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Planned Gift Honors Father, Longtime W&L Professor

Mary Faith Pankin may have grown up on Marshall Street, but the campus of Washington and Lee was as much a part of her childhood as the charming street in Lexington where she lived with her parents and younger sister. The daughter of William W. "Bill" Pusey III, the late W&L dean and professor of German and Russian, Pankin remembers the many guests her parents entertained over the years, as well as the close friendships forged between members of the University family.

"Lexington is a nice place to grow up, and most of my friends were children of W&L or VMI employees," said Pankin. "People tend to come to Lexington and never leave. Dad referred to it as Utopia University, and he wasn't kidding."

Pusey began his career at "Utopia U." in 1939 as professor and head of the German Department. Except for a three-year period when he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, the dedicated professor was an influential member of the University community, including a five-month stint as acting president and 11 years as dean.

During his 42-year career, Pusey introduced Russian language and literature to the curriculum. He taught every German course offered until 1960 and then again following the end of his term as dean in 1971, and he had a hand in several important changes during his deanship. Faculty salaries were doubled, the Robert E. Lee Research Program was launched, the faculty adviser system was revamped and the undergraduate curriculum reorganized.

"Daddy loved Washington and Lee, and the College was very important to Mother, too," said Pankin. "In the years when he was dean of the College, they did a lot of entertaining. I was a teen then and remember non-stop dinner parties and one poet after another coming to town."

Pankin left one college town for another when she studied at

Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. Following graduation, she landed a job in the library at the

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*Mary Faith Pankin
pictured here with
her parents, Mary Hope
and Bill Pusey.*

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University of Virginia, an experience that led her to continue her studies and focus on a career in library and information science.

While working at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., Pankin met her husband, Mark, then a professor of mathematics. He enjoyed getting to know the Puseys and Washington and Lee during visits to Lexington. Pusey and his son-in-law shared a love of baseball and the out of doors. Pusey contributed many reviews of volumes on baseball to the *Roanoke Times* under the pseudonym of Marshall Street while Mark Pankin is an aficionado of baseball statistics and research.

"Bill treated me like a colleague, and we enjoyed talking about baseball," said Mark Pankin. "Reviewing baseball books gave Bill an interest outside of the college and was an interest we shared. I also enjoyed joining him and members of the Foxstick Hiking Club on walks in the countryside."

The Pankins now reside in Arlington, Va., where Mark Pankin is an investment advisor. Mary Faith Pankin is a librarian at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Several years ago, they began planning for retirement and considered

investing in an annuity.

"An annuity would provide income we can't outlive," said Mark Pankin. "Insurance companies offer higher payout rates, but the taxes were higher. Also, buying an annuity from an insurance company is only as good as the company, and Washington and Lee is a known quantity. Ultimately, we decided to create a charitable gift annuity with Washington and Lee."

In addition to benefitting financially, the couple has made their gift in memory of Pankin's father, and it will add to the fund he established to support W&L's foreign language program. The William W. Pusey III Endowment Fund was created in 1995 through the estate of the late professor who died in 1994. It enables the German and Russian departments to purchase books and technology and to sponsor visiting lecturers and field trips for students.

"We're pleased that our gift will help continue the work of the departments that Daddy was such a big part of," said Mary Faith Pankin. "For a long time, the German Department was Daddy and one other professor. There were times when he managed a really punishing teaching load, but it was important to him. We are



Mary Faith and Mark Pankin

pleased to honor him by supporting the departments that he loved."

To join the Pankins in making a charitable gift annuity or another planned gift to Washington and Lee, contact Hank Humphreys or Louise Wasserott at (540) 458-8421, or by e-mail at ahumphreys@wlu.edu or lwasserott@wlu.edu.

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A Legacy of Great Teaching

While the laboratories Dr. John T. Herwick '36 used as a student at Washington and Lee looked vastly different than the ones used today, one thing has remained the same. The University's commitment to teaching and mentoring students is as strong today as it was in the 1930s.

A biology major, Herwick benefited from the tutelage of William Dana Hoyt, who taught biology at the University from 1920 to 1945; Robert William Dickey, professor of physics from 1924 to 1962; and Lucius Desha, a 1906 graduate of W&L who taught chemistry from 1920 to 1955. In fact, Herwick reviewed the proofs of various chapters of Desha's organic chemistry textbook that was published in 1936 and was widely used in American college classrooms.

Herwick went on from Washington and Lee to earn a medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Following service to the U.S. Army in World War II, the young doctor began his practice in Dearborn, Mich., eventually joining the department of internal medicine at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, where he was physician to the Ford family.

Despite his success, Herwick never forgot the professors who provided the foundation for his medical career. He and his wife, Mary, spent several years making estate plans, and the Herwicks provided generously for Washington and Lee, taking great care to support the faculty in the sciences.

