



CONSTELLATION CLUB

Planned Giving is your opportunity to leave a lasting legacy. You can ensure that the rich history of Cambridge continues to be recorded, shared, and preserved by remembering the Cambridge Historical Society in your estate planning. Members of the Society's Constellation Club will receive recognition in our publications and online.

The Constellation Club was a neighborhood group for children run by Susan Nichols (1810-1892) when she lived in the Hooper-Lee-Nichols House. As described in the Society's Proceedings: "It was considered an honor to be asked to belong to it. The young people assembled here one evening each week after dark, and she took them out of doors and showed them the stars, told their names, and related the old myths suggested by the names of the constellations. Afterwards all went into the house, where nuts or doughnuts or gingerbread were served and games were played."



WILL YOU CONSIDER MAKING A SIGNIFICANT GIFT FOR THE FUTURE OF CAMBRIDGE?

There are various ways to donate to the Cambridge Historical Society. Please see the options below to find what works best for you.

BEQUEST: Setting aside a portion of your estate to the Society in your will (options include a percentage of your estate, a specific dollar amount, a gift of securities, or a donation of real estate).

CHARITABLE TRUST: An irrevocable trust that can generate income for you during your lifetime or one that provides financial support to the Society with the remaining assets eventually going to family members or other beneficiaries.

DONATION OF RETIREMENT ASSETS: Naming the Society as a beneficiary on your plan's beneficiary designation form provides you with some tax benefits.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY: A gift to the Society that allows you to take a partial tax deduction for your donation and receive income from the Society for the rest of your life.

To learn more, contact executive director Marieke Van Damme at 617-547-4252 or mvandamme@cambridgehistory.org.

The Cambridge Historical Society recommends consulting with your attorney or tax representative for specific information about your estate plans. If you have already named the Society in your will or trust, please let us know so that we may welcome you into The Constellation Club. Requests for anonymity will be honored.

STATEMENT OF INTENT



This statement is an expression of my intent to provide for the future of the Cambridge Historical Society through a planned or estate gift. The provision(s) made include the following:

- An outright bequest upon the passing of the donor, or the passing of the donor and spouse.
- A life insurance policy, in which the Society is named as beneficiary or owner and beneficiary.
- Retirement assets, in which the Society is named as a beneficiary.
- A trust agreement, with income reserved for the donor, spouse, or other income beneficiary.
- Other (please specify): _____

The estimated value of my (our) gift is \$ _____

PURPOSE

It is my wish that the gift be used:

- At the Society's discretion/where it is needed most.
- For the following fund(s) or purpose: _____

Special circumstances of my gift include: _____

I would like to work with the Society to create a memorandum of understanding that details the purpose of my gift. Yes No

RECOGNITION*

We appreciate the opportunity to acknowledge your commitment to the Society by publicly recognizing your contribution. If you prefer to remain anonymous, however, we will respect your wishes.

- I (we) permit the Society to use my/our name(s) in printed lists of Constellation Club members, which may appear in the Society's annual report, newsletter, web site, and other publications.
- I (we) prefer to remain anonymous during my/our lifetime(s). You may recognize my/our gift after you receive it.
- I (we) prefer to remain anonymous during and after my/our lifetime(s).

Donor Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____

Spouse Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____

**Note for couples: We are happy to list you either separately or as a couple, depending on your preference. If you would like to be recognized as a couple, please complete this form accordingly. If you are making separate planned gifts and prefer to be listed individually, please submit separate forms, one in each name.*