



WILLIAM WALLER HENING SOCIETY

William Waller Hening (ca.1767–1828) was a pioneer in the creation of knowledge. Before Hening edited his thirteen-volume edition of Virginia laws, few comprehensive collections of early Virginia laws existed. In 1823, funds from the sale of Hening’s Statutes at Large were appropriated to provide formal financial support for the founding of a State Library.

The William Waller Hening Society was formed in 2002 to recognize thoughtful donors who are committed to ensuring the vitality of the Library of Virginia’s programs and services by providing for the Library of Virginia Foundation in their estate arrangements. Many of the Library’s donors and friends have already indicated the inclusion of the Library of Virginia Foundation in their estate planning.

Why should you leave a gift to the Library of Virginia Foundation? Estate gifts are a crucial source of continuing support for the Foundation, helping the Library staff to plan and prepare for the future. You may choose to allow the Foundation Board to designate the best use of your gift, or you may restrict your gift to be used toward a specific purpose or program. Our goal is to honor your wishes.

Upon receipt of documentation of your bequest by the Foundation, the estimated value will count toward current fundraising goals, while the addition of your name to the Hening Society membership list will inspire others to follow in your footsteps.

Documenting your intentions will help ensure that your wishes regarding your gift are met. It also allows the Foundation to keep you apprised of new programs or developments that may impact your intention.

And documenting your intentions will allow the Foundation to recognize you **now** for your future gift. Once your bequest intention has been documented, you will automatically be enrolled as a member of the Hening Society. As a member, you will be invited to special Foundation events and programs. Or, if you wish, you may remain anonymous and exclude your name from any donor listings.

Thank you for considering a gift to the Library of Virginia in your estate planning. Your support is critical to our future.

How To Document Your Bequest to the Foundation

There are two steps to documenting your bequest to the Foundation. First, please send the completed Declaration of Intent Form on the next page to the Foundation office. We will confidentially keep copies of your bequest documents in our records for future reference. If you have any questions, please contact R. Scott Dodson, executive director, at 804.692.3590 or at scott.dodson@lva.virginia.gov.

Second, please add the appropriate language stating your bequest to your legal will. A bequest to the Foundation will normally include language such as the examples below. If you have any questions about the wording of your bequest, however, please consult your legal or financial advisor.

By documenting your intentions, you are in no way entering into a legally binding or irrevocable gift agreement at this time (unless you enter into a binding agreement for specific reasons). You retain the flexibility to change your plans should your circumstances or priorities change.

UNRESTRICTED BEQUEST

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Board of the Library of Virginia Foundation, having the control and management of the Library of Virginia Foundation, (a) the sum of \$ _____, or (b) _____% of my estate to be used for the benefit of the Library of Virginia as the Foundation may determine.

RESTRICTED BEQUEST

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Board of the Library of Virginia Foundation, having the control and management of the Library of Virginia Foundation, (a) the sum of \$ _____ or (b) _____% of my estate to be used (a) for the benefit of the Library of Virginia as the Foundation such shall determine or (b) for the purpose(s) of _____, or if such use, in the judgment of the Foundation is or shall become impracticable or unwise, then for such purpose(s) as the Foundation shall determine.

RESIDUARY BEQUEST

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Board of the Library of Virginia Foundation, having the control and management of the Library of Virginia Foundation, (a) all or (b) _____% of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate to be used (a) for the benefit of the Library of Virginia as the Foundation may determine; or (b) for the purpose(s) of _____, or if such use, in the judgment of the Foundation, is or shall become impracticable or unwise, then for such purpose(s) as the Foundation shall determine.

CONTINGENT BEQUEST

If the above named legatees or devisees (or beneficiaries) should predecease me, then I hereby give, devise, and bequeath the same to the Board of the Library of Virginia Foundation, to be used (a) for the benefit of the Library of Virginia as the Foundation may determine or (b) for the purpose(s) of _____, or if such use, in the judgment of the Foundation, is or shall become impracticable or unwise, then for such purpose(s) as the Foundation shall determine.



DECLARATION OF INTENT FORM

Thank you for including the Library of Virginia Foundation in your estate planning. In order to accurately document your intention, please complete this form with as much detail as you are willing to share. Any information about your gift will remain confidential and does not create a binding obligation.

Please send this form to:
Library of Virginia Foundation, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Print Name _____ Email _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Recognition of Your Gift

For recognition purposes, please list my/our name(s) as follows:

- Please do not include my/our name(s) in any public listings of donors.
- I/we wish for my/our gift intention to be confidential and anonymous, publicly and in the Library of Virginia Foundation records.

Briefly describe how your gift should be used by the Library: _____

Contact Information

Will or Trust — If your gift is included in a will or trust, please provide the following:

Executor(s) or Trustee(s) Name _____

Address

Phone and/or Email

Beneficiary Designation — If your gift is directed by a beneficiary designation, please provide the following:

Administrator Name

Address

Phone and/or Email

Other Information, Contacts, or Relationships (family, attorney, etc.)

Name and Relationship

Address

Phone and/or Email

Description and Value of Gift — Please indicate below (by checking applicable options) how your future gift intention will be fulfilled, and provide the estimated value for the Library of Virginia Foundation:

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT OR PERCENTAGE	ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF GIFT
Will or Trust with a sum of	<hr/>	<hr/>
Charitable Gift Annuity in the amount of	<hr/>	<hr/>
Charitable Remainder Trust in the amount of	<hr/>	<hr/>
Remainder of Retirement Fund/IRA with a total current value of	<hr/>	<hr/>
Life Insurance Policy with a policy value at maturity of	<hr/>	<hr/>