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Form **990-PF**

# Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust Treated as a Private Foundation

OMB No 1545-0052

**2010**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Note. The foundation may be able to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

For calendar year 2010, or tax year beginning , and ending

G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return  
☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name change

Name of foundation <b>JOHN M BISSELL FOUNDATION INC c/o STACKPOLE &amp; FRENCH</b>		A Employer identification number <b>26-1779455</b>
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) <b>PO BOX 819</b>		B Telephone number (see page 10 of the instructions) <b>802-253-7339</b>
City or town, state, and ZIP code <b>STOWE VT 05672</b>		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) <b>\$ 480,773</b>	J Accounting method. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see page 11 of the instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)				
	2 Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	19,357	19,357	19,357	
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	2,063	2,063	2,063	
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10 Stmt 1	4,905			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 95,218				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0		
	8 Net short-term capital gain			0	
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns & allowances				
b Less Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)					
11 Other income (attach schedule)					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	26,325	21,420	21,420		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0			
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule) See Stmt 2	1,659	1,659	1,659	
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule) Stmt 3	1,563	1,563	1,563	
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule) Stmt 4	3,428	3,428	3,428	
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see page 14 of the instructions) Stmt 5	5,962	4	4	
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (att sch) Stmt 6	2,525	2,525	2,525	
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	15,137	9,179	9,179	0
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	41,852			41,852
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	56,989	9,179	9,179	41,852	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-30,664				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		12,241			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			12,241		

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see page 30 of the instructions.

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	8,411	5,142	5,142
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4	Pledges receivable ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see page 15 of the instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (att schedule) ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule) Stmt 7	45,171	45,171	47,852
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule) See Stmt 8	91,341	85,486	92,578
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule) See Stmt 9	238,912	218,764	228,852
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ Less accumulated depreciation (attach sch ) ▶			
	12	Investments—mortgage loans	107,741	106,349	106,349
	13	Investments—other (attach schedule)			
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ Less accumulated depreciation (attach sch ) ▶			
	15	Other assets (describe ▶ )			
	16	<b>Total assets</b> (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	491,576	460,912	480,773
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18	Grants payable			
	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶ )			
	23	<b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 17 through 22)	0	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		<b>Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></b> <b>and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.</b>			
	24	Unrestricted	491,576	460,912	
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
		<b>Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/></b> <b>and complete lines 27 through 31.</b>			
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> (see page 17 of the instructions)	491,576	460,912	
	31	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> (see page 17 of the instructions)	491,576	460,912	

## Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	491,576
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-30,664
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	460,912
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6	<b>Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30</b>	6	460,912

**Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income**

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a	N/A			
b				
c				
d				
e				

  

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

  

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69

(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

  

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">           If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7            If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7         </div>	2	
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">           If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see pages 13 and 17 of the instructions)            If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8         </div>	3	

**Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income**

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see page 18 of the instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2009	2,033	463,382	0.004387
2008		464,163	
2007			
2006			
2005			

  

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	0.004387
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	0.004387
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2010 from Part X, line 5	4	482,203
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	2,115
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	122
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	2,237
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	41,852

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions on page 18.

**Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see page 18 of the instructions)**

<b>1a</b>	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		
<b>b</b>	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	122
<b>c</b>	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
<b>2</b>	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	0
<b>3</b>	Add lines 1 and 2	3	122
<b>4</b>	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	0
<b>5</b>	<b>Tax based on investment income.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	122
<b>6</b>	<b>Credits/Payments</b>		
<b>a</b>	2010 estimated tax payments and 2009 overpayment credited to 2010	6a	
<b>b</b>	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	
<b>c</b>	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
<b>d</b>	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
<b>7</b>	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	
<b>8</b>	Enter any <b>penalty</b> for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	
<b>9</b>	<b>Tax due.</b> If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter <b>amount owed</b>	9	122
<b>10</b>	<b>Overpayment.</b> If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the <b>amount overpaid</b>	10	
<b>11</b>	Enter the amount of line 10 to be <b>Credited to 2011 estimated tax</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Refunded</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	11	

