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Leaving your Legacy at Cambridge

The Legacy of DR. RHODA M. DORSEY (Newnham 1949)

Dr. Dorsey came to Newnham College as a Fulbright Scholar studying history. She became an Honorary Fellow of the College in 1998 and received an Honorary Degree (Doctor of Law) from the University of Cambridge in 2002. In 1974, she became president of Goucher College in Towson, MD, the first woman to hold that post and the longest continuously serving president of the college until her retirement in 1994.

As an alumna, Dr. Dorsey was an advocate for Cambridge in the US. She was one of the founders of The American Friends of Cambridge University and served on its board from 1978 to 2000. Dr. Dorsey was also Chair of the Board of The Cambridge University Development Office in the US from 1996 until 2000, when both organizations merged to form Cambridge in America (CAm), and a member of CAm's 1209 Society. When she passed away in 2014, funds from her estate created the Rhoda M. Dorsey Studentship at Newnham for graduate students that continues to benefit students today such as PhD candidate, Neha Chaudhary (Newnham 2019) and PhD student, Rosa Campbell (Newnham 2016).



“The studentship has made it possible for me to pursue my interest in history at a place like the University of Cambridge. Being the first person in my family to receive a university education was a challenging road to take. Studentships such as the Rhoda M. Dorsey make it financially viable for a budding academic like me.”

- Neha Chaudhary (NEWNHAM 2019)

“I study the history of feminism and I feel a strong thread of connection to the strong Newnham women who have come before me, in this place which is part of that history. It feels fitting that the legacy of one of these women has brought me here. Newnham has changed my life and enabled me to grow into the person I was meant to be.”

- Rosa Campbell (NEWNHAM 2016)

It is fitting that in Cambridge in America's 20th year, we honor Dr. Rhoda M. Dorsey, whose legacy continues to make an impact on students now and for many years to come.

ARE YOU 70½ YEARS OLD OR OLDER?

If you are 70½ years old or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) of up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to CAm, without having to pay income taxes on the money. Beginning in the year you turn 72, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution which are back for 2021.

To learn more and use our online tool to simplify the QCD process please visit: www.cantab.org/QCD

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A NOTE FROM US

We hope you enjoy this latest issue of *1209 Notes*. Cambridge's mission is to contribute to society through the pursuit of education, learning, and research at the highest international levels of excellence. With your support and involvement, combined with the generosity of other alumni and friends, Cambridge can continue to strive to fulfill its mission. Planned giving is often an effective way to make a tax efficient and significant gift to benefit the important causes that matter most to you.

Cambridge in America's planned giving team is dedicated to providing the highest level of service to ensure an excellent experience for donors to Collegiate Cambridge. We regularly assist alumni and friends who plan and complete gifts of all kinds-including bequests. To learn more about such gifts, and the potential tax benefits associated with them, we invite you to contact us. We are always delighted to hear from you, and to answer any questions you may have.

With thanks for your generosity,

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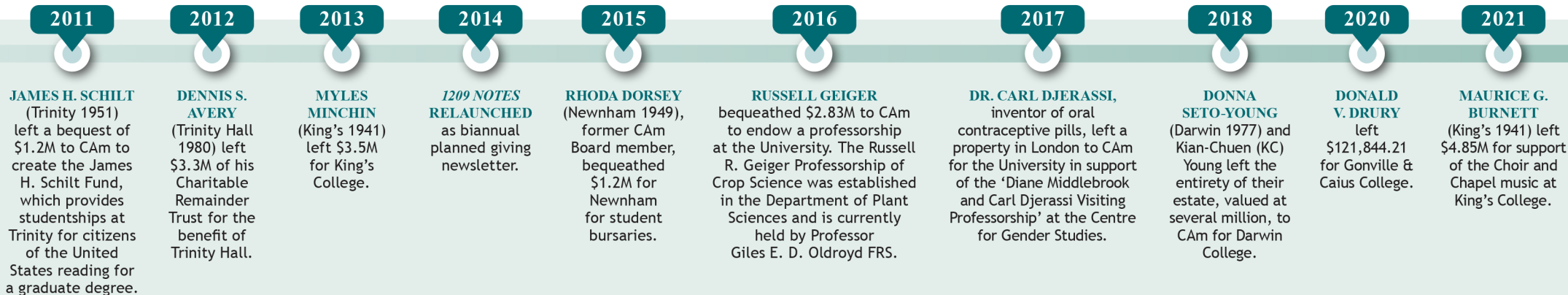
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CAMBRIDGE IN AMERICA:

Celebrating 20 Years

Timeline of Some Realized Planned Gifts from US Friends and Alumni

Cambridge in America (CAM) was founded in 2000 as a 501(c)(3) organization established to advance the mission of the University of Cambridge and its thirty-one member Colleges by providing expertise in fundraising and alumni relations and growing the base of support for Collegiate Cambridge among alumni and friends in the US. Since its creation, CAM has supported both the University and Colleges in their fundraising and engagement efforts. For 20 years, CAM has kept US alumni and friends engaged and connected to the University and Colleges and helped raise significant philanthropic support for Collegiate Cambridge.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Great news! Cambridge in America plans to resume in-person events (and continue virtual ones). CAM has exclusive events for The 1209 Society in the works so please watch out for email invitations from us very soon. We look forward to a time when we can once again gather and thank you for your support!

