

The **Robert Watchorn Society** was established in 2002 to honor the humanitarian and civic legacies of Robert Watchorn and those who help to continue his work through their gifts. It recognizes individuals who have committed \$10,000 or more in their wills, or by estate planning, for the enrichment of the educational work of the Lincoln Memorial Shrine through the Watchorn Lincoln Memorial Association.



Robert, Emory and Alma Watchorn

## The Robert Watchorn Story

Robert Watchorn, the English immigrant who built and endowed the Lincoln Shrine, was often asked what it was about Lincoln that he so admired. His responses were often a long discourse on the man. However, he could eloquently sum up his emotions:

*"He is one of the finest spirits that ever came into the world. and he turned the currents of freedom into the souls of millions of fellow men."*

The Shrine is the result of this love of Lincoln. It was dedicated and presented to the City of Redlands by Watchorn and his wife Alma on February 12, 1932, not only as a tribute to

Lincoln, but as a memorial to their son Ewart, who died in 1920 at the age of 25, as a result of his service in World War I.

Robert Watchorn was born in Alfreton, Derbyshire, England in 1858 and died in Redlands in 1944. He came to the United States in 1880 having worked in the English coal mines since his eleventh year. The benefits of a formal education were denied to young Watchorn. However, in later years with the counsel of his wife and his own thirst for knowledge, Robert Watchorn became highly respected as the founder of the United Mine Workers Union, the head of U.S. Immigration at Ellis Island, the treasurer of Union Oil, the president of Watchorn Oil & Gas, and a noted philanthropist.

Watchorn's belief in philanthropy and charity began when he was an impoverished young man. He recalled the cherished lines from a favorite hymn:

*"Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on. The deed was not for you alone. Pass it on."*

Watchorn believed that only by an endowment could the important educational work of the Lincoln Memorial Shrine be advanced and distinguished.

Friends remembered Robert Watchorn as the "ideal of service." The Society that bears his name is sustained by member support through bequests or tax-advantaged donations. Such selfless acts of generosity ensure that this important Redlands cultural treasure remains vital and relevant.

## FOR THE FUTURE

**A Plan for You to Ensure Future Service, Acquisitions, and Programs**

Through careful gift planning, you may support the Lincoln Memorial Shrine's future while preserving your estate, as well as your financial security. You may also be able to increase your income during your lifetime. Several vehicles, each of which provides you a wonderful way to strengthen the Lincoln Memorial Shrine's future, may be used to accomplish these goals.

**Bequests** are the most common planned gifts:

**Specific bequests** Give a specified amount of money or a particular asset to the Lincoln Memorial Shrine.

**Residual bequests** Give the balance- or a percentage of the balance of the estate to the Lincoln Memorial Shrine.

**Contingent bequests** Give the Lincoln Memorial Shrine a portion of your estate designated for another person if that person dies before you.

**Retained Life Income Gifts** allow donors to give significant assets to the Lincoln Memorial Shrine during their lifetimes, but to retain an income interest in the asset until their deaths. Such gifts include **Gift Annuities, Pooled Income Fund Trusts, and Charitable Remainder Trusts**. These gifts may be made with cash and marketable securities. In some cases, other assets such as real estate may also be used.

**Charitable Lead Trusts** provide the Lincoln Memorial Shrine a stream of income from a donor's asset for a period of years, after which the asset reverts to the donor or the donor's heirs.



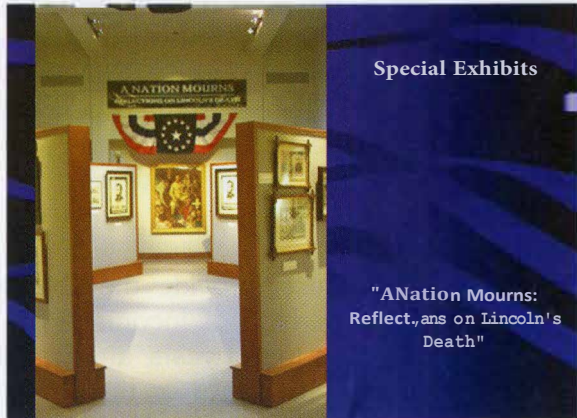
**Retained Life Estate Gifts** allow donors to live their homes to the Watchorn Lincoln Memorial Association endowment now, but to continue to live in them and otherwise enjoy their benefits for life. The home may be a primary residence or a vacation home.

Donors may give fully paid, partially paid, or newly purchased **Life Insurance** policies to the Watchorn Lincoln Memorial Association endowment-and thus for modest investment make large gifts realized upon their deaths. Tax benefits vary depending on whether or not the policy is paid-up.



Photo By franklin D Peale

Interior of the octagon looking into the West Wing



A special exhibit made possible by income from the Endowment fund

## THE WATCHORN SOCIETY

An exclusive membership of 5 Jenerous friends who seek to ensure the present and future educational work of the Lincoln Memorial Shrine and the h,istory of the Civil War.

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The Watchorn Lincoln Memorial Association extends its appreciation to those who by gift or bequest will enrich the 21st Century of service provided by its educational work, collection development, and research programming.

## WATCHORN LINCOLN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION



The famous Carrara marble bust of Abraham Lincoln  
. The Candidate \_  
Sculpted by George Grey Barnard and purchased by  
Robert Watchorn for the Lincoln  
Memorial Shrine

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'An Endowment representing upward of \$10,000 was a surprise gift to the people of Redlands by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Watchorn to accompany the gift of the Lincoln Memorial Shrine... "

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