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
<b>b</b> Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see page 19 of the instructions for definition)? If the answer is "Yes" to <b>1a</b> or <b>1b</b> , attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities		X
<b>c</b> Did the foundation file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year?		X
<b>d</b> Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
<b>e</b> Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
<b>2</b> Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities		X
<b>3</b> Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
<b>4a</b> Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on <b>Form 990-T</b> for this year?		
<b>5</b> Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T		X
<b>6</b> Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
<b>7</b> Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV	X	
<b>8a</b> Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see page 19 of the instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> VT		
<b>b</b> If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation	X	
<b>9</b> Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2010 or the taxable year beginning in 2010 (see instructions for Part XIV on page 27)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV		X
<b>10</b> Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		X

N/A

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)**

11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see page 20 of the instructions)	11		X
12 Did the foundation acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract before August 17, 2008?	12		X
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► NA	13	X	

14 The books are in care of ► ED FRENCH Telephone no ► 802-253-7339  
PO BOX 819  
Located at ► STOWE VT ZIP+4 ► 05672

15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year  
► 15

16 At any time during calendar year 2010, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See page 20 of the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1 If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►	16	Yes	No
			X

**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required**

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b> During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)			
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>b</b> If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see page 22 of the instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here	N/A ► <input type="checkbox"/>	1b	
<b>c</b> Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2010?	N/A	1c	
<b>2</b> Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))			
<b>a</b> At the end of tax year 2010, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2010? If "Yes," list the years ► 20 , 20 , 20 , 20	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>b</b> Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see page 22 of the instructions)	N/A	2b	
<b>c</b> If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ► 20 , 20 , 20 , 20			
<b>3a</b> Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2010 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2010)	N/A	3b	
<b>4a</b> Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?		4a	X
<b>b</b> Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2010?		4b	X

**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)****5a** During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? (see page 22 of the instructions)

☐ Yes ☒ No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?

☐ Yes ☒ No**b** If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see page 22 of the instructions)?

N/A

**5b**

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

▶ ☐**c** If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d)

**6a** Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?☐ Yes ☒ No**b** Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?**6b**

X

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870

**7a** At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?☐ Yes ☒ No**b** If Yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?

N/A

**7b****Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors****1** List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see page 22 of the instructions).

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
EDWARD B FRENCH, JR PO BOX 819 STOWE VT 05672	DIRECTOR 1.00	0	0	0
DAVID B STACKPOLE, ESQ PO BOX 819 STOWE VT 05672	DIRECTOR 1.00	0	0	0
ANGELA NORDER PO BOX 819 STOWE VT 05672	DIRECTOR 1.00	0	0	0

**2** Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 — see page 23 of the instructions).

If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000

▶ 0

**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)****3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see page 23 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."**

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶**Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities**

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
1 See Statement 10	
	41,852
2	
3	
4	

**Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see page 24 of the instructions)**

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2

	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments See page 24 of the instructions	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 <span style="float: right;">▶</span>	



**Part X Minimum Investment Return** (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see page 24 of the instructions.)

<b>1</b>	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
<b>a</b>	Average monthly fair market value of securities	<b>1a</b>	375,724
<b>b</b>	Average of monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>	6,777
<b>c</b>	Fair market value of all other assets (see page 25 of the instructions)	<b>1c</b>	107,045
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c)	<b>1d</b>	489,546
<b>e</b>	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	<b>1e</b>	0
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	<b>2</b>	0
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	<b>3</b>	489,546
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1½ % of line 3 (for greater amount, see page 25 of the instructions)	<b>4</b>	7,343
<b>5</b>	<b>Net value of noncharitable-use assets.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	<b>5</b>	482,203
<b>6</b>	<b>Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% of line 5	<b>6</b>	24,110

**Part XI Distributable Amount** (see page 25 of the instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☐ and do not complete this part.)

