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Mellen John B. &c.
to
Lucy Darling

Know all men by these presents that we, John B. Mellen
of Mendon in county of Worcester and Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, Hott. maker and Sally Mellen, wife
of said John B. in her right by and under the home-
stead exemption laws of said Commonwealth, and
for the purpose of granting the homestead hereinaf-
ter granted, in consideration of nine hundred dollars
paid by Lucy Darling, wife of Symon Darling of
said Mendon, the receipt whereof is hereby ac-
knowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and
convey unto the said Lucy Darling, ^{Darling} her heirs and
assigns, a certain tract of land situated in said
Mendon with all the privileges and appurtenances
thereunto belonging and also all the buildings
standing thereon, containing eighteen acres, more or
less, and bounded, Beginning at the North East
corner of the premises on the Southerly side of a
town road leading from Gilbert Gaskill's to Thom-
as Gardner's at Albert Gaskill's land: thence South-
erly and bounded Easterly on land of said Gilbert
Gaskill as the wall now stands forty two rods
twenty two links to a corner of wall: thence run-
ning Westerly and bounding Southerly on land
of Gilbert Gaskill as the wall now stands twenty
four rods eighteen links: thence Southerly and
bounding Easterly on Gilbert Gaskill's land as the
wall now stands to a corner at Nahum Gaskill's
land: thence turning and running Southerly and
bounding Easterly on Nahum Gaskill's land to cor-
ner at land of Joseph Robbins: thence turning and
running Westerly and bounding Southerly by land
of said Robbins to the road aforesaid: thence turn-
ing and running Northerly and bounding Westerly
by and with said road to the first mentioned bound,
It being the same premises conveyed to said John
B. Mellen by Calvin Turner and Isabella Turner
by deed dated the 23^d day of February A.D. 1859.

To have and to hold the above granted premi-
ses, with the privileges and appurtenances thereto be-
longing, to the said Lucy Darling, to her sole and
separate use without the intervention of a trustee
free from the interference and control of her hus-