

Gifts in action

We would like to share just two examples that demonstrate how transformational a planned-gift can be for a small organisation like ours. Gifts of any size are welcome.



In Egypt

In 2006 the Society received a bequest of £23,000 from the estate of an Australian member, Michael Murphy, who asked for his gift to be used in aid of restoration work, including recording and collecting data at the site of Memphis. This ensured that work on the Survey of Memphis project has continued and valuable seasons of excavation and research have been undertaken. Thanks to this kind donation the EES has supported David Jeffreys' work helping to further our understanding of Nile channels and early settlement areas around this early capital of Egypt.



In the UK

In 2006 the Society received a gift of £40,000 from the estate of Lucy Gura, a Member of the Society. This substantial gift, together with a further £5,000 generously donated by the Gura family was used to create the Lucy Gura Archive. It has been invaluable in the digitalisation of 14,000 of the earliest photographs in the Society's collection and reflects Lucy's interest in photography. This generous gift has enabled the preservation of the material, allowing us to make better use of the Archive whilst also making it more widely accessible.

How your gift could help us

By leaving a gift in your will you could leave a lasting legacy that supports our future, allowing us to explore and inspire in the years that follow. Above all, gifts made in this way allow us to plan and to develop, so that we can reach more people who are passionate about Egypt and do justice to the unique collections that have been entrusted to us throughout our distinguished past.

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A GIFT FOR THE FUTURE



Egypt Exploration Society

A welcome from our Director



Thank you for your interest in our Society and for taking the time to learn about how a gift in your will could make a difference to our future.

I am passionate about the work that we do and proud that we are at the forefront of archaeological discovery, responding to the 21st century challenges facing ancient sites throughout Egypt and its neighbouring countries. The Society's Field Directors and researchers are involved in cutting-edge work which informs and inspires everyone who is interested in ancient Egypt. In the future we want to reach many more people who believe in our cause.

Please take a moment to read the following leaflet and to learn about the inspirational gifts that have helped to make the Society what it is today.

However large or small the gift, your support can make a real difference.

Thank you

Patricia

Patricia Spencer
Director
Egypt Exploration Society

This leaflet

explains how to support the EES by leaving a gift in your will. After reading it you may have some more specific questions, and we invite you to talk these through informally with our Development Director (contact details overleaf), who is always on hand to offer support.

As well as the knowledge that you will be helping the future of the EES, there are other benefits to leaving a gift in this way.

- If you leave a gift to the EES in your will it will be exempt from inheritance tax.
- It is a way of supporting the EES that will not affect your bank balance now.

Thank you for your support: it is truly valued by our teams in Egypt and the UK.

“In Papyrology and Egyptology the EES has made a tremendous contribution to scholarship over nearly 130 years. By remembering the Society in your will you can help to ensure the continuation of this valuable work”



Margaret Mountford
EES Trustee

Writing a will

The facts that you need to know and the legal jargon explained:

Giving a portion of your estate

Decide first how much of your estate you wish to leave to family and friends and you may then choose to leave the Society the remainder. This is known as a residuary gift.

Suggested wording for a residuary gift

“I give ____% of my residuary estate to the Egypt Exploration Society of 3 Doughty Mews, London WC1N 2PG (Charity registration number 212384) for its general purposes and that the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executors.”

Leaving a sum of money

A monetary or pecuniary gift leaves the Society a specified sum of money. Furthermore this money can be ‘index-linked’ so that its value is not eroded by inflation. For further details on ‘index-linked’ gifts, contact your solicitor.

Suggested wording for a pecuniary gift

“I bequeath free of all taxes to The Egypt Exploration Society of 3 Doughty Mews, London WC1N 2PG (Charity registration number 212384) for its general purposes the sum of £____, the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Society to be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executors for the said sum.”

Amending a current will

You do not have to rewrite an existing will if you would like to add a gift to the Society. This can be done by adding a supplement known as a codicil to your existing Will and acts as an addition or amendment to this document. For further information or if you wish to change your will substantially, please contact your solicitor.

Giving a specific gift

Occasionally people wish to leave us a specific asset from their estate. This specific or non-monetary bequest might be shares, the proceeds from the sale of a property, or a collection of books or pictures, left on the terms that they be retained or that they may be sold when advantageous to provide funds for the Society. If you are thinking of leaving us a specific bequest please contact us so that we can discuss what you have in mind.

Suggested wording for a specific bequest

“I give _____ to The Egypt Exploration Society of 3 Doughty Mews, London WC1N 2PG (Charity registration number 212384) and declare that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Society to be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executors.”

Defining how a gift is used

You can say in your will that you would like to leave it up to the Society how to use your legacy. These valuable unrestricted gifts allow us to put the money where it is most needed. Alternatively, you can target your gift towards an area of the Society's work which is of particular interest to you.

Sharing your plans with us

If you are contemplating leaving a gift to the Egypt Exploration Society in your will we would truly appreciate learning of your intention. This is both to ensure that your requests are met as fully as possible and to allow us the opportunity to say thank you.

Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Phone	
Email	

I have left a gift to the EES which will support:

- The work of the EES (unrestricted)
- Excavation in Egypt
- Archive / Collections
- Education / Events

I intend to leave a gift in my will

I am considering whether to leave a gift to the EES and would like to discuss this with you further.

The Egypt Exploration Society recommends that you seek advice from a solicitor when drafting or amending your will.

Data protection

The Egypt Exploration Society promises to protect your privacy and the data that we gather will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. We would like to keep you informed about our work in Egypt and the UK, but if you would prefer not to receive these updates please tick here.

Please return this form to
The Egypt Exploration Society, 3 Doughty Mews, London, WC1N 2PG.