

THE MARY SUMNER BLOUNT LEGACY GUILD



*Creating a Legacy
of Planned Gifts
for the Future of
Christ Church*

An invitation to join The Mary Sumner Blount Legacy Guild

Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

The property on which Christ Church stands was purchased in 1826 because Mary Sumner Blount “let her light so shine” in her will and provided a bequest for an Episcopal church in the new capital city of Raleigh. Mary Sumner’s “light” has been the beacon for all subsequent generations and now shines on us in our day. We are the “others” who are now called to see hers and other’s good works and glorify our father in our day. Now the light shines on us.

Please give prayerful consideration to letting your light so shine. When you do, others too will see your good works and give glory. In this multiplicity of God’s grace in which one act creates many more, it is not just about becoming a member of the Mary Sumner Blount Legacy Guild with a gift in your estate planning or even a direct contribution. It is about all those who will see your good works and, in turn, glorify our heavenly father.

Our endowment funds care for the upkeep of our buildings and grounds, provide music for our worship, fund youth and children’s ministry, allow for expanded outreach to those in need, and underwrite adult faith formation. The endowment deeply enriches the work of Christ Church far beyond the annual budgeted ministries.

All contributions and expenditures are carefully monitored by the Vestry and may be designated for specific areas by the donor. If you have made a commitment in the past that you think Christ Church may not be aware of, let us know since we would want you to be included as a Guild member. And, of course gifts may be kept anonymous if so desired.

Thank you. Thank you to all in the past who have let their light so shine and to those in the future who will change the lives of so many yet to come.

Yours in Christ,
The Reverend Dr. Paul “Peter” Hogg, Jr.
Interim Rector

Mary (“Jackie”) Sumner Blount

1777-1822

Mary Sumner Blount was the daughter and wife of Revolutionary War generals and the benefactor of Christ Episcopal Church, Raleigh, N.C. She was born in Warren County at the home of her father, General Jethro Sumner (1759-1812), founder of the N.C. Society of the Cincinnati. Having emigrated from England about 1690, the Sumners settled near Suffolk, Nansemond County, Va.

Mary Sumner became the second wife of General Thomas Blount of Edgecombe County, N.C., in November 1796. They lived at a large plantation near Tarboro, N.C. Blount served as a lieutenant in the N.C. Continental Line, was taken prisoner of war, and later became a major general in the N.C. Militia. He was a trustee of The University of North Carolina, on the commission that laid out the city of Raleigh where one of the streets bears his name, and was a member of the U.S. Congress. He is buried in the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Mary Sumner was left a large fortune at General Blount's death. She died suddenly at the home of a friend in Tarboro. In her will she left money for the “building of a Protestant Episcopal Church in the City of Raleigh.” Duncan Cameron of Orange County and William Hooper of Fayetteville were named to carry out the intent of her will. The will stated that should any person contest the will, they were to be denied any inheritance due them. In 1826, the present church lot was purchased and a framed building erected.

The Reverend John Philips, a missionary who is credited with starting the Episcopal churches in Washington and Warrenton, N.C., was the rector at Calvary Church, Tarboro, and a great friend to Mary Sumner Blount. It was Mr. Phillips who influenced Mrs. Blount to make a bequest to start a church in Raleigh.

Mary Sumner Blount is buried in Calvary churchyard in Tarboro. It is believed that a bolt of lightning destroyed her tombstone. The present tombstone was a gift of the congregation of Christ Church, Raleigh.

Mary Sumner Blount's portrait was painted in Washington, D.C. by the Italian artist Pietro Bonanni in 1820. It was a bequest to her dear friend Moses Mordecai and now hangs in Raleigh's Mordecai House.

CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH

The Mary Sumner Blount Legacy Guild Roster of Historical Members

Arch T. Allen, Jr.
in memory of his wife,
Annette Tucker Allen

Suzanne D. Allen

Mrs. B.A. Badger
in memory of Mildred Badger
Telfair

A.L. Baker

Ashby L. Baker

Julian T. Baker

Nancy Fish Baker

James Marshall Belvin
in memory of his mother,
Lillie Viola Belvin

Barbara Besson

John C. Bingham

Mary Sumner Blount

Mary Marshall Briggs

Bessie Love Brimley
in memory of her sister,
Carlotta Love

Alice Willson Broughton

Margaret C.D. Burgwyn

Allie Y. Bynum

James R. Bynum

Sallie Mayo Cameron

Eloise S. Cofer

John Farmer Cole
in memory of his mother,
Hattie Farmer Cole and his
aunt, Louise Elizabeth Farmer

