

Jonas Henry Kendall ; Will

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[NOTE: This document is only a portion of JH Kendall's Will, and pertains to his bequests to the Public Schools and Public Library of Leominster Massachusetts.]

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"Since our last Annual Report, J. Henry Kendall, Esq., a wealthy citizen of the town, has deceased, leaving a will containing the following clauses, which we here insert for the information of the people of the town, as he has therein generously set apart a large sum of money, the income of which is to be devoted to their educational, religious and charitable interest. The clauses are as follows:

Twenty First: I give to the Town of Leominster \$1000, to be expended as soon as conveniently may be, in the purchase of a bell to be placed on the Town House in Leominster, the whole amount to be expended in the purchase of the bell, and the Town to make, at its own expense, the necessary additions and alterations in the Town House to fit it to receive the same.

Twenty Second: To the Town of Leominster I give \$5000, upon the following condition: that it shall, within a reasonable time, erect in North Village in Leominster, a brick building , two stories high, of dimensions not less than 45 by 80 feet, with a suitable granite foundation and a slated roof, with two good school rooms on the first floor, and a commodious hall for village purposes on the second floor. I request, and it is my desire, that the Town place upon the building a good bell and clock.

Twenty third: I give to the Town of Leominster \$3000 on the following condition: that it securely invests and annually pays over the income thereof to the support of the school in North Village of Leominster in the District No.10; and on the further condition that the Town annually appropriate its proportion, paid by the school money, received by taxation, to the support of said school, so that it may be kept (if possible) through the year.

Twenty fourth: In addition to the sums already devoted by me in the preceding provisions to the "Kendall Fund" I give to my Trustees the sum of twelve thousand dollars, making in the whole seventeen thousand dollars, upon the following trusts, securely to invest the same, and pay over the interest as follows, (or as the income of five thousand dollars is temporarily disposed of, in a ratable proportion, till the whole income of the fund fall in) viz. one hundred and twenty dollars, being the annual interest of two thousand dollars, to such worthy and indigent unmarried elderly ladies, as the ministers and deacons of the Unitarian Church, in Leominster, may from time to time designate; the income of five thousand dollars annually, to the Unitarian Church, in Leominster, for the support of the Unitarian form of faith, substantially as now preached in said church; and the annual income of ten thousand dollars to the support of the High School in Leominster, but this last disposition is made upon the express condition that the town of Leominster, shall annually appropriate to the support of said school, in addition to said income, a sum not less than one thousand dollars, and shall annually raise by taxation, for the support of common schools, such a sum shall place the town of Leominster among the first hundred towns, in the scale of towns as now annually reported by the Board of Education. If the Town of Leominster shall fail in any instance after accruing of the first payment to comply with the first part of this condition, viz.: in relation to the appropriation of \$1000 as aforesaid, or if in three instances, the Town of Leominster shall fail to comply with the second part of this condition, I direct my trustees to pay over, ever afterward, on claim being made on the part of Clinton (or, of their own motion, if they shall discover said delinquency,) said sum viz.: the annual interest of \$10,000 to the support of the High School in the Town of Clinton.

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Whereas, the children of the late George Merriam are, since the making of the within will, deceased, I give and devise the legacy to them bequeathed in clause 4th, to my trustees, to be held by them in trust as a part of the "Kendall Fund," and the interest annually, (or otherwise) in accordance with the provisions of clause the 24th, appropriated to the support of unmarried elderly indigent women thereby making the principle sum for their benefit \$3000.

I hereby revoke a part of my bequest to Mt. Holyoke Seminary, and instead of \$10,000, I give \$5000 to be invested and applied as provided in clause 20th, and the \$5000 remaining I give to the Town of Leominster for the purchase of books for the foundation of a Public Library, whenever, in the opinion of my trustees, the Town of Leominster shall have provided for the reception of the books a safe and suitable place.

I hereby appoint as my Trustee to carry out the provisions of my will, Charles J. Billinge, of Fitchburg, Joel Crosby Allen, and Ward M Cotton, of Leominster.

[pages 17-18 of the School Committee Report, bound with the Leominster Town Reports (1862-63.)