Herwick was preceded in death by his wife, and he passed away in 2007. The couple's estate provided for three endowment gifts,

including a professorship in biology and a second in chemistry, as well as the Oscar E. and Edith D. Herwick Memorial Scholarship in memory of his parents, which will be awarded for the first time

later this year with preference for students from Frazer High School in Perryopolis, Pa., Herwick's hometown.

According to James LoPrete, the Herwick's estate attorney, the late doctor was a loyal and thoughtful man who greatly appreciated the education he received at Washington and Lee. LoPrete said Herwick would be pleased that his gift will ensure that today's students and those who follow will benefit from great mentors in the classroom.

Lawrence E. Hurd, who was appointed as the inaugural Dr. John T. Herwick Professor in Biology, and Marcia B. France, the inaugural Herwick Professor of Chemistry, have big shoes to fill, but thanks to the generosity of a thoughtful former student and his wife, they will continue to carry on the tradition of talented teaching at Washington and Lee, teaching Herwick treasured and never forgot.

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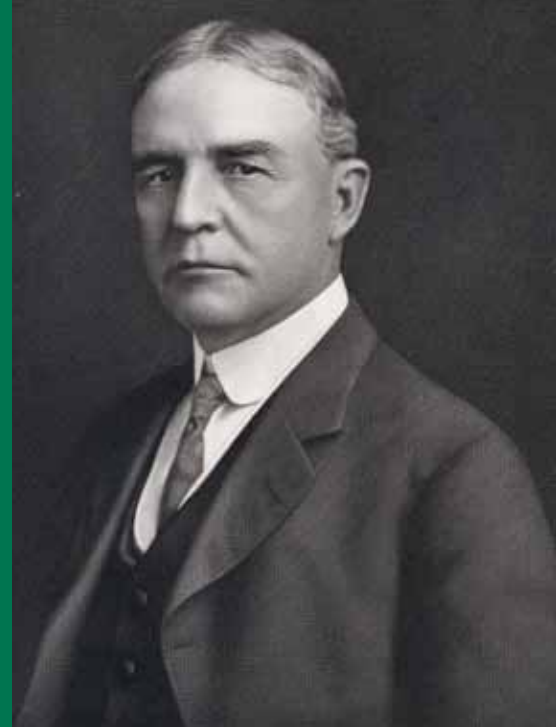
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Honored Friend of Washington and Lee Leaves Lasting Legacy

On June 8, 1926, Judge John Barton Payne gave an inspirational speech at the 176th commencement at Washington and Lee. He stressed the need for intellectual honesty, open mindedness and a continued thirst for learning through reading. He encouraged the new graduates to think of their fellow man, to do their duty and to practice what he called “Lee Leadership.”



Payne was not a graduate of Washington and Lee but he did admire its former president, Robert E. Lee, and he valued the education the University provided to many young men of his time. The admiration was mutual as that day, Washington and Lee honored Payne with an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Payne followed an unusual path to this honor. Born in 1855 in what is now West Virginia, he was denied a formal education in his youth and became a self-taught lawyer. He practiced in West Virginia and got involved in politics as chairman of the Preston County Democratic Party. In 1883, Payne moved to Chicago where he continued practicing law and was elected a local judge in 1893.

After World War I began, Payne moved to Washington, D.C., where he served as counsel for the Emergency Fleet Corporation and the National Railroad Administration. He was chairman of the U.S. Shipping Board for a year before President Woodrow Wilson named him to his cabinet as secretary of the interior in 1920. As secretary, Payne fervently fought against building reclamation dams in Yellowstone National Park, affirming that the national parks should never be commercialized.

In 1921, Payne was named chairman of the American Red Cross, a position he held until his death. During 14 years as head of the Red Cross, Payne tried to bring both paid and volunteer staff into greater harmony while leading the organization through the deflation period following World War I. He stressed the need for the Red Cross to meet social demands not being met by other agencies while fulfilling its mission of disaster relief and service to the military and veterans. Under Payne’s leadership, the Red

Cross went beyond its mandate and helped millions of hungry and discouraged Americans through unemployment relief projects and the distribution of surplus government stores of wheat and cotton.

Payne died of pneumonia two days shy of his 80th birthday in 1935 following surgery for appendicitis. Once his affairs were settled, the remainder of his estate—\$750,000—was divided equally among Washington and Lee, the College of William and Mary, and the American Red Cross. He also left the University approximately 1,200 books from his collection.

The man who nine years earlier shared profound advice on life with the W&L Class of 1926 deepened his impact on the University through his death. His hope was to help generations of young students receive the formal education he did not, and the University in turn marked his gift by lending his name to a building on the Colonnade.



*The steps of Payne Hall
where generations of students have passed.*

Renovation will soon begin in Payne Hall and when complete, it will feature the Lee office and classroom, a writing center and faculty offices. Plans

call for modifying the first level so a central hallway will connect the building directly to the lobby of Washington Hall. This new hallway will correct an awkward circulation pattern between the two buildings and invite better use of first-floor classrooms, providing a new generation of students with the proper facilities for their formal educations.

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