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... Charles Lounsbury, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make and publish this, my Last Will and Testament, in order, as justly may be, to distribute my interest in the world among succeeding men.

That part of my interest which is known in law and recognized in sheepbound volumes as my property being inconsiderable and non-account, I will make no disposition of this in my will. My right to live, being but a life estate, is not at my disposal, but these things excepted, all else in the world I now proceed to devise and bequeath.

ITEM

I give to all good fathers and mothers in trust for their children, all little words of praise and encouragement and all quaint pet names and endearments and I charge such parents to use them justly, but generously, as the needs of their children shall require.

ITEM

I leave to children, inclusively, but only for the term of childhood, all and every flower of the fields and the blossoms of the woods with the right to play among them freely, according to the customs of children, warning them at the same time against thistles and thorns. And I devise to children the banks of the brooks and the golden sands beneath the waters thereof, and the odors of the willows that dip therein, and the white clouds that float over the giant trees.

And I leave to the children the long, long days to be merry in, in a thousand ways, and the night and the train of the Milky Way to wonder at, but subject nevertheless to the rights thereafter given to lovers.

Lucille Lounsbury To Thee I Bequeath . . .

* This will was found in the pockets of an old ragged coat belonging to a patient of the Chicago poorhouse. He had been a lawyer and the will was written in a firm, clear hand on a few scraps of paper. So unusual was the will that it was read before the Chicago Bar Association, which ordered it probated. It is now on the Record of Cook County, Illinois.

memory and bequeath to them the columns of Burns and Shakespeare and or other poets, if there be others, to the end that they may live the old days over again, freely and fully (without diminution).

ITEM

To our loved ones with their snowy crown, I bequeath the happiness of old age and the love and gratitude of their children, until they too fall asleep.

ITEM

I devise to boys, jointly, all the useful idle fields and commons where ball may be played. . . . All pleasant waters where one may swim, all snow-clad hills where one may coast, and all streams and ponds, where one may fish, or, when grim winter comes, where one may skate . . . to hold the same for the period of boyhood. And all meadows with the clover blossoms and butterflies thereon; the woods with their appurtenances, the squirrels and the birds and the echo of the stream's noises and all the distant places which may be visited, together with all the adventures there found. And I give to said boys each his own place at the fireside at night with all the pictures that may be seen in the burning wood . . . to enjoy without let or hindrance of care.

ITEM

To lovers, I devise their imaginary world, with whatever they may need, as the stars in the sky, the red roses by the wall, and the blossoms of the hawthorne, the sweet strains of music and aught else they may desire to figure to each other the lastingness and beauty of their love.

ITEM

To young men, jointly, I devise and bequeath all boisterous inspir-

ing sport and rivalry, and I give them the disdain of weakness and undaunted confidence in their own strength. Though they are rude, I leave them the power to make lasting friendship and of possessing companions and to them exclusive-

ly, I give all merry songs and grave choruses to sing with lusty voices.

ITEM

And to those who are no longer children or youth or lovers, I leave love.

**Note: This fictional account was sent by many. We thought it fitting for the Holiday Season.





JOHN W. LOUNSBURY.

John W. Lounsbury, a former Supervisor and village President, was born in Flushing, L. I., on April 23, 1823, a son of Edward and Mamer (Peck) Lounsbury. His early life was spent on his father's farm, and the only educational advantages he enjoyed were those afforded by attendance at the district school a few weeks in the winter, when his services were not wanted on the farm. With his parents he removed to Stamford, Conn., where the latter formerly resided. He was not long at this place when he became dissatisfied and pined for a broader field and opportunity to make his fortune. At the age of fourteen years he left home and went to New York city, where he obtained a position as clerk in a grocery store, and there remained three years. In 1842 Mr. Lounsbury left New York and settled in Port Chester, determined to accept employment of any nature so long as it was honest. He was given a place in the blacksmith shop of William Sivers, and the sturdy lad started in with all his will to master the blacksmith trade. That determination and industry that has characterized him ever brought success, and at the end of four years he was able to buy out his employer and continue the business, which he did for five years. Disposing of this business he, on September 1, 1851, in connection with Daniel M. Redfield, founded

