

4. be sold and the avails thereof be given to my sister  
Roxana Young and Nathaniel Young and George Young  
sons of the above named Roxana Young -  
Lastly - I constitute and appoint Roswell Eastman my  
true and lawful Executor of this my last Will & Testament  
if he is living and capable of doing the business, if not  
I here by constitute and appoint Ebenezer Chaffee of said  
Ashford to be my true and lawful Executor of this my last  
Will & Testament -

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal  
at Ashford this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord  
One thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

*Hannah Brooks*  
Signed, sealed, published and declared by said Testatrix as and for her last Will & Testament in presence  
of us the witnesses here to subscribing -

*Hannah Knowlton*  
*Edwin Knowlton*  
*Charles Moulton*

Windham County ss. Ashford June 8<sup>th</sup> AD. 1854.

Then personally appeared Hannah Knowlton and Edwin Knowlton two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will and made solemn Oath that Hannah Brooks the Testatrix named in the foregoing Will, Signed, sealed, and executed the same in her presence and in the presence of Charles Moulton the other subscribing witness to said Will, that they and the said Charles Moulton signed the same as witnesses in the presence of said Testatrix and of each other and that they heard her pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will & Testament; and that in their opinion in the said Testatrix was of sound disposing mind and memory and capable of executing the same according to law -

Before me Ebenezer Chaffee Justice of the peace -

The within and foregoing is a true copy of the Will of Hannah Brooks late of Ashford dec'd. The proof of the same and the doings of the Court in relation thereto as recorded in the Records of the Court of Probate for the District of Ashford In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the seal of said Court & subscribed my name this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

*S. S. Simmons*  
Benjamin C. Simmons Clerk of sd Court

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. 5.  
Worcester, ss. At a Court of Probate holden at Worcester on the second day of January AD 1855.  
Ebenezer Chaffee, of Ashford, in the County of Windham, and State of Connecticut, during on the twenty seventh day of November AD. 1854. produced the foregoing Copy of the last Will and Testament of Hannah Brooks, late of said Ashford, deceased, and of the probate thereof in the Probate Court of the District of Ashford, in the State of Connecticut for the purpose of having said Will allowed and recorded here and due notice thereof having been given, and no objection made. I now order that said Copy be here filed and recorded. The Honorable Judge of Probate.

*Betsy Darnsfort*  
I now all men by these presents That I Betsy Darnsfort of Mendon in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts widow being of sound disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament -

I hereby make and appoint my son Joseph G. Darnsfort Executor of this my last Will and Testament -

First I give and devise unto Aaron C. Cook George Ransom and Edward W. Darnsfort all the right title and interest which I now or may hereafter have in the house and lot now occupied by the Revd William M. Kimbly and which I own in common and undivided with Benjamin Darnsfort Joseph G. Darnsfort and David Darnsfort. Subject to the deductions herein after made -

And the proceeds which I have devised unto the said Aaron C. Cook, George Ransom and Edward W. Darnsfort is upon the special trust following to wit: That the said Aaron C. Cook, George Ransom and Edward W. Darnsfort shall take and receive the rents and profits accruing from said real estate lands and tenements above devised to them and there with make all necessary repairs and pay all taxes and necessary charges and expenses in and about the same and after all such payments are deducted shall pay over the residue of such rents and profits to the treasurer or collector of the Unitarian Society of Mendon to be, by said Society, appropriated to the support of the Unitarian Ministry in said Mendon and for no other purpose.

6. And I do hereby authorize and empower the legal voters of said Unitarian Society, that now is or may hereafter be organized in said Mendon, by their votes, at a meeting legally called for that purpose, to choose one or more responsible persons to fill any vacancy that may occur by reason of the death or resignation of either of the trustees before named or by reason of the death or resignation of any of the trustees who may hereafter be chosen.

And should there be a vacancy by reason of the death or resignation of one or more of the trustees before named or of one or more of their successors, who may hereafter be chosen at any time when there is not an organized Unitarian Society in Mendon I hereby authorize the survivor or survivors of them the said trustees to fill such vacancy or vacancies by person or persons of his or their appointment and the person or persons so appointed shall have all the authority to act in the premises as the trustees herein before appointed by me.

