

This is the last Will and Testament of me

Friends of Lancashire Archives



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Leaving a gift in your will

Making a will secures the future of your loved ones and the people and places you care about. It ensures your estate is divided as you wish, providing for your family and friends and any charities you choose to support. Donating to a charity through your will is a great way to give: it costs you nothing now and, as a legacy is not taxed, every penny goes straight to the charity. It can also reduce the value of inheritance tax

Support Lancashire's Archives for generations to come

The Friends of Lancashire Archives are committed to supporting and promoting the work of Lancashire Archives in collecting and preserving Lancashire's written heritage and in making it available for everyone, now and in the future.

900 years of unique and irreplaceable archives are too precious to lose. Our vision is that Lancashire's archives are safeguarded for the future.

We use our funds to

- help to buy documents and archive collections and preserve them for posterity
- improve access to archives through cataloguing and indexing projects
- buy specialist equipment which helps in the long-term conservation of these unique archives
- sponsor projects which encourage more people to use and enjoy archives which are our record of the past

The Friends of Lancashire Archives are funded by our members and through voluntary contributions; your legacy would make a very real difference .

By leaving a gift in your will you can enable the Friends to continue to support the important work of Lancashire Archives and undertake projects which would otherwise not be possible. All donations, large and small, make a significant difference and are gratefully received and acknowledged.

Mona's story



Mona first visited Lancashire Archives in 1940s' wartime when she was still at school. She was passionate about history and excited about being able to touch and read the documents which brought the past to life. This led to a lifelong interest in local history and in 1986 Mona was one of the first members of the new Friends of Lancashire Archives.

She joined the committee and enthusiastically raised funds to support the FLA in caring for the archive collections, which provided information and evidence for her own research and writing. Mona published books and articles on the history of Ormskirk and district; her work using the archives revealed new aspects to the past. Over the years Mona recognised how her membership of the Friends supported the preservation of Lancashire's archives and wanted this to continue when she was no longer around, so she decided to leave a legacy in her will.

Mona died in January 2014 and her bequest has unlocked other money, allowing the Friends to fund the cataloguing and repackaging of an archive collection. This will be a lasting memorial to her, ensuring that the material is preserved and that it can be made available for future generations to enjoy.

Ross Duggan, Mona's son, says:

My mother was a keen supporter of the Archive for many decades, both as a volunteer and as a researcher. She started her local history as a schoolgirl and finished as a PhD! It is very appropriate that her support should continue after her death through her bequest. It is heart-warming to know that she is remembered and that her influence remains with us through her assistance for those who follow.

Like Mona, you can help to make a difference and make a real contribution to safeguarding Lancashire's irreplaceable archival heritage. You can help to ensure that it is preserved for the future and continues to be made available for people to use and enjoy.

How do I leave a gift in my will?

There are different ways in which you can leave a gift in your will - a gift of a specific amount of money or a share of the remainder of your estate are the most common. You should talk about this with your solicitor or will writer when you make or update your will. You might also want to talk to your family about your intention

Find out more

We can't give any legal advice, but if you would like to talk to somebody to find out more about how you can help FLA in this way please contact us:

- Any information will be treated as confidential and is in no way binding.
- We promise that we will not intrude on your privacy by contacting you by phone.
- We recognise that family and loved ones come first in your will.
- We will not ask you about your legacy, if you decide to give to us in this way; but if you choose to tell us we would like to write and thank you.

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