<b>1</b>	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	<b>1</b>	24,110
<b>2a</b>	Tax on investment income for 2010 from Part VI, line 5	<b>2a</b>	122
<b>b</b>	Income tax for 2010 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines 2a and 2b	<b>2c</b>	122
<b>3</b>	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	<b>3</b>	23,988
<b>4</b>	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Add lines 3 and 4	<b>5</b>	23,988
<b>6</b>	Deduction from distributable amount (see page 25 of the instructions)	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Distributable amount as adjusted.</b> Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	<b>7</b>	23,988

**Part XII Qualifying Distributions** (see page 25 of the instructions)

<b>1</b>	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes		
<b>a</b>	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 26	<b>1a</b>	41,852
<b>b</b>	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B	<b>1b</b>	
<b>2</b>	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
<b>a</b>	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	<b>3a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	<b>3b</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Qualifying distributions.</b> Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	<b>4</b>	41,852
<b>5</b>	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see page 26 of the instructions)	<b>5</b>	122
<b>6</b>	<b>Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4	<b>6</b>	41,730

**Note.** The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

**Part XIII Undistributed Income** (see page 26 of the instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2009	(c) 2009	(d) 2010
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2010 from Part XI, line 7				23,988
<b>2</b> Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2010				
<b>a</b> Enter amount for 2009 only			23,162	
<b>b</b> Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2010				
<b>a</b> From 2005				
<b>b</b> From 2006				
<b>c</b> From 2007				
<b>d</b> From 2008				
<b>e</b> From 2009				
<b>f</b> Total of lines 3a through e				
<b>4</b> Qualifying distributions for 2010 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 41,852				
<b>a</b> Applied to 2009, but not more than line 2a			23,162	
<b>b</b> Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see page 26 of the instructions)				
<b>c</b> Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see page 26 of the instructions)				
<b>d</b> Applied to 2010 distributable amount				18,690
<b>e</b> Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
<b>5</b> Excess distributions carryover applied to 2010 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a) )				
<b>6</b> Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
<b>a</b> Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
<b>b</b> Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
<b>c</b> Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
<b>d</b> Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see page 27 of the instructions				
<b>e</b> Undistributed income for 2009 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see page 27 of the instructions				
<b>f</b> Undistributed income for 2010 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2011				5,298
<b>7</b> Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (see page 27 of the instructions)				
<b>8</b> Excess distributions carryover from 2005 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see page 27 of the instructions)				
<b>9</b> Excess distributions carryover to 2011. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
<b>10</b> Analysis of line 9				
<b>a</b> Excess from 2006				
<b>b</b> Excess from 2007				
<b>c</b> Excess from 2008				
<b>d</b> Excess from 2009				
<b>e</b> Excess from 2010				

**Part XIV Private Operating Foundations** (see page 27 of the instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

**1a** If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2010, enter the date of the ruling ▶

**b** Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section ☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2010	(b) 2009	(c) 2008	(d) 2007	
<b>2a</b> Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
<b>b</b> 85% of line 2a					
<b>c</b> Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
<b>d</b> Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
<b>e</b> Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
<b>3</b> Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
<b>a</b> "Assets" alternative test—enter					
<b>(1)</b> Value of all assets					
<b>(2)</b> Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
<b>b</b> "Endowment" alternative test—enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
<b>c</b> "Support" alternative test—enter					
<b>(1)</b> Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
<b>(2)</b> Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
<b>(3)</b> Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
<b>(4)</b> Gross investment income					

**Part XV Supplementary Information** (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see page 28 of the instructions.)

**1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

**a** List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2) )  
N/A

**b** List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest  
N/A

**2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:**  
Check here ☒ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. (see page 28 of the instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

**a** The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom applications should be addressed  
EDWARD FRENCH 802-253-7339  
STACKPOLE & FRENCH STOWE VT 05672

**b** The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include  
See Statement 11

**c** Any submission deadlines  
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**d** Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors  
N/A

**Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)****3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
<b>a</b> Paid during the year				
VT HISTORICAL SOCIETY 60 WASHINGTON ST BARRE VT 05641	NONE	501(c)(3) DIGITIZING	VT FILMS	2,040
LAMOILLE COM CONNECTIONS 72 HARRELL STREET MORRISVILLE VT 05661	NONE PRODUCE A FILM WITH ANTHONY CAMPOS	501(C)(3)		1,300
RIVER ARTS PO BOX 829 MORRISVILLE VT 05661	NONE FILM SHOWINGS WITH GUEST	501(C)(3)	SPEAKERS	13,444
RIVER ARTS PO BOX 829 MORRISVILLE VT 05661	NONE FILMING THE KOSA PERCUSSION	501(C)(3)	FESTIVAL	10,068
VERMONT SKI MUSEUM PO BOX 1511 STOWE VT 05672	NONE DOCUMENTARY FILM VT SKI HALL OF FAME	501(C)(3)		10,000
UPPER VALLEY ARTS PO BOX 322 NORWICH VT 05055	NONE	501(C)(3) FOR THE VERMONT MOVIE		5,000
<b>Total</b>			▶ 3a	41,852
<b>b</b> Approved for future payment N/A				
<b>Total</b>			▶ 3b	



**Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations**

- 1** Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?
- a** Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of
- (1) Cash
- (2) Other assets
- b** Other transactions:
- (1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization
- (2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization
- (3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets
- (4) Reimbursement arrangements
- (5) Loans or loan guarantees
- (6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations
- c** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees
- d** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.

	Yes	No
1a(1)		X
1a(2)		X
1b(1)		X
1b(2)		X
1b(3)		X
1b(4)		X
1b(5)		X
1b(6)		X
1c		X

[illegible]

- 2a** Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527?

☐ Yes ☒ No

- b If "Yes," complete the following schedule**

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship
N/A		

**Sign  
Here**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer or fiduciary) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer or trustee

Date:

**Title**

**Paid  
Preparer  
Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Check ☐ if  
self-employed

Nancy C. Putnam, CPA

Firm's name ▶ Marckres Norder and Company, Inc.

PTIN P00295704

Firm's address ► P.O. Box 732

Firm's EIN ▶ 03-0322133

Morrisville, VT 05661-0732

Phone no 802-888-7781

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**Statement 1 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 6a - Sale of Assets**

Description		How Received		Whom Sold		Date Acquired
Date Sold	Sale Price	Cost	Expense	Depreciation	Net Gain / Loss	
SEE ATTACHED			Purchase			Various
Various	\$ 43,804	\$ 40,829	\$	\$	2,975	
SEE ATTACHED			Purchase			Various
Various	51,414	49,484			1,930	
Total	\$ 95,218	\$ 90,313	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,905	

**Statement 2 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16a - Legal Fees**

Description		Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
Indirect Legal Fees		\$ 1,659	\$ 1,659	\$ 1,659	\$
Total		\$ 1,659	\$ 1,659	\$ 1,659	\$ 0

**Statement 3 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16b - Accounting Fees**

Description		Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
Indirect Accounting Fees		\$ 1,563	\$ 1,563	\$ 1,563	\$
Total		\$ 1,563	\$ 1,563	\$ 1,563	\$ 0

**Statement 4 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16c - Other Professional Fees**

Description		Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
BANK FEES		\$ 3,428	\$ 3,428	\$ 3,428	\$
Total		\$ 3,428	\$ 3,428	\$ 3,428	\$ 0

**Statement 5 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 18 - Taxes**

Description		Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
SECTION 4940 EXCISE TAX - 2009		\$ 7	\$	\$	\$

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CUSIP #/ PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	DATE SOLD/ ACQUIRED	GAIN AND LOSS DETAIL			GAIN OR LOSS	COVERED
		PROCEEDS OF SALE	COST			
SHORT TERM CAPITAL GAIN (LOSS)						
47 SHARES OF ISHARES BARCLAYS 1-3 YR CREDIT BOND FUND ETF	02/24/2010 12/28/2009	4,904.40	4,903.98		0.42	
275 SHARES OF EMERSON ELECTRIC CO	03/12/2010 06/08/2009	13,187.43	9,536.51		3,650.92	
23 SHARES OF ISHARES BARCLAYS 1-3 YR CREDIT BOND FUND ETF	06/16/2010 12/28/2009	2,377.70	2,399.82		(22.12)	
80 SHARES OF ISHARES BARCLAYS 1-3 YR CREDIT BOND FUND ETF	06/21/2010 12/28/2009	8,294.29	8,347.20		(52.91)	
50 SHARES OF EXXON MOBIL CORP	06/21/2010 03/12/2010	3,182.44	3,340.96		(158.52)	
95 SHARES OF TEVA PHARM INDUS ADR	09/15/2010 06/11/2010	5,161.26	5,054.00		107.26	
50 SHARES OF ABBOTT LABORATORIES	09/15/2010 06/11/2010	2,565.95	2,359.44		206.51	
45 SHARES OF BOG RES INC COM	12/14/2010 06/11/2010	4,130.63	4,887.45		(756.82)	
TOTAL SHORT TERM CAPITAL GAIN (LOSS)		43,804.10	40,829.36		2,974.74	

