion was carried.

All present except Mr. Felker.

Adjourned.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

September 4 – 1912.

Trustees met in the library.

All present except Mr. Felker.

The question of librarians salary was once more brought up and a motion was made and seconded that the salary paid from the beginning of present library year (Feb.) should be \$150.00 instead of \$100.00.

It was thought best to leave the rebinding of books with Barnard & Co..

Time being limited other matters were left to some future date.

Adjourned.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec

January 20 – 1913.

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the library in afternoon.

A picture composed of confederate money presented by local G.A.R. was accepted by Trustees and will be hung in library. During the past year several books have been in families where there was scarlet fever and the question was discussed of whether or not they should be received in library again – if not who ought to pay for new copies. The secretary was instructed to write to State Board of Health and to some libraries for information.

The librarian suggested that a list of books added to library since last catalogue be printed in town report. Mr. Smith agreed to consult with selectmen in regard to the matter.

All present except Mr. Felker.

A meeting had been appointed for previous Friday and Mr. Felker and Mr. Clough were present, but it was thought best to postpone business till all could be present.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

January 27 – 1914.

The trustees met in library Tuesday pm.

The general condition and welfare of the library was discussed.

It was the unanimous opinion of the trustees that steps should be taken toward the reclassification of the library and the making of a card catalogue. The librarian was instructed to make inquiries concerning the expense of same and the best method of beginning the work.

A motion was made by Mr. Clough and duly seconded that Miss Noyes be requested to write Mr. Wm. Bixby and see if the money he gave (\$100.00) toward establishing a fund could be used for the making of a new catalogue.

All present except Mr. Felker.

Adjournment.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

May 6 – 1914.

A meeting of the trustees was held in the library at 4pm of the above date.

The report of the last meeting was read by the secretary, who also reported the results of her investigation of the matter of a card catalogue.

After a general discussion of the matter and a report of the Treasurer concerning the library's financial condition the following motion was made and seconded – Moved that the librarian be authorized to prepare a card catalogue and secure such assistance and material as may be necessary for the work.

Adjourned.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

Members present

F.H. Smith

Aaron Clough

S.M. Noyes

Lillian Wadleigh

April 14 – 1915.

A meeting of the Trustees was held in library at 5pm of above date.

The board was reorganized as follows. Aaron S. Clough, President, Fred H. Smith, Treasurer, Lillian Wadleigh, Secretary.

It was moved and seconded that the books known as State Papers, consisting of 31 vols. be kept as reference books and not taken from the library as hitherto.

Mr. Chas. Hewitt having offered to give the library a collection of books on scientific subjects it was voted to accept the same and the Sec was instructed to write him accordingly and express appreciation of the gift.

A motion was made and carried that residents of adjoining towns who come to Meredith to trade be allowed the privileges of the library.

The librarian was instructed to replace the books lost by the burning of Mr. J.E. Marshall's home at the expense of the library.

As this meeting was the first held for several months a general discussion was held concerning the library's needs and condition.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

Present -

Mr. Clough

Mr. Smith

Mr. Felker

Mrs. Wadleigh

June 12 – 1915.

A brief meeting of the trustees was held in the library to take action on the appended letter of Mrs. Erskine, which is self explanatory. It was voted to accept Mrs. Erskine's generous gift and the secretary was instructed to write her to that effect. The treasurer will deposit the check in bank according to directions.

Members present, Mr. Smith, Miss Noyes, Mrs. Wadleigh.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

February 24 – 1916.

A meeting of the trustees was held in the library at 3pm.

The financial report for the past year was read by the treasurer Mr. Smith. As it showed some cash on hand the secretary was authorized to procure a base for the card catalogue case and a case for the shelf list.

Plans for future work were discussed.

The interest from Mrs. Ward's gift of \$3000.00 has this year become available.

L. Wadleigh – Sec.

Present - Mr. Clough, Smith, Miss Noyes and L. Wadleigh.

April 19 -1916.

February 1 or 2. [1917?]

A meeting of the Trustees was held with Miss Sarah Noyes at 3pm.

The matter of keeping the library open an additional day was discussed. All agreed that it would be very desirable, but the librarian did not feel ready to agree to do the extra work. It is hoped that before long the library may be kept open every day. The present hours of opening are not sufficient to do the required work.

As Mr. Felker is now living in Concord and can not attend to the duties of a trustee the selectmen are to appoint Mrs. Eva S. Blake to take his place.

The circulation of the past year is the largest yet recorded, being [15,899 which is 1,500?] more than last year.

Members present, Mr. Clough, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Wadleigh, Miss Noyes.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

April 17 – 1917.

