

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MARY LYON

This document is a copy of Mary Lyon's original handwritten will, dated November 27, 1846.
It was photographed at the Hampshire County Probate Courthouse in Northampton, Massachusetts.

I, Mary Lyon, native of Buckland,
Mass. now resident of South Hadley,
County of Hampshire, State of Massachusetts
relts. do now this twenty seventh day
of November, 1846, solemnly make this
my last will & testament.

I give to each of the children of
my deceased sister Jerina Wing ten
dollars, namely, to Debra Wing, ten
dollars, to Rodina Cook, ten dollars, to
Elisha Wing, ten dollars.

I give to each of the children of
my deceased sister Lovina S. Putnam,
ten dollars, namely, to William Putnam
ten dollars, to Lydia Putnam, Maydon
ten dollars, to Daniel Putnam ten dollars.

I give to each of the children
of my deceased sister Rosina Ells-
worth, ten dollars, namely, to Stahely
Ellsworth, ten dollars, to Mageline Ells-
worth, ten dollars, & to Franklin Ells-
worth, ten dollars, & to Henry Morton Ellsworth

ten dollars.

I give to my brother, James
 Lyon of Stockholm, New York, the care
 of all my property in his hands, at
 my decease, during his life, & I give
 the care of the same property to his
 wife during her life, if she survives
 her husband, at the decease of my
 brother & his wife, I give the same
 property to the American Board
 of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,
 namely the property in the hands of
 my brother at ~~his~~ ^{my} decease.

I give to my nieces & nephews, any
 debts they may owe me at my
 decease.

If my nephew, Mason Moore,
 shall not have completed his
 course of study before my decease,
 I give him thirty dollars, for each
 remaining year of his pupilage.

I give my watch to my niece, Rosa
na Sizer.

I give ^{my} the miniature portraits of
Mr. J. P. G. Banister, Mr. Linnel
mead brother of Mr. Abigail Moore Ban-
ger to the Trustees of the Mount Holy-
oke Female Seminary.

I give all my notes & money,
not otherwise named in this instru-
ment to the American Board of Com-
missioners for Foreign Missions.

I give to my niece, Electa Moore
fifty dollars.

I commit to Miss Mary C. Whitman
my associate in the Mount Holyoke
Female Seminary, the disposal of all
my clothing, books, & furniture, requesting
her to retain a part of each for her own
use, & to dispose of the rest according
to ^{her own} judgment, & her knowledge of my
wishes. Where there is no special reason
for a different disposition, it is my wish to have
all such property retained for the use of

there connected with the remaining
 all other property not named in this
 instrument. I give to the Trustees of the
 Mount Holyoke Female Seminary.

I hereby appoint & constitute ^{Executors} ~~Trustees~~
 W. Porter of Monson, Executors of this my
 last will & Testament.

In witness hereof, I the said Mary
 Lyon, have to this my last Will & Testa-
 ment set my hand & seal, this twenty-
 seventh day of November, in the year of
 our Lord, One thousand eight hundred &
 forty six.

Signed, sealed, & published by the above
 named Mary Lyon, as her last will &
 testament, in the presence of us, who
 at her request & in her presence
 & in the presence of each other,
 have subscribed our names as
 witnesses hereunto.

Mary Lyon.

Mary C. Whitman
 Mary M. Stevens
 Pessie G. Thurston.