And I do hereby authorize and empower the trustees hereinbefore appointed or the trustees who may hereafter be chosen or appointed as their successors, if they shall deem it expedient, to sell and convey the freehold, lands and tenements, and execute and deliver all the deeds therefor and invest as a permanent fund, the net proceeds thereof in such manner as shall in their opinion produce the largest income and profit and the income and profits of the fund thereby created, shall by the said trustees or their successors, be appropriated in the same manner and for the same purposes as is herein before ordered and directed in relation to the rents, income and profits of the freehold, lands and tenements hereinbefore devised.

And I hereby authorize and empower the trustees by me herein before appointed or the trustees who may be hereafter chosen or appointed as their successors to invest, the rents and profits, accruing from the lands and tenements herein before devised or the interest, income and profits of the funds of every description that are created by and under the directions and provisions hereinbefore made, at times when the Unitarian Ministry is not supported in said Mendon, in such a manner

as shall produce the largest income and profit; 7. And the investment of rents, interest income and profits made as aforesaid shall become and forever remain a part of the permanent fund.

When the Unitarian Ministry shall cease to be supported in said Mendon for five consecutive years the trustees hereinbefore appointed or those who may hereafter be chosen or appointed as their successors, shall, on demand surrender the trust herein imposed, with all the lands hereinbefore devised (if not sold) and all the funds, interests and profits held by or under said trust, to three trustees, who shall be appointed as their successors, by the President, Directors, Secretaries and Treasurer of the American Unitarian Association, who are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint trustees as last above directed, and to remove one or more from the board of trustees if they deem it necessary, to appoint others in the place of those removed, and to fill all vacancies occasioned by the death or resignation of any one or more of the said trustees by them appointed.

And the trustees appointed, as last above directed shall have all the power to act in the premises as the trustees named and appointed by me, excepting however, they shall not, in any event, have authority to appoint any one or more to fill vacancies or as their successors.

And finally it is my wish and desire and I hereby order and direct that all the rents, interest, income and profits accruing from every source herein before named and expressed, at all times when the Unitarian Ministry shall be supported in said Mendon, shall, at all such times, be paid over and appropriated in aid of such Unitarian Ministry.

Second - I give and bequeath unto my son Seth J. Davenport all my household furniture.

Third, I give and bequeath unto my three daughters in law Mary Davenport, Mary H. Davenport and Adeline Davenport, all my wearing apparel to be divided equally between them.

Fourth, I give and bequeath unto my grand son Phineas Davenport the sum of Ten Dollars.

Fifth, I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Rebecca Davenport, daughter of my late son George

8. S. Darnport, deceased the sum of Ten Dollars to be deposited in the savings bank at Worcester for her benefit until she arrives at the age of twenty one years.

Sixth I give and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my personal property, to my grand sons, of the S. Darnport, Austin Darnport and Seth T. Darnport to be divided equally between them.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in the presence of the witnesses named below this twenty eighth day of January in year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty one.

Betsy Darnport S.S.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Betsy Darnport as and for her last Will and Testament in presence of us, who in her presence and in the presence of each other, and at her request have subscribed our names, as witnesses, hereunto

David Darnport

Calvin Turner

Silas Leshner

I Betsy Darnport the within named Testator do hereby make this present codicil which I order and direct shall be taken as a part of my foregoing last Will and Testament and which Will in all respects excepting wherein it is altered or changed by this codicil I do hereby republish and affirm

I do hereby make my grand daughter Betsey Darnport daughter of my late son George S. Darnport deceased, my residuary legatee revoking and annulling the sixth provision in my foregoing last Will and Testament whereby I made my grand sons of the S. Darnport, Austin Darnport and Seth T. Darnport for my residuary legates

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and publish and declare this to be a Codicil to my foregoing last Will and Testament in the presence of the witnesses named below this seventeenth day of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty one

Betsy Darnport S.S.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Betsy Darnport as and for a Codicil to her foregoing last Will and Testament in presence of us, who

in her presence and in the presence of each other, and at her request have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

David Darnport

Merry Barber

Calvin Turner

I, Betsey Darnport, the within named Testator, do hereby make this present Codicil which I order and direct shall be taken as a part of my last will and testament, and which will, in all respects, excepting wherein it is altered or changed by this Codicil, I do hereby republish and affirm.