A meeting of the trustees was called to order by the president at 7:45pm in the library.

Mr. Smith reported that the janitor had asked for an increase of [\$25.00?] a year. A general discussion of the matter followed, which ended in a vote to pay \$135.00 (present salary being \$125.00) per year provided the library was open an extra day. Mr. Smith was instructed to confer with Mr. Cowing in regard to the matter. Mrs. Blake made a motion to the effect that the library be open on Friday afternoon and evening as soon as the librarian could arrange to do so. The motion was seconded and voted on favorably.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that the librarian receive \$225.00 for the present year - and the motion was carried.

The president suggested that the trustees have a regular time for meeting and Mrs. Blake accordingly moved that adjournment be made to the second Tuesday in July.

Every member present, Mrs. Blake having taken the oath of office since the last meeting.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

July 12 – 1917.

A brief meeting of the trustees was held at 8:30pm in the library.

The treasurer gave the financial condition of the library and the secretary called attention to the

necessity for new paint on exterior of building. Frank Hartshorn will be employed to paint the woodwork and the face of the clock.

Mr. Rolfe Smith has been acting as janitor since the first of May and giving excellent satisfaction. Every member present.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

December 13 - 1917.

A brief meeting of the Trustees was held in the library at 8:30pm.

The condition of the library's finances was ascertained and the list of magazines for the coming year was discussed. Decided to keep magazines about as usual, but Mrs. Blake offered to give Everybody's.

The president, Mr. Clough, being sick - Miss Noyes presided.

Members present Miss Noyes, Mrs. Blake, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Wadleigh.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

Meredith Public Library – May 30, 1918.

A brief meeting of the trustees was held at 4pm.

It was moved and seconded that the janitor's request for a slight increase in salary be granted.

Mr. Smith has been receiving \$11.25 per month and is willing to finish out the year from May 1 for \$12.00 per month.

It was also noted that the librarian's expenses to state meeting be paid and that the library be closed if said meeting should come on a library day.

Members present Miss Noyes, Mrs. Wadleigh, Mr. Clough, Mr. Smith.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

November 20 – 1918.

The trustees met in the library on the evening of above date to discuss the placing of a soldiers memorial on the library lawn. It was thought advisable to talk the matter over with citizens and examine the tablet before taking action on the matter.

Members present – Mr. Clough, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Wadleigh.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

January 27 - 1919.

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the evening at the library.

The librarian read a report of the past years work and the treasurer made a statement of the financial condition of the library.

The matter of inviting the N.H. Library Association to meet in Meredith was discussed. It was moved and seconded that the association be invited to hold its next annual meeting in our town.

All present except Miss Noyes.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

April 15 - 1919.

The Trustees met in the library to discuss the coming library meeting. It is proposed to hold the meeting the first week in June. Matters pertaining to the entertainment of the guests were discussed.

Mr. Rolfe Smith having resigned as janitor, after two years of service, the question of his successor was talked over. No decision was reached.

Every member present except Miss Noyes.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

May 24 – 1919.

A meeting of the Trustees was held in the library during the evening of above date.

It was voted to have Mr. Hartshorn dress over the floors and to have loose bricks in the sidewalk replaced. Mrs. Wadleigh is to take charge of the cleaning.

The library will be closed June 4th by vote of Trustees. Plans for the coming library were talked over.

Every member present.

L.W. – Sec.

The N.H. Library Association held its annual meeting in Meredith June fourth and fifth. The attendance was good, about forty being present.

The weather was unusual for this time of year being very hot, but the programs were full of life and interest and were carried out as outlined, with the exception of Miss Guerrier's talk. She was unable to come and sent someone in her place, who went to Meriden, N.H., by mistake.

The afternoon meeting of the 5th was held in the library instead of Grange Hall.

Sixteen remained to take the trip to Lost River on Friday, June 6th, and reported a fine time.

The unanimous opinion seemed to be that the meeting was a success.

The following citizens loaned their automobiles and drove the party to Squam Lake and Centre Harbor, adding much to the pleasure of the guests.

Mr. Fred Philbrick

Dr. Mary Nutting

F. H. Smith

W. H. Buker

A. F. Hall

Dr. F. R. Hawkins

Mr. Edward Page

Mrs. Ward entertained Miss Lillian Whiting and Mrs. A. F. Hall gave the use of two rooms for two nights.

June – 1919.
Lillian Wadleigh

July 30 – 1919.

A meeting of the trustees was held in the library at 7:45.