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GAIN AND LOSS DETAIL				
CUSIP #/ PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	DATE SOLD/ ACQUIRED	PROCEEDS OF SALE	COST	GAIN OR LOSS
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LONG TERM CAPITAL GAIN (LOSS)				
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100 SHARES OF MEDCO HEALTH SOLUTIONS	03/17/2010 03/05/2009	6,435.07	3,888.70	2,546.37
40 SHARES OF PETROLEO BRILLEIRO SA PETROBRAS COM	03/17/2010 05/12/2008	1,872.37	2,605.60	(733.23)
25 SHARES OF GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP	04/20/2010 04/08/2008	4,004.47	4,427.00	(422.53)
25000 UNITS OF GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP 5.125% 01/15/2015	05/10/2010 05/28/2008	25,103.25	24,897.50	205.75
100 SHARES OF ACCENTURE PLC CL A	06/21/2010 05/12/2008	3,902.94	3,747.00	155.94
175 SHARES OF WALT DISNEY COMPANY	09/15/2010 04/08/2008	5,948.15	5,492.94	455.21
50 SHARES OF BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC CLASS B	09/15/2010 04/08/2008	4,147.42	4,425.04	(277.62)
TOTAL LONG TERM CAPITAL GAIN (LOSS)		51,413.67	49,483.78	1,929.89

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**Statement 5 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 18 - Taxes (continued)**

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
TAX ON UNDISTRIBUTED INCOME-2009	\$ 5,951	\$	\$	\$
FOREIGN TAX ON INVESTMENT INCOME	4	4	4	
Total	\$ 5,962	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 0

**Statement 6 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 23 - Other Expenses**

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
Expenses	\$	\$	\$	\$
MISCELLANEOUS	2,525	2,525	2,525	
Total	\$ 2,525	\$ 2,525	\$ 2,525	\$ 0

**Statement 7 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 10a - US and State Government Investments**

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year	Basis of Valuation	Fair Market Value
Total	\$ 45,171	\$ 45,171	Cost	\$ 47,852
	\$ 45,171	\$ 45,171		\$ 47,852

**Statement 8 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 10b - Corporate Stock Investments**

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year	Basis of Valuation	Fair Market Value
Total	\$ 91,341	\$ 85,486	Cost	\$ 92,578
	\$ 91,341	\$ 85,486		\$ 92,578

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### Statement 9 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 10c - Corporate Bond Investments

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year	Basis of Valuation	Fair Market Value
	\$ 238,912	\$ 218,764	Cost	\$ 228,852
Total	\$ 238,912	\$ 218,764		\$ 228,852

### Statement 10 - Form 990-PF, Part IX-A, Line 1 - Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

#### Description

THE JOHN M BISSELL FOUNDATION INC PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR THE VERMONT INDIGENOUS FILM COMMUNITY. DURING 2010, IT SUPPORTED THE SIX VERMONT NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS LISTED IN SCHEDULE XV. THESE ORGANIZATIONS HELPED TO CREATE, PRODUCE, SHOW AND PRESERVE VERMONT MOVIES.

### Statement 11 - Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 2b - Application Format and Required Contents

#### Description

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING. A COPY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS 501(c)(3) STATUS SHOULD BE INCLUDED

### Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 2c - Submission Deadlines

#### Description

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**Taxable Interest on Investments**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unrelated Business Code</u>	<u>Exclusion Code</u>	<u>Postal Code</u>	<u>US Obs (\$ or %)</u>
UNION BANK	\$ 13,026		14		
UNION BANK - US	927		14		
NOTE RECEIVABLE	5,396		14		
UNIION BANK MMA	8		14		
Total	\$ 19,357				

**Taxable Dividends from Securities**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unrelated Business Code</u>	<u>Exclusion Code</u>	<u>Postal Code</u>	<u>US Obs (\$ or %)</u>
UNION BANK	\$ 2,063		18		
Total	\$ 2,063				