

## HISTORY OF PELHAM TOWN REPORTS

In the early 1850s the Pelham School Board and the Pelham Board of Selectmen began issuing Annual Reports documenting, in great detail, their activities during the prior year. Each report lists all Town and School Officials and details Town and School expenditures paid during the prior year. Each Report is a virtual Who's Who in Pelham for the year reported.

In 1888 the Town Reports began reporting all births, marriages and deaths. Earlier vital records can be found elsewhere in the Hayes-Genoter Library:

[http://www.pelhamnhhistory.org/library/pdf/volume1/Vol1\\_TCVR\\_1743\\_1865.pdf](http://www.pelhamnhhistory.org/library/pdf/volume1/Vol1_TCVR_1743_1865.pdf)

The Hayes-Genoter History and Genealogy Library has completed scanning 115 Towns Reports beginning in 1858 and ending in 2008. The 119 reports contain over 11,500 pages of Pelham specific history. Digital copies of the 119 reports follow this introduction. The library firmly believes that, those who fail to study Pelham's history, are doomed to repeat its failures. The Town Reports are a great resource for those who wish to learn about Pelham's past.

The library is missing approximately 40 Town Reports. Our goal is to publish all past and future Town Reports, an accomplishment unmatched by any other digital History Library in New Hampshire. We are making an appeal to the general public for donations of all of the missing years. If you have a copy of any missing year and would like to donate it to the library, please contact William T. Hayes, founder of the library, at [william.t.hayes@pelhamnhhistory.org](mailto:william.t.hayes@pelhamnhhistory.org) or at 603 635 2510.

A list of the missing Town Reports follows:

1855 and earlier	1877
1856 and 1857	1881
1860	1882
1864	1883
1865	1897
1866	1912
1867	
1868	
1870	
1871	
1872	
1876	