The matter under consideration was the salary of the librarian. The trustees were unanimous in the opinion that \$225.00, the amount now paid, was much too small. After an inventory of available funds it was decided by vote to raise this to \$300.00 per year beginning with the present year.

Every member present.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

January 26 - 1920.

The trustees met in the library at 8pm for the purpose of looking over the financial report of the treasurer for the past year and for planning the budget for the coming year. It was thought advisable to ask for another hundred dollars at the coming town meeting owing to advance in prices for books, binding, etc.

Everyone present except Miss Noyes.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

June 29 – 1920.

A meeting of the trustees was held on the evening of the above date. A general discussion of library affairs was in order.

The librarian having expressed a desire to attend a summer institute, the following motion was made and carried – “that we give our librarian permission to attend a course of instruction at Simmons college, that we continue her salary during her absence, pay her railroad fare and tuition and provide a substitute to attend to the library during her absence”.
Every member present.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

December 3 – 1920.

The trustees met for conference in the library at 8:30pm,

The treasurer gave a statement of cash on hand.

It was voted to allow the librarian to purchase a second hand typewriter which is greatly needed in the work of cataloging.

The same magazines will be taken the coming year with the exception of Pop. Mechanics which is omitted.

All present except Miss Noyes.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

May – 1921.

A meeting of the trustees was held at the library on the above date.

It was moved by Mr. Smith that the name of Mrs. Ward be presented to the Selectman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Miss Noyes. It was a unanimous vote and Mr. Smith was instructed to notify the selectmen of the desire of the trustees.

It was also moved by Mr. Smith that we increase the pay of the librarian to \$400.00, an increase of \$100. The motion was carried.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

In the death of Miss Sarah Noyes which occurred on April 19, a vacancy is left in the board of Trustees which will be most difficult to fill. For thirty years she served faithfully and efficiently as a trustee, part of the time as secretary and for several years as treasurer. She was eminently fitted by education and natural endowments of mind for the work of book selection, her judgment being of the best and until failing health prevented she gave freely of her time and talents. Always ready for any service, for many years she worked with Mrs. Wadleigh in preparing lists of books for purchase and in compiling the six catalogues which the library has issued from time to time. The library and the trustees have indeed lost a loyal friend.

October 4 – 1921.

A meeting of the Trustees was held at 7:30pm in the library.

A financial statement was given by the treasurer and matters of general interest were discussed, some of them being books for M. Ctr and rebinding of books.

It was voted that the librarians expensed be paid to attend the library meeting at Keene.

Lillian Wadleigh – Secretary.

February 15 – 1922.

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the library and the financial condition of the library and the budget for the coming year was thoroughly discussed.

It was moved and seconded that the librarian purchase an atlas and dictionary out of this years funds.

All present except Mrs. Ward.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

June 20 – 1922.

The trustees met at 8pm in the library.

Every member present. Finances were discussed.

Mr. Smith was instructed to arrange about a janitor as the present one is out of town.

Mr. Smith was instructed to borrow money to pay the librarian the amount due July 1, as she is going away. Miss Margaret Pynn will act as librarian in the absence of Mrs. Wadleigh.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

January 24 – 1923.

A full board meeting of the trustees was held at the library.

Finances were discussed and the budget for the coming year.

Mr. Smith agreed to write something for the local paper, so the public might understand the need of an increased appropriation. Repairs to roof and a new furnace seem imperative.

The librarian expressed a desire to hold a neighborhood Library meeting here and no opposition was manifested.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

May 28 – 1923.

The Trustees met at the library to take some action about a new furnace, the town having appropriated money for that purpose. It was moved by Mrs. Blake and duly seconded that we purchase a new furnace and Mrs. Wadleigh moved that Mr. Smith get prices and investigate the matter.

A proposition made by the selectmen to use the second story room of the library for their purposes and office caused some discussion and did not meet with unanimous approval.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

September 3 – 1923.

A meeting of the Trustees was held from seven until eight pm in the library, with every member present.

As the librarian wished to attend the state meeting the coming week, it was decided that would be a favorable time to have the floors dressed over while the library was closed on Wed. and Friday.

It was also thought best to return two sets of books which had been sent by agent on approval.

The condition of roof was discussed and repairs will be made soon.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

October 29 – 1923.

The Trustees met for conference at the library.

The librarian was authorized to procure an inexpensive table for the office work.

Children's Book Week was discussed and the librarian told of her plans for the occasion.

American Education Week is to be observed by a club meeting at the library and parts were assigned to the Trustees who kindly consented to speak on this occasion.

The new furnace having been installed its expense and the general financial condition of the library was ascertained.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

Program of club meeting held at library November 20 inserted.

