

# Plan to leave a legacy

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Elizabeth Losey recognizes excellence when she sees it. She is a long-time loyal supporter of the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies (CRLS) at The University of Winnipeg, even though she neither studied nor taught at this University. Nor is Elizabeth from Manitoba or even from Canada. And yet she has become a stalwart friend of the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies, praising its unique qualities and actively participating in its mission and activities.

Elizabeth is not alone in her enthusiasm. Over 300 individuals from across North America and parts of Europe subscribe to the CRLS Newsletter, contribute to and benefit from its research, and participate in its biennial Colloquia. This year, Elizabeth joined nearly 150 participants at the Centre for Rupert's Land Colloquium in Kenora, Ontario from May 26 to 30, 2004. An energetic 93-year-old, Elizabeth drove alone from her home in Gernfask, Michigan to Lake of the Woods, attesting to her keen interest in the proceedings as well as to her stamina.

The Centre for Rupert's Land Studies' uniqueness derives from its focus on Rupert's Land, the vast Hudson Bay watershed region claimed by the Hudson's Bay Company from 1670 to 1870. The CRLS fosters interdisciplinary research and communication among all who share an interest in the history and peoples of Rupert's Land, with a particular emphasis on fur trade and Aboriginal history.

That's where Elizabeth's passion comes in. Formally educated as a wildlife biologist, Elizabeth and her late husband, Everett, spent 20 years traveling "by motor home, boat, canoe, and airplane to the far reaches of the fur trade" narrating the history of 150 fur trade posts. As a result, Elizabeth Browne Losey's 750-page book, *Let Them Be Remembered: The Story of the Fur Trade Forts*, was published in 1999.

Now well into her ninth decade of living, Elizabeth continues her steadfast commit-



*Elizabeth Losey thanks David Malabar, Chair of the Kenora Colloquium, for the opportunity to visit her 151st fur trade fort at Rat Portage, Ontario.*

ment to the preservation of history and to the natural lands that cradle and mark that history. Her mission seems to coincide remarkably with the mission of the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies, fostering a deep bond between Elizabeth and the Centre. Out of that bond has grown Elizabeth's bequest to the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies.

The CRLS Colloquium in Kenora gave The University of Winnipeg Foundation the opportunity to formally thank Elizabeth for her bequest. Susan A. Thompson, President and C.E.O. of The University of Winnipeg Foundation, presented Elizabeth with a Certificate of Appreciation to honour her gift.

Elizabeth's bequest is in two parts. The first is an extensive library of the fur trade, which Elizabeth has placed in a Charitable Remainder Trust, naming The University of Winnipeg as the owner and beneficiary of the Trust. When Elizabeth's estate is realized, her library will be housed in the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies, and will be known as "The Elizabeth Browne Losey Fur Trade Library." Elizabeth has thought-fully left a second part to this bequest, a monetary sum to be used to effectively house and protect the volumes and to revitalize and strengthen the Centre itself.

As Susan Thompson expressed at the Colloquium banquet, "We are deeply grateful to Elizabeth Losey for her treasuring of the past, her guardianship of the future, and for her generosity and forethought in building this legacy for The University of Winnipeg."

## Making a bequest to The University of Winnipeg Foundation

If you, like Elizabeth Losey, have a strong affinity for The University of Winnipeg and for the excellence it represents, you too may wish to leave a bequest. If you already have a will, a simple codicil is all that is required. Or, if you have been thinking you should set up a will, consider including a charitable bequest.

There are several ways in which you may leave a legacy to The University of Winnipeg. You may leave a specific dollar amount, a percentage of the assets in your will, or a residual amount. Or consider specifying assets for your charitable gift. These could include, but are not limited to, cash, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, term deposits, real estate, vehicles, art, jewelry, or insurance. Such gifts may provide tax benefits as well.

Consider naming The University of Winnipeg Foundation as the beneficiary of your RRSP, RRIF, or pension. An existing or paid-up life insurance policy or a newly-purchased policy could also give you an opportunity to name the Foundation as beneficiary. Encourage family and friends to be charitable in their wills also, and particularly classmates with whom you share a common bond of loyalty to United College or the University. Your lawyer, accountant, or financial planner, together with the Planned Giving staff of The University of Winnipeg Foundation, can help determine the type of gift that is right for you.

*If leaving a legacy is of interest to you, why not take the next step?*

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