

Mary Gage Trust Fund
Established 1937
1937 Annual Report
Purpose To Purchase Books for the Library

From the 1937 Annual Report:

Pelham Public Library, pp. 61-62:

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"I also give and bequeath to said Library all the books in my home, and the tall-backed chair and three-legged light stand in the hall of my home. Such chair and light stand were once the property of Thomas Gage, pioneer of the Gage Family in Pelham."

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

HILLSBOROUGH, SS

COURT OF PROBATE

CERTIFICATE OF COPIES

DOCKET 51166

I, ROBERT R. RIVARD, Register of the Court of Probate for said County of Hillsborough, having by law the custody of the seal and all the records, books, documents, and papers of or pertaining to the said Court of Probate, hereby certify the papers hereto annexed to be true copies of papers appertaining to said Court, and on file in the office of said Court, to wit:

Last Will & Testament of Mary Proctor Harris, deceased

In the estate of Mary Proctor Harris, late of Nashua in said County, deceased.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at Nashua, in
said County, this 8th day of September, A.D. 2008.

Robert R. Rivard

Register of Probate

Be it Remembered, that I, Mary Proctor Harris, of Nashua, in the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, do make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:-

First.- It is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executor, hereinafter named, as soon as may be after the probate of this my Will.

Second.- I give and bequeath to the Trustees of Edgewood Cemetery (in addition to the sum paid said Trustees for perpetual care) the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) in trust, to invest, re-invest and preserve said principal forever, and to use the income only therefrom to maintain and forever keep in repair my burial lot and monument thereon, and also to place suitable and appropriate flowers upon said lot on Memorial Day, September 10th and September 18th of each year.

Third.- I give and bequeath to the City of Nashua the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.) the same to be used for the ornamentation of that part of Greeley Park, situated on the east side of Concord Street. I direct that such work shall be planned, directed and supervised by a landscape architect, of good professional standing.

Fourth.- I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Nashua Public Library the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000.) dollars in trust, to be known as the "Ira F. Harris Fund", to invest, re-invest and preserve said principal forever, and the income only therefrom to be used for the purpose of purchasing books for said Library.

Fifth.- I give and bequeath to the City of Nashua the sum of twenty thousand (\$20,000.) dollars in trust, to be known as the "Ira F. Harris Lecture Course Fund", to invest, re-invest and preserve said principal forever, and to use the income therefrom for the purpose of giving lecture and concert courses. Such courses shall be free, or as near so as practicable. Such courses shall be selected, directed and managed by a board of trustees appointed by the Board of

Aldermen, of said Nashua.

Sixth.- I give and bequeath the Nashua Protestant Home for Aged Women the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.) dollars, to invest, re-invest and preserve said principal forever, and to use the income only therefrom.

Seventh.- I give and bequeath to the King's Daughters Benevolent Association of said Nashua, the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.) dollars to invest, re-invest and preserve said principal forever and to use the income only therefrom for the benefit of the Nashua Children's Home, situated on ^{Arlington} Kinsley Street in said Nashua.

Eighth.- I give and bequeath to my cousin Emma Gage Atwood, of Pelham, New Hampshire, the sum of five thousand (\$5,000.) dollars, but should she fail to survive me, then this legacy shall become null and void, and shall become a part of the residue of my estate.

Ninth.- I give and bequeath to Mary Ruth Atwood, now of Lowell, Massachusetts, the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.) dollars, and in the event of her failure to survive me, I give and bequeath this legacy to her father Arthur P. Atwood.

Tenth.- I give and bequeath to Will F. Marsh of Pelham, New Hampshire, the sum of five hundred (\$500.) dollars, but should he fail to survive me, then this legacy shall become null and void, and shall become a part of the residue of my estate.

Eleventh.- I give and bequeath to Mary Mann Bradstreet, of Methuen, Massachusetts, the sum of five hundred (\$500.) dollars, but should she fail to survive me, then this legacy shall become null and void, and shall become a part of the residue of my estate.

Twelfth.- I give and bequeath to Marcia J. Harris, the sum of five thousand (\$5000.) dollars, and in the event of her failure to survive me, I give and bequeath this legacy to her son Charles Harris, of East Boston, Massachusetts, but should he and his mother fail to survive me, then this legacy shall become null and void, and shall become a part of the residue of my estate.