I hereby annul and make utterly void the sixth provision of this my last Will and Testament written upon the last preceding page, and also the Codicil to my said Will, written above, upon this page, and do hereby make the following disposition of my residuary Estate, viz. I give and bequeath to the Rev. Robert Russell of Mendon, so long as he shall continue to be the Minister of the Unitarian Society in said Town and so long as any portion of my said residuary Estate shall remain unexpended, the sum of Fifty dollars in each and every year, and should he die or cease to be the Minister of said Society then I give and bequeath to his successor or successors in said office, so long as they shall continue to discharge the duties of said office, the like sum of Fifty Dollars in each and every year until my said residuary estate shall thus be wholly expended.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, and do hereby publish and declare this to be a Codicil to this my last Will and Testament, in presence of the witnesses named below, this seventeenth day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Betsy Darnport S.S.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Betsy Darnport as and for a Codicil to this her last Will and testament in presence of us, who in her presence and in the presence of each other and at her request have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Jno Geo. Miscoff

Merry Barber

Abby E. Torrey

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Worcester, ss. At a Court of Probate holden at Worcester, on the second day of January A.D. 1855.

The Instruments hereto annexed, having been presented for probate as the last will and testament of Betsy

10. 3. Darnsfort-Test of Mendon in said County, deceased, and two Codicils thereto 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 oaths of David Darnsfort, & John G. Metcalf, two 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 adjudge that said instrument is proved, and decree that the same be approved and allowed as the last will and testament of said deceased.

The Honorable Judge of Probate.

Joseph Moore.

I Joseph Moore of Lancaster in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Freeman, do make publish and declare, this as and for my last will and Testament.

First. I order and direct my Executor here in after named, to pay all my just debts and funeral charges.  
Second. In consideration that my children Arvilla, wife of Josiah Searcyer, Hannah Badger, wife of Harris Badger, Ezra Moore, Sarah Moore, wife of Israel Moore, Elizabeth M. Johnson, wife of Frederic Johnson, Joseph B. Moore, Emory M. Moore, Joseph M. Fay, wife of William Fay, have received, their full proportion of my estate in advance, I give and bequeath to them nothing more.

Third. I give, bequeath and devise to my wife, Adeline, all my Estate, Real, Personal and mixed (after the payment of my just debts and funeral charges) to her and her heirs, to her and their use and behoof forever.

Lastly, I hereby constitute and appoint my said son in law, Josiah Searcyer, Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

Joseph Moore *J. S.*

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the above named Joseph Moore to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our

names, as witnesses to the same.

Solon Whiting  
Sarah S. Whiting  
Julia E. Whiting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Worcester, 3<sup>d</sup>. At a Court of Probate holden at Worcester on the second day of January, A.D. 1855.

The Instrument hereto annexed, having been presented for probate as the last will and testament of Joseph Moore, late of Lancaster, 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 Solon Whiting, 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 adjudge that said instrument is proved, and decree that the same be approved and allowed as the last will and testament of said deceased.

The Honorable Judge of Probate.

George W. Morse.

Be it remembered that I George W. Morse of Spencer in the County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Item First I here by order all my just debts and funeral charges to be paid, and also, a suitable monument to be erected at my grave by my Executors here after to be named.  
Second. I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Morse all my household furniture of every description, also, all my wearing apparel, books and trunks, or such part of them as I may own at my decease, for her own free use and disposal, to her the said Elizabeth Morse her heirs and assigns forever.

Third. I give, bequeath and devise unto my said wife the use and improvement of all my Real Estate, she to pay the taxes and keep the same in repair, as long as she shall remain my widow, but should she within one year after my decease prefer to provide herself a home elsewhere, then in that case, I order my said Executors to sell at auction or private sale, as they shall think most ex-