



Vesterheim  
The National Norwegian-American  
Museum & Heritage Center

## Sample Bequest Language

Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum gratefully accept gifts whether they are made outright, in trust, or by bequest. We encourage you to use the sample language provided below when you create a bequest for Vesterheim Museum. We suggest that you send us a copy of that portion of your will pertaining to Vesterheim Museum to ensure that we will be able to use your gift as you intend, and to allow us to plan for our future. *All correspondence will be held in strict confidence.*

Individuals who notify Vesterheim Museum of their bequest intentions will become a Valhalla Society member.

Inquiries regarding bequests should be directed to:

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The following sample language may be used when discussing a bequest to Vesterheim Museum with your attorney. Note that your bequest may be stated in terms of specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or a percentage of the estate residue.

### Fixed Dollar Amount

"I give, devise and bequeath the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_) to Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum, Decorah, Iowa, to be used for the mission of Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum in accordance with its charitable purposes."

### Stated Percentage of Estate

"I give, devise and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ percent ( \_\_\_\_\_%) of my estate to Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum, Decorah, Iowa, to be used for the mission of Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum in accordance with its charitable purposes."

### Residue of Estate

"I give, devise, and bequeath all of the rest, residue and remainder (or \_\_\_\_\_%) of the residue of my estate to Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum, Decorah, Iowa, for the mission of Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum, in accordance with its charitable purposes."

*This information is not intended as legal advice. For legal advice, please consult an attorney.*