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## **Lease agreement between Mrs. Frances C. Lester and the Howe Sewing Machine Co., 1872.**

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**This Agreement**, made by and between **THE HOWE SEWING MACHINE COMPANY**

of the first part, and *Mrs Francis C. Lester* of *East Hampton L<sup>e</sup> Island*  
of the second part, witnesseth, that said HOWE SEWING MACHINE COMPANY do hereby lease, for  
the period of one month from date, and from month to month thereafter (so long as the stipulations herein are  
performed, and the payments hereinafter specified are duly made), to said party of the second part, a HOWE  
SEWING MACHINE, numbered *375627* for the sum of *Ten dollars* Dollars in advance  
and *Five* Dollars per month thereafter, to be paid to them at their office on the *31<sup>st</sup> or last*  
day of each month, for the use thereof; agreeing, however, that when the sum of *Sixty 54*  
Dollars shall have been paid for the use of said Machine, by said advance and monthly payments, or otherwise, they  
will then, in consideration of said *Sixty 54* Dollars paid, sell and deliver to the party of the  
second part said Machine, with a good and effectual receipted bill of sale thereof.

And said party of the second part hereby pays the sum of *Ten* Dollars, in advance,  
and agrees to hire and pay at their office, for the use of said Machine, from month to month as aforesaid,  
*Five* Dollars, on each *Thirty first or last* day of the consecutive months, until the full  
amount of the price above named, (*Sixty 54* Dollars,) shall have been paid. In case of  
failure to make said payments, or any of them, said party of the second part agrees to deliver up said Machine to  
**THE HOWE SEWING MACHINE COMPANY**, or their order, in as good condition as the same now is,  
reasonable use and wear thereof excepted; in which case, or in case of violation of any of the agreements herein  
mentioned, I hereby authorize, empower and direct the said HOWE SEWING MACHINE COMPANY, or their  
agents, to enter the premises, wherever said Machine may be, and take and carry the same away; and I hereby  
exonerate the said Company, their servants and agents, of and from all and any claim for damages which I might  
have against said Company, their servants or agents, or any or either of them, for so doing; it being agreed by the  
parties hereto, that until the full price of said Machine has been paid as above, it is the property of **THE HOWE**  
**SEWING MACHINE COMPANY**, and is not to be removed from *East Hampton L<sup>e</sup> Island*  
without their consent; nor be secreted, disposed of, underlet, or attempted to be sold; nor be  
injured by misuse or neglect, or by improper management.

*In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names.*

*East Hampton L<sup>e</sup> Island*  
HARTFORD, CONN.,

*Aug 31<sup>st</sup>*

*1872*

*Francis C. Lester*

**THE HOWE SEWING MACHINE CO.**

*Nathl. Loring*



No. STREET,

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Received on within Lease:

Advance Payment, = = = \$ *Five dollars* \$10,

*Aug 31st* 1872

*November 1st* " *Twenty 34 dollars* \$26,