... 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.

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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 wander at, subject nevertheless to the rights thereinafter given to lovers.

To Thee I Bequeath...

Lucille Lounsbury

* 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.

ITEM

To lovers, I devise their imaginary world, with whatsoever 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 sight 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 inspiring 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 exclusively, 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, a former Supervisor and village schoolmaster, was born in Plaistow, N.H., April 20, 1823. His early life was spent on a farm near by, and only the educational advantages he enjoyed were 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 passed his boyhood at Plaistow and at Madison. While at Madison he obtained a position as clerk in a grocery store, and there remained three years. In 1838 he returned to New York city, where he obtained a position as clerk in a grocery store, and there remained three years. In 1841 Mr. Lounsbury returned to 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 Stillman, and the money he earned in this manner was saved and invested in the blacksmith trade. That determination and industry brought him 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. During this business he, on September 1, 1846, in connection with Daniel H. Richford, opened the general grocery business that proved a success. In 1854 Mr. Richford retired, and the business was continued by Mr. Lounsbury until 1869, when his brother George was admitted as a partner. George Lounsbury & Son, then the firm name, continued under the same name until present. For many years Mr. Lounsbury has been prominent in the politics of the county, a Republican of considerable influence, one of the owners of the Times, a member of the board of education of the town, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Masonic Order. He is a director of the County Bank of Port Chester. Mr. Lounsbury was married on December 9, 1867, to Miss Anna A. Richford, daughter of Isaac H. Richford, of Port Chester. They have had five children: Hattie M., Herbert R., and Charles E., reside in Port Chester. Anna, age 43, died in 1878, in the 31st year of his life.

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,
Samuel K. Satterlee,
William P. Abner,
John E. Marshall,
Augustus Wiggins.

To these, Messrs. Edward J. Swords, Ephraim Scourts, George L. Cornell, William H. Smith, and Augustus M. Halsted were added. Subsequently, Messrs. Mary and Smith, being residents of Harrison, resigned, and Messrs. William L. Bush and 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.

George P. Titus,
Augustus Van Amringe,
Noah Tompkins,
William B. Halsted, and
Joseph H. Macy.

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 became a Republican on the organization of that party, and held numerous positions of trust, being twice made supervisor of the town. 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 26, 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.
**Excerpts from a Loyalist Press, 1773-1783**

**Excerpts 1779**

Arute, 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)

Arute, 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**

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).

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QUERY: 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. 2, Berne, N.Y. 2 2059. If anyone out there is interested in taking over the query section of the "ree 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 McDonald. 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., Stoughton, 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.


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.