

BENEFITS OF MAKING A LEGACY GIFT

- Craft your own legacy while providing financially for your family and loved ones
- Ensure that you communicate and pass on your values AND your wealth
- Help minimize the tax impact on the transfer of your assets

ANN PAMELA CUNNINGHAM SOCIETY BENEFITS

- Inclusion in Ann Pamela Cunningham Society listings
- Monthly updates from the president's office
- Mount Vernon Magazine
- Invitations to exclusive events and experiences
- Opportunities to share your story and intent behind your gift
- Concierge service to arrange tours, tickets, and VIP services

**If you decide to include
the Mount Vernon Ladies'
Association in your estate
plans, please let us know!**

CONTACT US

If you have any questions, need assistance, or have an interest in speaking further about charitable estate planning strategies for yourself or loved ones, please reach out to

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Mail estate gift confirmations and funds to Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union, P.O. Box 110, Mount Vernon, VA 22121



**We will be honored to welcome you
into the Ann Pamela Cunningham
Society and to thank you for your
generous and lasting commitment.**



GEORGE WASHINGTON'S
MOUNT ★ VERNON

THE MOUNT VERNON LADIES' ASSOCIATION

The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union,
Tax ID #54-0564701, a charitable corporation located in
Virginia with the mailing address of P.O. Box 110,
Mount Vernon, VA 22121

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Preserving an American Treasure

On a summer evening in 1853, Louisa Dalton Bird Cunningham drank in the beautiful Virginia countryside while her boat traveled down the Potomac River. As the ship turned a bend, she eagerly searched for George Washington's beloved home, Mount Vernon.

But when the estate came into view, Louisa was shocked by what she saw. Mount Vernon was a dilapidated mess. With chipped paint, a sagging roof, and a lawn overrun with weeds, the first president's estate looked like it had seen better days.

Louisa found it shameful that a national hero's home had fallen into such neglect. In a letter to her daughter, Ann Pamela Cunningham, she asked:

“Why was it the women of Washington's country did not try to keep [Mount Vernon] in repair, if the men could not do it?”

Ann agreed. Determined to right this situation, she rallied a group of women to rescue Mount Vernon. Pooling their resources, they bought the property from Washington's great-great-nephew, John Augustine Washington III, for the equivalent of \$8.9 million in today's money. The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association was born.

Ann and her fellow volunteers knew they couldn't steward Mount Vernon alone. The government was uninterested in funding their project, so they reached out to their fellow citizens for money

to repair and preserve all 500 acres of George Washington's historic property.

Today, thanks to the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, Mount Vernon flourishes as the most popular historic estate in America, hosting an average of 1 million guests annually. Since 1860, the estate has taught more than 96 million visitors from around the world about the life and legacy of George Washington.

To this day, Mount Vernon does not accept government funding. The generosity of people like you preserves this precious piece of American heritage.

By joining the Ann Pamela Cunningham Society and including the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association in your estate plans, you can ensure that Washington's home remains preserved and that the story of our nation's first president is shared with generations to come.



There are several ways you can join the Ann Pamela Cunningham Society and make this impactful work part of your own legacy.

BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

Designate the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association as a beneficiary of a financial account, such as a:

- life insurance policy
- retirement account
- charitable gift annuity
- donor advised fund
- charitable trust
- other financial account

BEQUESTS

Include the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association in a will or trust by inserting a provision containing our legal name and federal tax ID:

Sample Language: *I give, devise, and bequeath to the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union, Tax ID #54-0564701, an independent, nonprofit institution located in Mount Vernon, Virginia or its successor organization (% of my estate/item/asset/amount or residual amount) to be used (choose one of the following):*

- *for its general support and charitable purposes without restriction.*
- *for (designated purpose). If at any time it becomes impossible or impractical for my gift to be used for the above designated purpose, the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union shall use my gift for a purpose and in a manner that it determines most closely meets the above designated purpose.*