the general grocery business that proved a success from the start. In 1854 Mr. Redfield retired and the business was conducted by Mr. Lounsbury as the sole owner until 1860, when his brother George was admitted as a partner. George Lounsbury died in 1861, then the firm name was changed to J. W. Lounsbury & Sons, as it is at present. For many years Mr. Lounsbury has been prominent in the politics of the county, a Republican of considerable influence, one of ex-Judge W. H. Robertson's most trusted lieutenants. He was elected Supervisor of the town of Rye, serving in 1831, and since that year has held other town offices. He was elected a Trustee of the village of Port Chester and served in that office three years, and subsequently was elected President of that village. He is one of the original trustees of the Port Chester Free Library and Reading Room and at present is president of that board. He is a director and the vice-president of the First National Bank of Port Chester, a director of the Westchester Fire Insurance Company, a director of the People's Bank of Mount Vernon, a director of the White Plains, Tarrytown and Mamaroneck Electric Railway. He is a member of the Masonic Order. Mr. Lounsbury was married on December 9, 1849, to Miss Jane A. Redfield, daughter of Isaac B. Redfield, of Port Chester. Their children, Daniel M., Herbert S., and Charles E., reside in Port Chester. One son, George R., died in 1888, in the 37th year of his age.

This committee was named, 'The Union Defence Committee of the Town of Rye.' Ten gentlemen were chosen to form this committee, with power to increase the number to fifteen. They were, Messrs.

James H. Titus,	George P. Titus,
Samuel K. Satterlee,	Augustus Van Amringe,
William P. Abendroth,	Noah Tompkins,
John E. Marshall,	William B. Halsted, and
Augustus Wiggin,	Josiah H. Macy.

To these, Messrs. Edward J. Swords, Ephraim Sours, George L. Cornell, William H. Smith, and Augustus M. Halsted were added. Subsequently, Messrs. Macy and Smith, being residents of Harrison, resigned, and Mr. William L. Bush and Mr. John W. Lounsbury were appointed in their place. The Supervisor of the town, Mr. James D. Halsted, united in action with the committee during the war.

Mrs. Lounsbury was born October 2, 1833, the daughter of Severyn and Sarah C. Hasbrouck, a well-known family of Stone Ridge. She was married June 14, 1854, to Dr. Levi Lounsbury, a son of Philip Lounsbury, of Stone Ridge, and a brief record of the life of her husband will be read with interest.

Levi Lounsbury was born at Alligerville December 10, 1827. His early education was received in the common school of his native place, and he then studied medicine for two years with Dr. Wells, afterward at-

tending Geneva Medical College, practicing between times. At the end of three years he completed his course and was graduated with honor. He began practicing at Alligerville, Ulster county, and there remained until 1852, when he removed to Stone Ridge, at which place he spent the remainder of his life. He was thoroughly acquainted with every branch of his profession, and was a fine surgeon, in fact he was successful in whatever he undertook. His preceptor, Dr. Hanchett, was an eminent physician and surgeon of Coldwater, Mich. Dr. Lounsbury was very popular and had a large practice, his patients coming from all parts of the county and from all classes of people. He was a man of strong intellectuality, a close student, and one of the best read physicians in the county. He was a subscriber to all of the leading medical journals, such as the *London Lancet* and the *New York Medical Record*, the latter of which he took from its establishment. He always kept well supplied with all the standard works, both of medicine and of general literature, and was well posted on all the topics of the day.

Dr. Lounsbury was one of the substantial members of the State Medical Society as well as of the county society, being president of the latter body for many years. In politics he was originally a Whig, and he became a Republican on the organization of that party, and held numerous positions of trust, being twice made supervisor of Marbletown township. He was a constant attendant and active supporter of the Reformed Church, although not a member, and was always ready to do all he could to help the good cause. He sang in the Church choir for many years. Dr. Lounsbury was a public-spirited man, full of enterprise and progressive ideas, genial in his intercourse with his fellow men and universally respected and beloved. His death took place May 20, 1890, and was regretted by all who had ever known him, and especially by many who had tested his skill as a physician and to whom he was endeared by his sympathy and helpful ministrations.



RIVINGTON'S NEW YORK NEWSPAPER

Excerpts from a Loyalist Press, 1773 - 1783

Excerpts 1779

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Artse, Elbert, at Sing-Sing on Croton River—severely whipped Thursday last by nine rebels, among whom were John Oakley (son of Isaac Oakley), Isaac Oakley (also a son of Isaac Oakley, who was captured in Oct., 1777, by the British at Fort Montgomery and later violated his parole when on Long Island), and John Fisher (son of William Fisher) (6/12)

Artse, Isaac—same as above.