March – 1924.

A meeting of the Trustees was held at the library and the budget for the coming year was discussed.

The librarian reported an uneventful year. Children's Book Week was observed in Nov. by a story hour for the first time. The one outstanding feature of importance was the gift of ? [\$500.00?] from

the Col. Chas. Cummings estate which was received in June and deposited in the Meredith Vill. Savings Bank. This money is for the purchase of books and it is proposed to devote it to reference books or new fiction which would not otherwise be obtainable.

Adjournment,

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

Feb 3 – 1925.

The trustees met in the library on the evening of the above date.

The annual discussion of the finances of the library was held. It was decided to ask for the same amount as last year, that is \$1,000.00. At the Town meeting held in March 1924 the librarians salary was raised to 600.00, therefore it will be necessary to keep the appropriation in the future at least \$1,000.00.

Miss Hobart, the state library field worker had just paid the library a visit and expressed satisfaction with its condition, also made some good suggestions for future work.

The librarian had prepared a list of books to be furnished from the Col. Cummings fund which was submitted to the Trustees and she was instructed to purchase the same.

Every member present.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

February 27 – 1926.

The trustees met in the library on the afternoon of above date.

The treasurer gave a report of our finances.

The principal matter under discussion was the article in the town warrant calling for the election of the Trustees at the Town Meeting and the addition of a new member making six in all. A slate was made up to be submitted at the caucus, as follows

For one year F.H. Smith, Mrs. E.S. Blake

“ two years A.S. Clough, Mrs. M.A. Ward

“ three years E.C. Mansfield, Lillian Wadleigh.

Adjourned to meet as soon as possible.

Every member present.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

March 10 – 1926.

The above named officers were elected at the March Town Meeting.

L.W.

April 13 – 1926.

A brief meeting of the Trustees was held in the library on the evening of above date.

Various matters were mentioned, but as all members were not present adjournment was made for an early date.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

Those present Mr. Smith, Mr. Mansfield

Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Wadleigh

May 10 – 1926.

The trustees met in the library at 7:30pm and proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. Mr. Smith was made president and also treasurer and Mrs. Wadleigh was re-elected secretary.

The librarian gave a brief report of the years work and called attention to the condition of the front door.

There was a general discussion concerning the question of a fee for summer visitors and a deposit from strangers. Sentiment seemed to favor abolishing the 5 cent fee which has been

charged for many years.
Every member present except Mr. Clough.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

May 25 – 1926.

The trustees met at the library to complete plans for the neighborhood meeting of librarians and trustees to be held in the Meredith Library May 27.

Mr. Smith was appointed committee of one to see about getting the window casings painted on the outside.

Present Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Wadleigh & Mr. Smith.

Lillian Wadleigh – rec. Sec.

May 27 – 1926.

A neighborhood meeting was held in our library afternoon of above date.

November 12 – 1926.

A brief meeting of the Trustees was held at 5pm.

Finances were discussed and the selection of magazines.

It was voted to purchase a second hand Royal typewriter for use in cataloging, giving in exchange the Corona-Royal 65.00 Corona 25.00.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

April 14 – 1927.

The trustees met in the library on afternoon of above date.

The meeting was called to see what action the trustees would take in regard to replacing brick sidewalk which leads to street by concrete. The town is taking up the brick sidewalk on Main Street and is to put down concrete instead. Selectman G.F. Sanborn and surveyor David Bates were present and explained plans for straightening curbing on library lawn and moving sidewalk back. Mr. Sanborn suggested it would be a good time for the library to make a new sidewalk. Opinion regarding such a change was divided the majority favoring leaving walk as it is, making the usual spring repairs. Mr. Smith suggested that the brick walk be taken up, which extends around side of building and that the space be grassed over.

Permission was granted the Girl Reserves to set out a mountain ash on the lawn and the Woman's Club to plant ivy during Better Homes Week observance.

Every member present except Mr. Mansfield.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

August 2 – 1927.

A meeting of the trustees was held at the library on the evening of above date.

Bills were presented and discussed as well as general matters pertaining to the welfare of the library.

The librarian called attention to the fact that a new catalog cabinet would soon be needed.

Members present, Mr. Smith, Mr. Mansfield, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Wadleigh.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

January 28 – 1928.

Mr. Smith, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Wadleigh met at the library on Sat. afternoon of above date.

The Treasurer gave a report of funds on hand and as all bills are paid to date the amount left warrants the purchase of the card catalog cabinet. The librarian was instructed to order the cabinet at once, as she reports that the catalog is now complete and awaiting filing.

After a short discussion of library matters the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian Wadleigh – Sec.