Lucy S. Darst

Lillie A.E. Dodd

John C. Drewry

Nancy Duckett

Beth C. Ethridge

William C. Ethridge

Bessie T. Fellowes

Elizabeth Flint Fox
in memory of her mother,
Elizabeth Emerson Ashe

John Gatling
in memory of his parents,
Bart M. Gatling and Lenora
Crudup Gatling

Sallie B. Gatling

Delia Haywood Gray

Dorothy Pope Greenwood

Maude V. Grimes

Olivia Blount Grimes

Harry Hargrave

Lodwick Charles Hartley

Janet Hogg Hawkins

Frank P. Haywood

Henry Dockery Haywood

Maria T. Haywood

May Davis Higham
in memory of her husband,
John Vincent Higham

Florence M. Hill

Rosa Gilmoure Hill

Mary Hilliard Hinton

Robert Cooke Howison, Jr.


Billie G. Hurt

Earl Johnson, Sr.

May V. Johnson

Phyllis H. Jones

Emma Jane Karrer



Historical Members Continued

Mary Grimes Keeble
Margaret S. Merriman Kenney
Bessie Smedes Leak
Helen C. Lehew
Richard Henry Lewis
Henrietta P. Martin
Eleanor Mason
Madge Herring Matthews
Arthur McKimmon
Albertine C. Moore
*in memory of her parents,
Van Boddie Moore and
Elizabeth Crudup Moore*
Anne Rutledge Moore
Olivia Blount Cowper Moore
*in memory of her sister-in-law,
Albertine Crudup Moore*
Bartholemew Figures Moore
Florence Moore
James Moore
*in memory of his mother,
Lucy Williams Moore*
Georgia D. Mordecai
William G. Mordecai
Eloise Mullen
John McGhee
Eleanor C. Ogilby
*in memory of the Rev.
Edward Leslie Ogilby*
Sallie E. Page
Annie Parker
Charlotte T. Parker
Sylbert Pendleton
William I. Procter
Nella G. Purrington
Mary Ellen Ragland
Nettie H. Reid
John T. Richardson
Mary Laurens Richardson
*in memory of her mother,
Jane Pescud Withers*
S.G. Ryan
Ben M. Sasser
Philip Hooks Sasser
Thomas K. Seawell
*in memory of his wife, Phoebe
Reynolds Norton Seawell*
Julia W. Skinner
Jean Poe Smith
William B. Snow, Jr.
Mary S. Speight
Mary Haywood Stearns
Jane Grimes Thomas
Daisy W. Thompson
Elizabeth Warren Thompson
Thomas Trumbull
Mary Eleanor Tucker
Josephine Johnson Ward
John Walker Wardlaw, Sr.
John W. B. Watson
Josiah Ogden Watson
Alfred Williams III
Peter P. Williams
Herbert L. Williamson
*in memory of his wife,
Nannie Lee Williamson*
Sadie Tucker Williamson
Brodie and Jean Winborne
Elizabeth H. Winfree
Alice Yates

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Mary Sumner Blount Legacy Guild Roster of Contemporary Members

Nell and Arch T. Allen III
Penny Andrews
Blanche Bacon
Erla Beegle
Elizabeth A. Bell
Mary Alice and Philip E.
Blank, Jr.
Margaret and Ted Bratton
Carol and Martin Brinkley
Mary Jane and Douglas A.
Bryant
Sallie and Dan Cahill
Muff and Judge Carr, Jr.
Judy and Winston B. Charles
Marion Johnson Church
Patricia and Gregory Coggins
Coco and J.B. Davis III
Maryann and Glenn M. Davis
Anne and Marsden deRosset
Thomas Emmel
Robert C. Gibbs
Sallie and Gordon Grubb
Alice C. Haywood
Margery and Earl Johnson, Jr.
Eleanor Thomas Jones
Joanna and Alan Jones
Mary and Bill Joslin
Martha and Robert E. Leak
Judy and Gordon LeGrand
Betsy Ludwig
Peter C. MacBeth
Larry Maddison, Jr.
Juliet Moore
Kipp and Thomas C.
Powell III

Suzy and Al Purrington
Jane Rogers
Cece and Peter M. Scott III
Lisa Ives and Mark Self
Susie and Milton Small
Eve and Sherwood Smith
Sandra and Charles Smith, Jr.
Haywood Clark Smith
Harry Stewart
Kate Taylor
Adriane and Thomas
Thomasian
Joe Trostel
Eleanor and Robert Upton
Ruth L. Williams
Constance and Donald H.
Wilson III
Flo and Charles M. Winston
Cathryn C. Zevenhuizen
Anonymous (4)





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PURPOSE

The mission of The Endowment Program at Christ Episcopal Church shall be to provide a strategy of seeking gifts to the permanent funds of the church and to maintain a process by which the gifts can be received, acknowledged, managed and utilized to the glory of God.