Jones, Mrs. Arthur—same as above.

Williams, Abraham—same as above.

Boullie, Hendrick—same as above.

Lounsbury, James—same as above.



Excerpts 1781

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Jarvis, Moses, of Huntington, Long Island, merchant—on Sunday last shot and killed a certain William Lounsbury, one of a party of rebels, commanded by Samuel Heacock, which attacked his house and wounded his wife (9/29).



Paired's : History of Rye

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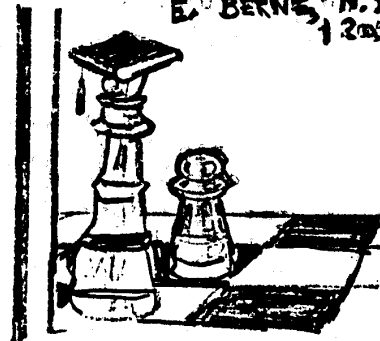
PHYSICIANS AND LAWYERS.

~~Dr. Wm. S. Stanley, graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in the city of New York. He commenced practice in the city, and in 1803 entered the army as Surgeon of the 15th Regiment N. Y. Volunteers. He was promoted to be Surgeon of the 15th N. Y. V., remained till the close of the war, and was mustered out of service in August, 1805. He commenced practice in October, 1805, in connection with Dr. Wm. S. Stanley, at Rye, N. Y.~~

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QUERIES : Each issue many requests come in for information. If you are able to respond to any of the questions please send us a copy for our records. Send queries and copies of information to : Mrs. Marie Lounsbury, R.D. E. Berne, N.Y. 2059. If anyone out there is interested in taking over the query section of the Tree please contact me. I no longer feel I have the time to do an adequate job.

- * Seek parentage of John Isaac Lounsbury b. Aug. 11, 1846, d. Dec. 18, 1922. m. Polly Markham and had 6 children: Niels, John, Della, Thomas, Henry, Daniel. m. (2) Dollie Dora Daniels and had 4 children: Estella, Albert, Clara and Howard. Send info to Agnes Lounsbury, RR 1 150-A, Youngsville, Pa. 16371.
- * Searching parentage of ___ Lounsbury, b. Union, Iowa in 1882, m. Donna McDonced. Issue: Claude Harold and James Rodney. Write James Rodney Lounsbury, 4915 Samish Way # 34, Bellingham, Washington 98226. Note: Jim recently returned from Syria where he was the principal of the Damascus Community School.
- * John Henry Lounsbury of Peekskill, N.Y. b. 5 July 1881, d. Dec. 1957. Son Frank would like info regarding John's parents, grandparents etc. Write Frank Lounsbury, 65 Eastern Parkway, Milford, Ct. 06460.
- * Viv Toepfer, 8226 Segarini, Ct., Stockton, Ca. 95209. Wants info. on any Lounsbury from Arthur Township, Clare Co., Mi. A Wm. Lounsbury m. Mary Casey. Their dau. Mary Charlotte was b. 1818. She m. John Campbell and lived in Houghton Township, Norfolk Co., Ontario, Canada about 1838.
- * Seeking parentage Charles W. Lounsbury, d. in Chicago, Ill. area at age of 74 in 1914. (b. ca. 1840. Send info to Dr. and Mrs. Richard Hoyt, 1207 S. Delaware, Kennewick, Wa. 99336.
- * Don P. Schreiber, 15395 S.W. Oaktree Ln., Tigard Ore. 97223 Needs info on Susan Lounsbury, b. 18 May 1828, dau. of James, b. in N.y. Sullivan Co.
- * Shirley Burch, 520 Forrest Ave. Lodi, Ca. 95240 seeks info Theresa Lounsbury Rimmell, b. Mar. 1882, Brooklyn. Possibly rel. to Albert & Willie Lounsbury.
- * Ardith Mc Laughlin, 8432 Lenore St. Garden Grove, Ca. 92641 Seeks info. Mary Lounsbury Lanning, M. N.J. Dec. 7, 1756, removed to Buncombe Co North Carolina.

Due to pressure of various obligations our next issue will be this summer. We are wearing down and put out a plea for help. Would anyone like to take over THE TREE? Let us know. Even if you could do the typing and layout it would be a big help.