May 8 – 1928.

The trustees of the library met on evening of above date.

Mrs. Wadleigh read minutes of last meeting which were approved.

Mr. Mansfield was elected president and Mr. Smith treasurer. Mrs. Ward was elected secretary after Mrs. Wadleigh and Mrs. Blake had refused to take the office.

Mr. Smith announced that all bills were paid to date, he would procure money for bill for books presented by librarian.

Library was inspected and neat arrangement and cleaning appreciated.

New card catalog was admired. Meeting adjourned.

Mary Annette Ward – Sec.

March 2 – 1929.

A meeting of the trustees was held at the library on afternoon of the above date. All present except Mr. Mansfield.

Mr. Smith gave general report of finances to be published in the Town Report.

Matter of increasing the insurance on library and contents discussed. Motion was made to increase insurance, treasurer would see what figures could be obtained from insurance companies and report at next meeting.

Mrs. Wadleigh and Mr. Mansfield ? [choice?] of trustees for ticket.

Mary Annette Ward – Sec.

October 9 – 1929.

The trustees met at the library on the evening of the above date. Present Mrs. Wadleigh, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Bickford, Mr. Mansfield, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Ward.

Mr. Mansfield presided and called for secretary's report.

Further business election of officers for the ensuing year, voted that secretary cast one ballot for each of the nominees.

The following officers were unanimously elected president Mr. Mansfield, treasurer Mr. Smith, secretary Mrs. Ward.

Treasurer gave a short report and stated that the insurance had been increased.

Repairs discussed. Motion was made by Mrs. Bickford that Mrs. Blake take charge of painting of window sills etc. and get figures for cost of new door.

Mrs. Wadleigh stated that the library had had a very successful year, larger circulation than for some years. Additional books for the ? [International Cyclopaedia?] would be useful, also two volumes of ? [Graingers] Index to Poetry for the reference work. A new magazine TIME had been added to the list. Mrs. Blake moved that the librarian be empowered to buy these books, motion was carried.

Mrs. Wadleigh and Mrs. Blake of an interesting library meeting at Laconia.

Meeting was adjourned until further notice.

Mary Annette Ward – Sec.

December 31 – 1929.

The trustees were invited to hold their meeting at Mrs. Wadleigh's home. Mr. Mansfield opened the meeting and called for the minutes of the previous one.

Mrs. Blake reported that two coats of paint had been put on window sills and sashes. The back entry had been retouched and the front door painted, all bills were paid. Walk left to be ? [repaired?] in the spring. Vote of thanks moved Mrs. Blake.

Mrs. Wadleigh gave a very fine report of the year's work in the library.

Question of assistants in the library during Mrs. Wadleigh's absence was left to her discretion, her suggestion of Mrs. Mansfield and Miss Mary was approved by the trustees.

Voted to burn books which had been exposed to scarlet fever germs.

After the business meeting an unusually pleasant social hour was enjoyed. The itinerary of Mrs. Wadleigh's trip was looked over as well as booklets and pictures of the historic places which she expected to visit.

A surprise of delicious refreshments, fruit salad, sandwiches, cakes, coffee and Christmas cookies was given by Mrs. Wadleigh assisted by Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Mansfield.

A very happy New Years was wished to the cherished librarian and valued friend and a wonderful trip.

Mary Annette Ward – Sec.

NEWS CLIPPING. "Last Wednesday evening the trustees of the Meredith Public Library met after the closing hours of that institution, and carried out a little surprise they had planned for Mrs. Lillian Wadleigh, who is leaving for a trip abroad this month. In behalf of the trustees Mr. Carl Mansfield presented Mrs. Wadleigh with a brown leather bag. Ice cream, sherbet and cake were served by Mrs. Helen Mansfield, assisted by Mrs. Annie Hall."

January 29 – 1930.

A special meeting of the trustees was held at the library as a surprise to Mrs. Wadleigh. Mrs. Helen Mansfield and Mrs. Hall arranged the meeting. Mr. Mansfield opened the session with some happy remarks expressing the regard of the trustees for their librarian, and presented a handbag, which Mrs. Hall had selected in Boston, as a slight token of their affection. Mrs. Wadleigh was overcome with surprise, but thanked the donors in her graceful manner.

After some further conversation, Mrs. Mansfield and Mrs. Hall added to the pleasure of the occasion by serving delicious ices and cakes.

Mary Annette Ward – Secretary.

July 15 – 1930.

The trustees met at the library at the above date. Mr. Mansfield called the meeting to order.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A vote was taken to ratify the purchase of flowers for Mrs. Clough's funeral.