Thirteenth. - I give and bequeath to each of the following persons the sum of one hundred dollars: Mrs. Minnie Haines, wife of Charles H. Haines, Mrs. Bryant Wallace, Florence A. Hills, Elizabeth Whittemore, Ruth Marion Whittemore, Mrs. Warren L. Noyes, Anna P. Kibby, Lucille Barker daughter of Charles and Edna Barker, Hattie L. Woodman, Elizabeth Barker daughter of Walter L. and Edith Barker, Mrs. Alice Myers, and Joseph Gagnon, all of Nashua, New Hampshire, and Florence Cutter of Pelham, New Hampshire, and Ada B. Carter, once in my employ and now of Woburn, Massachusetts, but should any of the above legatees fail to survive me, then the legacy to such person shall become null and void, and shall become a part of the residue of my estate.

Fourteenth. - I give and bequeath to Helen F. Richmond, of Revere, Massachusetts, the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.) dollars, but should she fail to survive me, then this legacy shall become null and void, and shall become a part of the residue of my estate.

Fifteenth. - I give and bequeath to the Pelham Public Library, of Pelham, New Hampshire, the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.) dollars in trust, to be known as the "Mary T. Gage Fund", to invest, re-invest and preserve said principal forever, and to use the income therefrom for the purchase of books. I also give and bequeath to said Library all the books in my home, and the tall backed chair and three legged light stand in the hall of my home. Such chair and light stand were once the property of Thomas Gage, the pioneer of the Gage Family in said Pelham.

Sixteenth. - I give and bequeath to the Nashua Historical Society all my Lantern Slides, the same being views of Nashua and elsewhere.

Seventeenth. - I give and bequeath to the New Hampshire Historical Society of Concord, New Hampshire, the chair in hall marked "John Hancock."

Eighteenth. - I direct my executor to sell all my diamonds and wrist watch, the proceeds received from such sale to become a part of

the residue of my estate. My other jewelry which I except from such sale, I give and bequeath as follows: To Mrs. Charles H. Haines, of said Nashua, my cameo pin or brooch; to Mrs. W. A. Farley, of said Nashua, large portrait porcelain pin; to Mrs. H. L. Sanderson, of said Nashua, star pin with diamond in center and little pearls around it; to Mrs. Eaton D. Sargent, of said Nashua, small double portrait porcelain pin; and to my cousin Emma Gage Atwood all watches and jewelry of every kind not specifically bequeathed herein, but in the event of the decease of said Emma Gage Atwood during my life-time, I give and bequeath said watches and jewelry to Mary E. Bradstreet, of Methuen, Massachusetts.

Nineteenth.- I give and bequeath all my table silver marked "H H P" and "H P", and a little mirror with balls, now hanging in my living room to my cousin Francelia Slocum Fetzler, of 401 South Linden Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and her heirs forever.

Twentieth.- I give and bequeath all my silver marked "P" "S J G" "M P H" and "S" to my cousin Emma Gage Atwood, but in the event of the decease of said Emma Gage Atwood during my life-time, I give and bequeath to Edna Cutter, Esther Cutter and Lois Cutter daughters of Charles Howe Cutter, of Dracut, Massachusetts; to Marian Gage Fraser, of 703 East 47th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, all my silver marked "KG"; and to Mabel Chandler, of said Nashua, the loving cup in the living room and inscribed "Ira F. Harris".

Twenty-first.- I give and bequeath to Margaret Richardson Gregg, of said Nashua, the andirons, shovel and tongs on the hearth in the living room and the bureau in chamber over the dining room, the same having been purchased at vendue in 1829 at Tyngsboro, Massachusetts, the belongings of William Fletcher; to Clara Cutter Jack, of Pelham, New Hampshire, the chairs and bureau in kitchen chamber, the same being a part of my grand-mother Gage wedding outfit, also ancient slat back chair in parlor and the small table sometimes called a light stand in dining-room chamber, both articles having been the property

hundred (\$100.) dollars, each; and

Elizabeth Fraser, widow of Her

husband (\$500.) dollars, each.

of our grand-mother Miriam Butler Cutter; to Harry Jack, of Pelham, New Hampshire, the contents of the north chamber the same being Mr. Harris' den; to Katherine L. Runnells all pewter ware and china not otherwise disposed of herein, to hold or dispose of according to her judgment; to the Public Library, of Windham, New Hampshire, the glass decanters and wine glasses on side-board once the property of Margaret Hemphill Cochran, also wrought sampler of the Proctor Family, of said Windham; to Florence Marsh, daughter of Will F. Marsh, of said Pelham, the Guelph pitcher with children and dog pictured on it, standing on side-board, the same once the property of her great-great grand-mother, Dorcas Swan Gage; to Margaret Richardson Gregg my white silk embroidered evening coat; to Florence Cutter, of said Pelham, my furs and fur trimmed coats; and to Charles Harris, of East Boston, Massachusetts, the tall clock in the hall if he survives me, and if he fails to survive me then I give and bequeath the same to Blanche Harris Swain, of said East Boston.