Please visit our events website for more information: www.cantab.org/events



RECENT ESTATE GIFTS

Cambridge in America is grateful to the generous alumni and friends who have remembered Collegiate Cambridge in their estate plans. In this section, we highlight a sampling of recent estate gifts received:

Dr. Michael Neiditch (St John's 1968) provided \$14,200 for St John's library book acquisitions and for Friends of Cambridge University Library

Sir David John (Christ's 1959) provided \$100,000 for The Glyndwr and Marjorie John Bursary

Dr. Arthur Metcalfe (Queens' 1940) provided \$59,585 for The University and the Department of Metallurgy and Materials Science

Dr. Frank Rhodes (Robinson 1989) provided \$5,000 for Robinson College

Maurice Burnett (King's 1941) provided \$4,850,000 for the preservation and restoration of King's College Chapel

All bequests, no matter the size, are incredibly important for Collegiate Cambridge and help the University and Colleges continue in their mission and flourish far into the future.



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- ☐ I have already included Cambridge in America, the University of Cambridge, or its constituent Colleges in my will/estate plan and I have not previously notified you.
- ☐ Please send me the membership information for The 1209 Society.

I am considering a provision for Cambridge in America in my estate plan and I would like information about:

- ☐ Making a bequest by will or trust
- ☐ Making a life income gift (e.g., trust)
- ☐ Making a gift of life insurance
- ☐ Making a gift of a qualified retirement plan



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THE 1209 SOCIETY

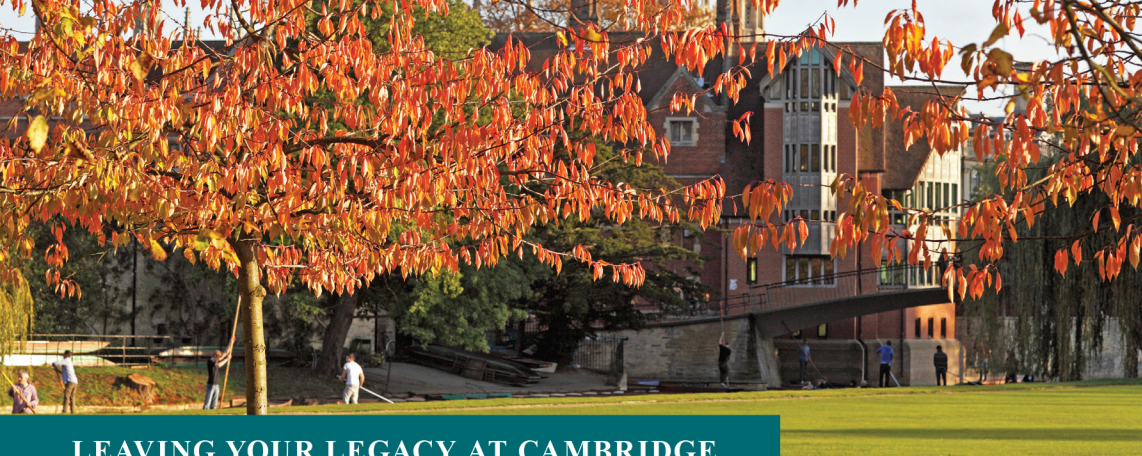
Established by Cambridge in America in 1998, The 1209 Society celebrates the many generous benefactors in the US who recognize the importance of the University of Cambridge and its thirty-one Colleges through their estate planning. With 293 members and growing, The 1209 Society is also a wonderful way to connect with like-minded Cambridge alumni and friends of Collegiate Cambridge. When you notify us that you've included your College or the University in your estate plans (by returning a response card, telling a gift officer, or sending us an email/letter) it is known as a bequest intention. This is all it takes for us to invite you to become a lifetime member of The 1209 Society.

Membership benefits include:

- ▶ Invitations to special events
- ▶ Bi-annual newsletter
- ▶ Recognition certificate
(signed by the Vice-Chancellor of the University and the Chair of the Board of Directors of Cambridge in America)
- ▶ Listing in The 1209 Society Roll of Honor
(a bound book listing honorees kept by the University)



Those who indicate their estate plans include support for a specific College or Colleges will also receive acknowledgement of this much-appreciated support from those named.



LEAVING YOUR LEGACY AT CAMBRIDGE



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www.cantab.org/plannedgiving

To update your contact information

please call **212.984.0960** or email mail@cantab.org

Let Us Know

Thank you to all of you who have chosen to include Collegiate Cambridge in your estate plans. Planned gifts are a crucial source of support for Cambridge and its Colleges. Documenting your bequest—by providing further details such as the purpose, the amount, and structure of the gift—helps us keep a record of your intentions, inspires others, assists with our long-term planning efforts, and gives us the opportunity to thank you! Documentation does not make your gift irrevocable or binding. To document your bequest, please contact plannedgiving@cantab.org or visit www.cantab.org/DOI.

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