Discussion of repairing of brick walk: voted to leave matter to Mrs. Blake.

Discussed subject of new bookcases, voted to leave matter in hands of the librarian. She was also to investigate kind and cost of desk to be purchased later.

Trustees desired to place on record their appreciation of the services of Mr. Clough through the many years of his membership on the board of trustees.

Matter of joining Literary Guild for Juniors left to discretion of librarian.

Meeting adjourned.

M. A. Ward – Sec'y.

December 2 – 1930.

Meeting of trustees at the library was adjourned to Mrs. Wadleigh's

Plans of shelving were exhibited and approved.

Mr. Smith gave report of finances and discussed insurance policies. Moved to instruct librarian to buy shelving according to design submitted and to get some one to set shelves in position.

It was voted to purchase a complete set of Hawthorne and one of Mark Twain from Mrs. Mansfield at \$58.00.

Change of hours from 7-9 to 7-8.

Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Bixby about fund donated to library by him thirty years ago.

Meeting was adjourned.

M. A. Ward – Secretary.

December 10 – 1930.

The trustees met at the library.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Bixby had been approached and had sent check for \$140.00 to add to fund for purchase of desk. It was voted to send note of appreciation to Mr. Bixby.

The type of desk was discussed it was voted to leave all arrangements to the librarian.

Mary A. Ward Secretary.

April – 1931.

The trustees met at the library. Mr. Mansfield presided.

This was the annual meeting, officers were elected as follows: President Mrs. Blake, Treasurer Mr. Smith, Secretary Mrs. Ward Treasurer gave his report. Matter of refinishing floors was discussed. It was voted that librarian should buy [?] rugs for the [?]

Voted to have floors and woodwork refinished as necessary.

Meeting adjourned.

Mary A. Ward – Secretary.

January 19 – 1932.

The trustees met at the library

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Blake presided as the new president.

Rugs which had been purchased according to previous vote were installed and greatly approved.

Treasurer gave some figures as to money on hand.

It was voted to increase the insurance on the building and furnishings. ? [Which was carried.?]

Mrs. Bickford made a motion to increase the amount on building \$4,000 making total of \$12,000. \$2,000 on books and that treasurer attend to this matter. Meeting adjourned.

M. A. Ward – Sec'y

List of Insurance Policies on the Benjamin M. Smith Memorial Library

Policy	Company	Property	Amount	Expires
108611	Phoenix Ins Co	Building	2,000.00	Jan. 21 1937
1066	Fitchburg Mutual	"	2,000.00	Jan. 21 1937
1067	" "	Books	1,000.00	Jan. 21 1937
931056	Granite State	Books	2,400.00	Jan. 6 1938
"	" "	Movable fixtures	600.00	" " 1936
617117	Merrimack Mutual	Building	4,000.00	March 1 1934
319871	New Hampshire	"	2,000.00	" "
1129	Aetna	"	2,000.00	March 1 1934

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June 20 – 1932.

The trustees met at the library to discuss matter of cable wire being stretched across the library property. It was voted that the secretary send a note of protest to the selectmen.

Mrs. Wadleigh said that she thought the hours of 2–5:30 and 7-8:30 would be better than the present time 2-6 and 7-8, it was voted to make the change.

Suggested that a meeting for election of officers be held July 5 at 7:30 o'clock, subject to change.
Meeting adjourned.

Mary Annette Ward – Secretary.

August 2 – 1932.

Library meeting called to discuss new furnace. Voted that Mr. Mansfield and Mr. Pynn examine Dr. Mary ? [Sanborn's] furnace and report at earliest convenience.
Same officers to be continued for another year.

January 17 – 1933.

The trustees met at the library. Mrs. Blake presided.
Mr. Mansfield reported that the furnace had been installed, cost thirty-five and one hundred sixty dollars for fittings and work. Mrs. Wadleigh said the result was satisfactory.
Treasurer gave a report. Mrs. Wadleigh read bills. Treasurer was voted \$15.00 salary for the year.
No further business the meeting adjourned.

Mary Annette Ward – Secretary.

February 14 – 1933.

Mrs. Wadleigh invited the trustees to meet at her house.
Mrs. Blake called the meeting to order, minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
Voted that Mrs. Blake and Mr. Smith present needs of the library to the budget committee and ask for appropriation of one thousand dollars for coming year.
Mrs. Wadleigh served a delicious luncheon with decorations appropriate to the day, which was also Mrs. Blake's birthday. The social hour was much enjoyed.

Mary Annette Ward – Secretary.

April 11 – 1933.