VESTRY STATEMENT ON PLANNED GIVING

In deep gratitude for the gifts that God has given us, we, the vestry of Christ Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, wholeheartedly approve and support the planned giving ministry of our parish. The health of our church is built on the generosity of many, some of whom are no longer with us. We give thanks for their gracious gifts while we recognize the responsibility each succeeding generation has to future generations and the continued strength of our parish.

We believe in the importance of returning to God part of what God has given us. Therefore, when we consider or review our individual estate plans we commit ourselves to make some provision for the Christ Church Memorial and Endowment Fund should our individual circumstances permit. We encourage every member of the parish to do the same.

Adopted: *May 2008*
Reaffirmed: *April 2009*

Creating a Legacy of Planned Gifts

Planned Giving

Planned giving is a generous and effective way of ensuring Christ Church's future vibrancy. You can make a planned gift to Christ Church in a number of tax-beneficial ways. When you make a bequest or contribution of any size to Christ Church either in your will or through a trust arrangement, you become a member of the Mary Sumner Blount Legacy Guild. Founded in 1998, the Mary Sumner Blount Legacy Guild, with your permission, recognizes all parishioners who have made a provision for the church as part of their estate plan. The amount is always confidential.

While you should consult with your attorney or financial advisor for guidance in determining the planned gift approach that is right for you and your family, we suggest the following options:

Gifts by Will

Bequests by will to the church are exempt from federal and most state inheritance taxes. With a gift by will, your total estate value is reduced by the amount of your planned gift, reducing your overall estate tax.

By your will (which you may amend by a codicil) or your revocable trust, you can make Christ Church the beneficiary of cash, securities, and/or other property. You may designate specific amounts or a percentage of your estate, or you may make Christ Church a residual beneficiary of your estate, that is, a recipient of some part of the balance after payment of specific bequests, expenses, and taxes.



As you review your testamentary plans, here are four language samples for your consideration.

- **Specific Amount for General Purposes**

“I do hereby give and bequeath to The Wardens and Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, the sum of \$ _____ (or _____ stock) to be used at their discretion for the general objectives and purposes of said Christ Episcopal Church.”

- **Percentage Amount for a Specific Purpose**

“I do hereby give and bequeath to The Wardens and Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, _____ % of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, to be used at their discretion for the general maintenance of the physical facilities of Christ Church.”

- **Unrestricted Bequest to Christ Church’s Endowment**

“I do hereby give and bequeath to The Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, _____ % of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, to be placed in the Christ Church Memorial Endowment Fund, for use at their discretion. The Fund shall be invested and administered in accordance with the policies and procedures of Christ Church.”

The Vestry encourages unrestricted and undesignated gifts that best serve the overall mission and purpose of Christ Church. However, a donor may restrict a gift for endowment purposes where there is a keen interest in making a lasting contribution to future needs or making a memorial gift to perpetuate the memory of a loved one or friend. Our Planned Giving Program provides information and opportunities to parishioners who have such an interest.

• **Restricted Bequest to Christ Church Endowment**

“I do hereby give and bequeath to the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, \$ _____ to be entered in The Church’s books and records as The _____ Endowment Fund (“The Fund”).*

The Expendable Income of The Fund, but not the principal, shall be used for _____. Except as otherwise restricted in accordance with this bequest, use of the Expendable Income will be made in accordance with the Church’s guidelines and procedures then in effect. Should a time come when the purpose of The Fund no longer meets the mission and objective of Christ Church, the Vestry may use The Fund in a manner consistent with its objectives.

If the Expendable Income is not expended in any given year it may be: (1) accumulated and used in subsequent years for the purpose set forth above; or (2) added to the principal of the Fund.

“Expendable Income” means the amount of The Fund available for distribution during any one year as determined from time to time by the Church. The Fund shall be invested and administered in accordance with the policies and procedures of The Church.”**

**It is the current policy of the Vestry to recognize a named fund only for gifts of \$50,000.00 or more.*

***A copy of the Church investment policies and procedures is available upon request.*



Creating a Legacy of Planned Gifts Continued

These examples are intended only for your consideration. There is a wide range of planned giving options and techniques including simply the designation of Christ Church as the beneficiary, or partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement account, and options for deferred giving that will allow you to retain a lifetime of income from the gifted property while receiving the tax benefits of a current income tax deduction. Your legal counsel can help you refine the bequest language to suit your specific wishes for Christ Church. You and your advisors are invited to contact a member of the Planned Giving Committee if you would like to learn more about your options.





If you would like to provide
for the financial future
of Christ Church
in your will or trust,
designate the Church as a beneficiary
of your life insurance policy
or your IRA, establish a
charitable gift annuity,
and become a member of the

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