



## The Samuel and Bridget Fuller Society

The Pilgrim Society's Legacy Society  
Named in Honor of Plymouth Colony's First Philanthropists

Samuel Fuller was a Deacon of the Plymouth church and a physician. Bridget Fuller was a teacher and a midwife. Together, they shared a responsibility for providing practical help to their congregation and their community in dealing with the necessities of life – food, water, clothing, and shelter. By creating a personal legacy, Samuel and Bridget Fuller also created a lasting legacy for the Plymouth Colony. It is for them this Society is named.

*I give out of this stock of cattle the first Cow calf that my Brown Cow shall have to the Church of God at Plymouth to be employed by the Deacon or Deacons of the said Church for the good of said Church at the oversight of the ruling Elders...*

1633 Will of Samuel Fuller

*Prence Govr: A Deed appointed to be Recorded*

*To all whom these presents may Concern*

*Know ye that we Bridget Fuller and Samuel Fuller both of the town of Plymouth in the Jurisdiction of New Plymouth for several Reasons moving us thereunto; Do by these presents freely give grant and Confirm unto the church of Plymouth now in being for the use of a minister; a Certain merstead or garden plot being half an acre more or less lying in the town of Plymouth between a garden plot that was sometimes Mr. Howland's and anoth[er] garden plot that was goodman Fords; To have and to hold the same garden plot with all the privileges belonging thereunto; To the only proper use of the Church of Plymouth [successively] for the ends abovesaid; to them and to the said Church successively forever...*

1664 Deed of Bridget Fuller and her son Samuel Fuller

The Samuel and Bridget Fuller Society was established in 2006 to honor Plymouth Colony's first philanthropists and to recognize donors who have provided for the Pilgrim Society in their wills. Gifts made through the Fuller Society will become an enduring legacy that will sustain Pilgrim Hall Museum for generations to come.

Through a bequest, you may perpetuate the support you have always given to The Pilgrim Society. For many, a bequest allows them to make a more substantial gift than would be possible during their lifetimes. Gifts that require estate planning should be made in consultation with your attorney or financial advisor. For more information, please call The Pilgrim Society at tel. 508-746-1620 ext. 7.

## **MAKING A BEQUEST TO THE PILGRIM SOCIETY:**

You may make a gift to the Pilgrim Society through a bequest in your new will, codicil to your existing will or a trust by will. Contact your lawyer or the Pilgrim Society's Development Office to include one of these provisions.

**Bequests fall into the following categories:**

### **General Bequests**

General bequests are one of the most popular ways to make a planned gift. Simply leave the Pilgrim Society a specified dollar amount.

*I give, devise and bequeath the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Trustees of the Pilgrim Society, to be used for general charitable purposes.*

### **Specific Bequests**

Designating a specific asset from your estate – stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares, real estate, or personal property (such as works of art or antiques) – can constitute a specific bequest.

*I give, devise and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ (insert description of asset) to the Trustees of the Pilgrim Society, to be used for general charitable purposes.*

### **Residuary Bequests**

You can specify that the residue or a percentage of the residue of your estate be paid to the Pilgrim Society after all debts, taxes, expenses and all other bequest have been paid.

*I give, devise and bequeath the rest of the property I own at my death to the Trustees of the Pilgrim Society, to be used for general charitable purposes.*

### **Percentage Bequests**

A bequest may also be expressed as a percentage of your estate or the residuary of our estate.

*I give, devise and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate to the Trustees of the Pilgrim Society, to be used for general charitable purposes.*

### **Contingent Bequests**

In this case, you name the Pilgrim Society as the recipient of all or some of your estate if your primary heirs predecease you.

*If \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name of your heir) predeceases me or disclaims any interest in \_\_\_\_\_ (describe the asset or portion of your estate), I give such property to the Trustees of the Pilgrim Society, to be used for general charitable purposes.*

### **Restricted Bequests**

You may wish to restrict your bequest of \$25,000 or more to a specific purpose – for example, to memorialize a family member or to support a particular program.

*I give, devise and bequeath \$\_\_\_\_\_ (insert dollar amount or asset) to the Trustees of the Pilgrim Society. This gift shall be held in a permanent endowment fund to be known as the (insert your desired fund name) Fund, income only from which shall be used to support \_\_\_\_\_ (insert tax-exempt purpose for which the fit is made).*

### **Codicil to Your Will**

If you already have a will and wish to change a beneficiary or add a bequest to the Pilgrim Society, ask your lawyer to draft a codicil for you to sign. All provisions of your existing will shall be retained except those which are modified by the codicil.

### **Charitable Trust by Will**

If you set up a trust by will, your heirs receive income from an asset during their lifetimes. Then at their deaths, the principle goes to the Pilgrim Society

*Please complete and return to: The Pilgrim Society/Pilgrim Hall Museum, 75 Court Street, Plymouth, MA 02360. Thank you.*

Yes, I have made a provision for the Pilgrim Society in my will.

I would like more information about planned giving. Please contact me.

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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