

58. our names as witnesses thereto

Jos. Geo. Melloff, David Adams, Geo. L. Bartlett  
Commissioners of Massachusetts.  
Worcester ss. Malcom of Probate holden at Newford, on the  
twenty-first day of May, A.D. 1857.

The Instrument thereto annexed, having been presented  
for Probate as the last will and testament of John Legg  
late of Mendon, in said County, deceased, and it being made to  
appear that due notice has been given to all persons interested  
and no objection being made to the probate of the same;  
and it being also made evident by the oath of John  
George Melloff, one of the witnesses thereto, that said instrument  
was legally executed, and that said Testator was at the time  
of the execution of the same, of full age and of sound mind;  
I now certify that said instrument is found, and decree  
that the same be approved and allowed as the last will  
and testament of said deceased.  
The Honorable, Judge of Probate.

Simeon Merritt.

To the Honorable Judge of Probate for the County of  
Worcester, Sir.

The undersigned, widow and heir of Simeon Merritt  
late of Templeton, deceased, respectfully represent that  
said Simeon Merritt did convey certain Real Estate by deed to  
his daughter Dorcas Merritt in trust for the use and support  
of her mother Dorcas Merritt, dated the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November  
1844, and recorded January 21<sup>st</sup> 1845, in the Registry of Deeds  
Book R 395, Page 15.

Now the said Petitioner moves further to represent, that  
the said Dorcas, the Trustee, is now living, but the widow  
is still living, and it is necessary that the above mentioned Real  
Estate be disposed off for the widow's support.

Therefore the said Petitioner, respectfully requests  
the Honorable Court to appoint some person or persons  
with liberty to see said Real Estate and take her other  
property into his possession for the use and maintenance of  
said widow

Mercy M. Brown  
Benjamin Brown  
Sarah S. Merrill  
Maria S. Cadby

Dorcas Merritt  
Cynthia Johnson  
Mary Dyer  
Julia F. Brown

Worcester ss. Malcom of Probate holden at Templeton  
on the twenty-first day of May, A.D. 1857.

Upon the foregoing Petition, notice thereof having been  
duly given, and the same being fully considered, I now  
appoint John M. Brown Trustee and in the deed mentioned  
in said Petition, in place of said Dorcas Merritt, deceased,  
the said Brown, giving Bond according to law.  
The Honorable J. Rob.

Ruth Fiskett.

Be it Reminded all men that I, Ruth Fiskett of  
Chatham in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts, widow, being of sound and disposing mind, memory  
and understanding, do make, publish and declare this to be  
my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making  
null and void, all former last wills and testaments by  
me heretofore made. And first my will is, that all my just  
debts and funeral charges shall by my Executor hereinafter  
named be paid out of my Estate as soon after my decease  
as shall by him be found convenient.

I give and devise to Reuben Rich of said Chatham five  
hundred dollars.

To my sister Mary Fox, wife of William Fox I give one  
hundred dollars

To my Grand son Isaac F. Rich, I give fifty dollars.

My wearing apparel and household furniture, I give to the  
said Mary Fox, Calista B. Merrill wife of John E. Merrill  
and Sarah Rich wife of said Reuben Rich, to be equally  
divided between them.

The residue and remainder of my Estate, I give to the said  
Mary Fox, Calista B. Merrill and Sarah Rich to be divided  
equally between them.

And I hereby nominate and appoint the said Reuben  
Rich to be the sole Executor of this my last will and  
testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal,  
and published and declared this to be my last will and testament, in  
presence of the witnesses named below, this tenth day of February,  
in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

Ruth Fiskett (S)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Ruth Fiskett  
to be her last will and testament in presence of us who at her request,  
in her presence and in presence of each other have hereunto  
subscribed our names as witnesses. William P. Clarke  
John G. Rich  
Lucius Stockwell