Twenty-second. I give and bequeath to the Indian Head National Bank, of said Nashua, the sum of five thousand dollars in trust, the income therefrom to be paid over to Walter L. Barker during the term of his natural life, and such income to be used by him for his own personal enjoyment, and upon his decease the remainder shall vest in the heirs of said Walter L. Barker. If the said Walter L. Barker shall fail to survive me then this bequest shall be null and void, and shall become a part of the residue of my estate.

Twenty-third. I give and bequeath to my good friend Katherine L. Runnells, the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.) dollars. Should she fail to survive me then this legacy shall become null and void, and become a part of the residue of my estate.

Twenty-fourth. I give and bequeath to John C. Gage and Frank Gage, children of John B. Gage, of Kansas, Missouri, the sum of five hundred (\$500.) dollars, each; and to Martha Worthington Groves, and Elizabeth Fraser, children of Marion Gage Fraser the sum of five hundred (\$500.) dollars, each. In the event of the decease of any of

said children the legacy to such child shall vest in such child's parents or the surviving parent.

Twenty-fifth.- My clothing, ward-robe, wearing apparel and all the furniture and furnishings of home and surroundings not otherwise disposed of by this Will, I give and bequeath to my cousin Emma M. Gage Atwood, and Katherine L. Runnells, to be retained by them or disposed of to friends or charity as they may deem best. However, they shall burn little personal belongings which have no value to any one, and they shall be generously paid for their services,

Twenty-sixth.- All the rest and residue of my Estate, both real and personal, I give, bequeath and devise to the Trustees of Edgewood Cemetery for the following purposes, viz:- To erect and construct a suitable and substantial wall on the Amherst Street side of said Cemetery. The design and construction of said Wall shall be in keeping and conformity with the main gate of said Cemetery; and secondly, to erect and construct an appropriate chapel upon a proper and suitable location in said Cemetery.

Twenty-seventh.- I direct that the trustees of all trust funds created under this Will, shall invest the principal sum in United States bonds, State of New Hampshire bonds, or bonds of a municipality of said State of New Hampshire.

Twenty-eighth.- I hereby nominate and appoint Walter L. Barker, of said Nashua, to be executor of this my last Will and Testament.

Twenty-ninth.- I hereby revoke any and all wills by me at any time heretofore made.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and seal
this 22 day of December, 1926

Mary P. Harris

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above-named Mary Proctor Harris to be her last Will and Testament in our presence, who, in her presence and in the presence of one another and at her request subscribe our names hereto as witnesses this 22 day of December, 1926.

Frank P. Rideout

George K. Adams

Frank O. Lewis

AMOSKEAG SAVINGS BANK

MANCHESTER, N. H.

JOHN H. GIFFIN, JR.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

April 13, 1961.

Mrs. Thelma C. Boutwell-Treasurer & Trustee
Pelham Public Library
Pelham, New Hampshire

Dear Mrs. Boutwell:

This is to acknowledge your letter of April 11, 1961, and to advise you that our records indicate that there is one account with the Amoskeag Savings Bank standing in the name of the Pelham Public Library. The current balance of this account is \$1000.00.

Thank you for sending in the completed savings account withdrawal authority form, signature card and permanent dividend order.

If we may be of any further service, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,
John H. Giffin Jr.
John H. Giffin, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Received:							
Cash on hand January 31, 1937	.....	\$72.24					
1937 appropriation .....	.....	400.00					
Books sold .....	.....	2.75					
Amoskeag Savings Bank interest .....	.....	15.00					
Fines .....	.....	3.52					
Paid:							
John P. Quinn, 4 tons coke .....	.....	\$49.00					
Jean Karr, books .....	.....	8.90					
O'Cedar polish .....	.....	.50					
Smoke pipe .....	.....	4.80					
Ellsworth J. Smith, slabs .....	.....	6.00					
Milan C. Stickney, labor .....	.....	2.80					
C. C. Richardson, painting library .....	.....	71.50					
Courier Publishing Co., cards .....	.....	3.50					
DeWolfe and Fiske Co., books .....	.....	129.30					
Mary E. Hobbs, librarian .....	.....	75.00					
Charles W. Hobbs, janitor .....	.....	75.00					
Marion J. Atwood, supplies .....	.....	1.30					
Bank carrying charges .....	.....	6.00					
Cash on hand January 31, 1938	\$433.60					
		59.91					
		\$493.51					

Respectfully submitted,

SHERMAN HOBBS,
Treasurer.

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