The trustees met at the library at 7pm.
Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Wadleigh, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Smith and Mr. Mansfield were present.
Mrs. Blake called the meeting to order. Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.
Mr. Smith reported that he and Mrs. Blake interviewed the Budget Committee and found it impossible to secure one thousand dollars for library appropriation.
It was moved that Mr. Mansfield take charge of having the walk repaired and that Mrs. Wadleigh have necessary repairs done in the library.
Mr. Smith made a statement about the insurance. Mr. Mansfield said that there was money in the bank from Beede Fund, Mr. Smith volunteered to investigate the matter.
Meeting was adjourned.

M. A. Ward – Secretary.

February 17 – 1934.

Trustees met at the library. Mrs. Blake called the meeting to order.
Mr. Smith gave statement about the finances.
Mr. Gilchrist was approved as trustee to be recommended to the caucus.
Table was presented by Mrs. Beede, also a set of Dickens to the library. Voted that secretary send a note of thanks for the same.
Insurance was paid.

Mary Annette Ward – Secretary.

March 27 – 1934.

The trustees met on the above date, all present but Mrs. Ward.

Officers for ensuing year were elected as follows:

Chairman	E. C. Mansfield
Treasurer	F. H. Smith
Secretary	M. A. Ward

Spring cleaning and repairs to library were discussed, and Mrs. Wadleigh was appointed to see about painting the face of the clock and doing over the floor.

Mr. Smith said he would find out about the trust funds now on hand.

Lillian Wadleigh – Secretary pro tem.

September ? [24? or 27?] – 1934.

Trustees met at library, Mrs. Blake, Mr. Smith, Mr. Gilchrist, Mrs. Wadleigh, Mrs. Ward.

Mrs. Wadleigh spoke of magazines and of money (\$5.00) presented by summer guest, "Time" suggested to be the magazine for which money should be spent.

Mr. Smith announced that all bills were paid.

Mrs. Wadleigh spoke of having Clarence Blake attend to the shrubs. Voted that Mrs. Wadleigh have authority to attend to the matter.

Mr. Gilchrist would attend to the lock on the front door. Should have something done to typewriter – would be investigated. Gift of \$5.00 from Pennsylvania Friends noted – also letter from Girl Scouts of Clover Ridge thanking librarian for her courtesy.

It was voted that the librarian should have free hand in dealing with delinquents.

Clock and floors had been fixed. Book week would be observed the second week in November.

Announcement of library meeting at Exeter was given.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mary Annette Ward – Secretary.

January 25 – 1935.

The trustees met at the library on the above date, all present but Mrs. Wadleigh who fell and broke her hip on January 23rd. Mr. Mansfield in the chair.

A great deal of sympathy was expressed for Mrs. Wadleigh, it was voted to send flowers to the hospital for her. Mrs. Gilchrist suggested a blooming plant, Mrs. Blake said that she would ask Mrs. Booth to select something beautiful. Voted that Secretary send a vote of sympathy from the trustees.

Mr. Smith gave following report on dividends:

Beede Fund	\$605.00
Bixby Fund	\$ 16.16
Rollins Fund	\$105.90
? [Bennett etc]	\$ 16.24
Roberts Fund	<u>\$ 7.05</u>
	\$750.35

It was voted, after a motion by Mrs. Blake, that Mrs. Mansfield assisted by Mrs. Booth should take care of the library until further notice.

Mrs. Smith called attention to the Cummings Fund of which some seventy dollars with interest remained on the bank book. He gave as his balance until Town Meeting Day \$277.72.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mary Annette Ward – Secretary.

February 18 – 1935.

The trustees met at the library at 4:30pm. E.C. Mansfield presided.

Voted that treasurer pay Mrs. Wadleigh's salary for January and February.

Plans made for action on Town Meeting Day.
Letter from Mrs. Wadleigh was read.

Eva S. Blake – Secretary pro tem.

September 10 – 1935.

Trustees met at the library. Mr. Mansfield presiding at the meeting.

All much pleased to have Mrs. Wadleigh present again.

Records of February 18th read and approved.

Election of officers discussed.

Mrs. Blake moved that in view of the lateness of the meeting the present officers hold over,
Motion seconded by Mr. Gilchrist, it was so voted.

Discussion of trust fund and expenses. Magazine subscriptions talked over.

Vote of thanks extended to Mrs. Mansfield for care of library during Mrs. Wadleigh's absence.

Decided to buy travel book and two volumes of Century Dictionary.

Voted that Mrs. Wadleigh use her own judgment about ordering magazines.

Meeting adjourned.

Mary Annette Ward – Secretary.

January 8 – 1936.

