

Charles Fox Hovey of Boston, Massachusetts

Born: 1807. Charles Fox Hovey was 43 years old at the time of the 1850 National Woman's Rights Convention held in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Died: April 1859, at the age of 52.

Mr. Hovey was the proprietor of a dry goods store on Boston's Summer Street.

Mr. Hovey contributed \$1,500 to the American Anti Slavery Society to break new ground in Michigan and Indiana.

In his will, Mr. Hovey gave a practical demonstration of his admiration for Stephen and Abby Kelley Foster by bequeathing them \$1,000 a piece. He paid Mr. and Mrs. Foster the annual interest while he was still alive to further the cause of antislavery. In his will, in addition to individual bequests to the Garrisons, Fosters, and others, he set up a trust fund to promote the antislavery cause and such kindred reforms as women's rights, nonresistance, and temperance. No less than \$8,000 was to be spent annually for newspapers, books, and lecturing agents who would work for the abolition of slavery. Hovey designated as administrators of the trust William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Abby and Stephen Foster, and Parker Pillsbury.

Mr. Hovey signed the call to the 1850 convention and served as Chair of the Industrial Avocations committee.

Sources:

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