

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 160.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE to correct a clerical error in the State valuation of Township Number Seven, Range Eleven, Piscataquis County, and for the abatement and refunding of the taxes erroneously assessed thereon.

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*Resolved,* That the State valuation of the years 1891, 2 1892, 1893 and 1894, of township Number Seven, Range 3 Eleven, Piscataquis County, be and hereby is amended by 4 striking out the sums of 28,803 acres and inserting there- 5 for 22,803 acres.

*Resolved,* That the State Treasurer be required to 7 abate and refund to the owners of township Number 8 Seven, Range Eleven, Piscataquis county, \$121.49 of the 9 State Tax, and \$67.07 of the County Tax, for the years 10 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894.

*Resolved,* That the State Treasurer be required to  
12 withhold sixty-seven dollars and seven cents from the  
13 county of Piscataquis, it being the amount of the county  
14 tax of said county refunded and abated as above.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled :

Respectfully represent the undersigned, that they are the owners in fee simple of township Number Seven, Range Eleven, in the county of Piscataquis; that said town was assessed as follows for acreage, viz :

From 1868 to 1880, both inclusive, at 22,803 acres; for the years 1881 and 1882 at 28,803 acres, being an addition of exactly six thousand acres; that the erroneous increase was discovered, and, by chapter 75 of Resolves of the year 1883, approved February 14, 1883, the valuation of said township was amended by deducting the said six thousand acres, and directing that thereafter the State and County taxes should be assessed upon the valuation of 22,803 acres; and it was also resolved that the State Treasurer be required to to abate and refund to the owners of said township the State and County taxes for the years 1881 and 1882, so far as increased by said erroneously added six thousand acres.

Your petitioners further represent that said assessment was kept at 22,803 acres until the valuation commission of 1890 commenced their labors, and in 1891 they assessed upon 28,803 acres again, and that the valuation has remained at that figure until the valuation made in December, 1894, by the State Board of Assessors, when it has again been reduced to 22,803 acres.

Your petitioners further represent that the field notes and the survey of the original deed from the Land Office show the acreage in the whole town to have been 23,803 acres, from which the usual deduction for public lots of one thousand acres was made, leaving as the correct acreage of the town to be assessed to the proprietors 22,803 acres.

Wherefore your petitioners represent that there should be repaid to them the amounts that they have erroneously paid by reason of said erroneous assessment for the years 1819, 1892, 1893 and 1894, both State and county taxes, inasmuch

as the county tax is collected by the State for the benefit of the county, or, if any of said taxes have not yet been paid, that payment should be accepted by the State upon the correct acreage.

And as in duty bound will ever pray.

Estate of William T. Pearson by Franklin A. Wilson and Charles V. Lord, Trustees.

Edward H. Blake, F. W. Goodwin, Nathaniel M. Whitmore by Dwinel & Boardman, Agents.

AUGUSTA, ME., January 22, 1895.

We have examined all the statements and figures relating to the erroneous valuation and taxation of Township No. 7, Range 11, Piscataquis County, and find the above statements to be correct and recommend that the petition of the owners of said town be granted.

HALL C. BURLEIGH,  
OTIS HAYFORD,  
GEORGE POTTLE,  
Board of State Assessors.

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STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 20, 1895.

Reported by Mr. COFFIN of Bangor, from Committee on Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*