Trustees of the Library met at the home of Mrs. Wadleigh. Mr. Smith, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Wadleigh, Mr. Mansfield, Mr. Gilchrist and Mrs. Ward present. Mrs. Wadleigh was requested to take the chair until Mr. Mansfield should arrive.

The business first discussed was the expiration of policy 617,117 Merrimack Mutual ? [?] Insurance Company on which was due a dividend of eight dollars. Voted that secretary write a letter to the company. Mr. Gilchrist spoke of other insurance policies and his arrangement for dividing up the dates so that the premiums would not all fall the same year.

Mrs. Blake moved that insurance matters be left with Mr. Gilchrist to arrange to best advantage for the library. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith reported available funds to date \$465.78.

Voted to subscribe for Yankee magazine.

Moved to discard ? [invitation?] to join A. L. Association.

Would like to own N. S. Catalogue of books, also last volume of "Who's Who in America".

Matters left for further consideration.

Mary Annette Ward – Secretary.

April 6 – 1936.

The trustees of the library met at Mrs. Wadleigh's, all present. Mr. Mansfield presided.

The reorganization of this body being necessary, motion was in order for nomination of officers for the coming year. It was moved that the same officers be continued for the coming year, and that the secretary should cast one vote for same. This was done and the following list of officers were declared elected. Chairman – Edwin C. Mansfield

Secretary – Mary Annette Ward

Treasurer – Fred H. Smith

Mr. Mansfield presented some interesting information about the circulation of books. From February 5 - April 1936, 1000 to 1200 borrowers – 365 different people, a new card issued every night. Mrs. Wadleigh reported increase of reading of non-fiction in ten years.

Moved and voted that Frank Hartshorn be asked to attend to the shrubs in library grounds.

All much pleased to have Mrs. Wadleigh so much better and ready for her work.

Mary Annette Ward – Secretary.

June 17 - 1937.

Trustees meeting was held at the library, all members present.

It being the annual meeting, nominations for officers was in order. Mr. Gilchrist made motion that the present board be continued for another year, it was so voted and secretary instructed to cast one vote for following officers - Chairman – E. C. Mansfield, Secretary – M. A. Ward, Treasurer – F. H. Smith. All declared elected.

Mrs. Wadleigh stated that the library had been thoroughly cleaned. ? [?] money had paid part of the bill for cleaning.

Book of Records of ? [Geo. H. Crain Post?] which had been completed by Mr. Trombly, and presented by the Legion to the library was shown. Secretary asked to write a note of thanks for the gift. Other interesting books were examined.

Meeting adjourned.

M. A. Ward – Secretary.

November 9 – 1937.

Meeting of trustees was held at the library, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Wadleigh, Mrs. Mansfield and Mrs. Ward present. Mr. Mansfield presided.

The resignation of Mr. Smith was accepted.

It was voted to place the financial matters of the library in the hands of Mrs. Wadleigh until the spring election.

Secretary was instructed to prepare resolutions upon the death of Mr. Gilchrist.

Meeting adjourned.

M. A. Ward – Secretary.

Resolutions.

The Trustees of the Meredith Public Library wish to express their sorrow at the loss of Mr. Gilchrist, who has been a faithful member of the Board.

His wise counsels and excellent advice about business matters have been greatly appreciated.

His interest in all matters pertaining to the library and his pleasant personality will be much missed in the meetings of the board of trustees.

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MEREDITH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Article 1st. The membership of the Board shall consist of such as are duly sworn by the Selectmen and have not withdrawn or been suspended.

Article 2nd. The officers of the Board shall consist of President, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting. Said annual meeting to be the first meeting of new Board.

Art 3d. The President and Secretary are empowered to call meetings as often as business may demand. Said notice being given to each member of the Board.

Duties of Officers

Art. 4th. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board. In the absence of the President the vacancy can be filled by the Board electing a President pro tem. To properly enforce the ByLaws, sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer and perform such other duties as pertain to the office.

Art. 5th. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a careful account of proceedings of the Board. Receive all moneys due the Board, pay them over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt

therefor. To preserve all the books and records of the Board, to conduct the correspondence. All necessary expenses to be reckoned as running expenses to be paid for out of the Treasury.

Art. 6th. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys due the Board from the hands of the Secretary giving his receipt therefor. To keep an accurate account of the same and pay them out by order of the Board, signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary. The Treasurer to come under such bonds as the Board may demand.

Art. 7th. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for transacting business.

Alvin Peavey
Fred H. Smith
Sarah M. Noyes
B. R. Dearborn
Lillian Wadleigh

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