



EGYPT
EXPLORATION
SOCIETY
FOUNDED IN 1882

Support Egyptian
heritage by leaving a
gift in your Will

A MESSAGE FOR YOU



I first got involved with the EES when I was studying some of the papyri from Oxyrhynchus, part of our wonderful collections, for my PhD. I will never forget the thrill of handling

one of those fragile fragments nearly 2000 years old. Yet they are positively recent compared with many of the artefacts the Society has excavated in the century and more since its foundation.

During my nine years as a trustee I learned much more about the amazing work the Society continues to do. Egypt's heritage remains under threat; population growth, climate change and a lack of awareness all take their toll. So, it's right that education, both in the UK and in Egypt, lies at the heart of our mission.

I have left the EES a legacy in my Will because I want its work to continue. Exploration, preservation, interpretation, publication, education and engagement are all vital parts of that work. Many of us are relatively asset-rich but cash poor, and leaving a legacy is just one way of ensuring that, after first making provision for family and friends, we can also leave a lasting mark on a cause we all feel so strongly about.

So please read the rest of this pack and think hard about leaving the EES a gift in your Will.

Margaret Mountford



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A LEGACY IN EGYPT

Our vision is a world where the cultural heritage of Egypt is preserved for posterity, a world which can learn from one of the earliest and most lasting civilisations. Therefore, our mission is to support and promote Egyptian cultural heritage.

The Egypt Exploration Society was founded in 1882 by the Victorian novelist and travel writer Amelia Edwards. After visiting Egypt in 1873-4 she developed a passion for documenting, exploring and preserving the country's history and heritage.

Her legacy is the EES, and today we work in partnership with the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities to continue her mission. One of the UK's oldest charities, we are the only one to combine archaeological fieldwork in Egypt with a busy publications programme and a world-class archive and research library.

At a time when heritage is more threatened than ever before, we are at the forefront; developing new ways of working with local communities, training scholars and supporting research projects through grants and awards.



'Such is the fate of every Egyptian monument, great or small ... every day, more inscriptions are mutilated, more tombs are rifled, more paintings and sculptures are defaced.'

Amelia Edwards, 1877



Become part of Egypt's enduring history...

1882 Victorian novelist and travel writer, Amelia B Edwards founds the Egypt Exploration Fund to investigate sites in the Delta before they are damaged or destroyed.

1882–1886 William Matthew Flinders Petrie first works for the EEF, excavating at Tanis.

1890 The EEF is the first organisation to employ a young Howard Carter to record the decorated tombs of Beni Hasan.

YOUR GIFT MATTERS

Today, the Society supports Egyptological research projects around the world. We rely almost entirely on donations from members and the wider public. Without that support we could not continue this work, nor run our educational publications and training, or our programme of events to share the results of our work with interested audiences.

Some of our greatest achievements were made possible thanks to legacies left by supporters. In leaving a gift in your Will you would become part of this great philanthropic tradition.

'Each season beholds the exploration of new sites, and each explorer has some new thing to tell... The interest never flags – the subject never palls upon us – the mine is never exhausted.'

Amelia Edwards, 1892



GIFTS IN ACTION

In 2006, **Michael Murphy** bequeathed £23,000 to support archaeological work at Memphis. The results have transformed our understanding of Egypt's early capital city.

In 2023, the Society received £30,000 from the estate of **Neil Cooke** allowing us to expand our online engagement programme so that we could reach more people with the history and heritage of Egypt than ever before.

In 2024, we received a very generous gift of £250,000 from the estate of **Martin Davies**. This enabled us to explore options for the transformation of our premises in London, helping to secure a long-term, sustainable future for our charitable work.

Little or large, bequests to the Society make a lasting difference, and your generosity as a donor will be publicly acknowledged and remembered.



1894-1904 The EES excavated and reconstructed the temple of Hatshepsut in Thebes.

1897 The EES uncovered some of the earliest known fragments of New Testament gospels.

1914 The *Journal of Egyptian Archaeology* is launched. Today, it remains the leading journal of its kind.

1922-36 The EES investigates the ancient city of Akhetaten, where Tutankhamun was born and raised.

RESEARCH

Be remembered for supporting the exploration and study of Egypt's unique cultural heritage

The Egypt Exploration Society has been at the forefront of international efforts to explore and preserve Egypt's unique heritage since 1882. Over the course of our history, we have uncovered archaeological sites fundamental to understanding the shared human past. Discoveries from our excavations often form the cornerstones of public collections around the world and our publications make this work accessible to all.

Today the work of the EES is more important than ever. As world heritage is endangered by conflict, environmental change and industrial and agricultural development, focussed action is needed that transcends modern political boundaries. We are already in the field, as the only British International Research Institute actively conducting and



supporting archaeological projects throughout Egypt and Sudan, training archaeologists in the UK and in Egypt to build capacity for the future and promoting the understanding of our common past to help shape a better tomorrow.

Your lasting gift could make the difference between discovery and destruction. So please help us to support Egyptian cultural heritage by leaving a legacy to the EES.

'In a country with such a rich heritage, it is inevitable that some monuments fall into disrepair and are in urgent need of conservation'
Moaaz Lafi (right) recording the mausoleum of el-Ashraf Khalil using an EES Heritage at Risk Grant, 2022



1925 EES project director Henri Frankfort clears and records the Osireion at Abydos.

1928 Amice Calverley begins recording the Temple of Seti I at Abydos, resulting in four folio volumes, sponsored by John D Rockefeller Jr and the University of Chicago.

1960 The EES represents all UK archaeological missions during the UNESCO International Campaign to Save and Record the Monuments of Nubia, including the fortress of Buhen.

1964 The EES discovered the Sacred Animal Necropolis of North Saqqara containing millions of mummified animals.

PUBLICATIONS

Be remembered for helping us to create and share a lasting record

Sharing the results of scientific investigation remains the primary objective of all research, and since our founding in 1882 the Society has published over 350 scientific volumes. Our *Journal of Egyptian Archaeology* remains internationally important as the leading publication in the field, a position it has held since the first volume was printed in 1914.

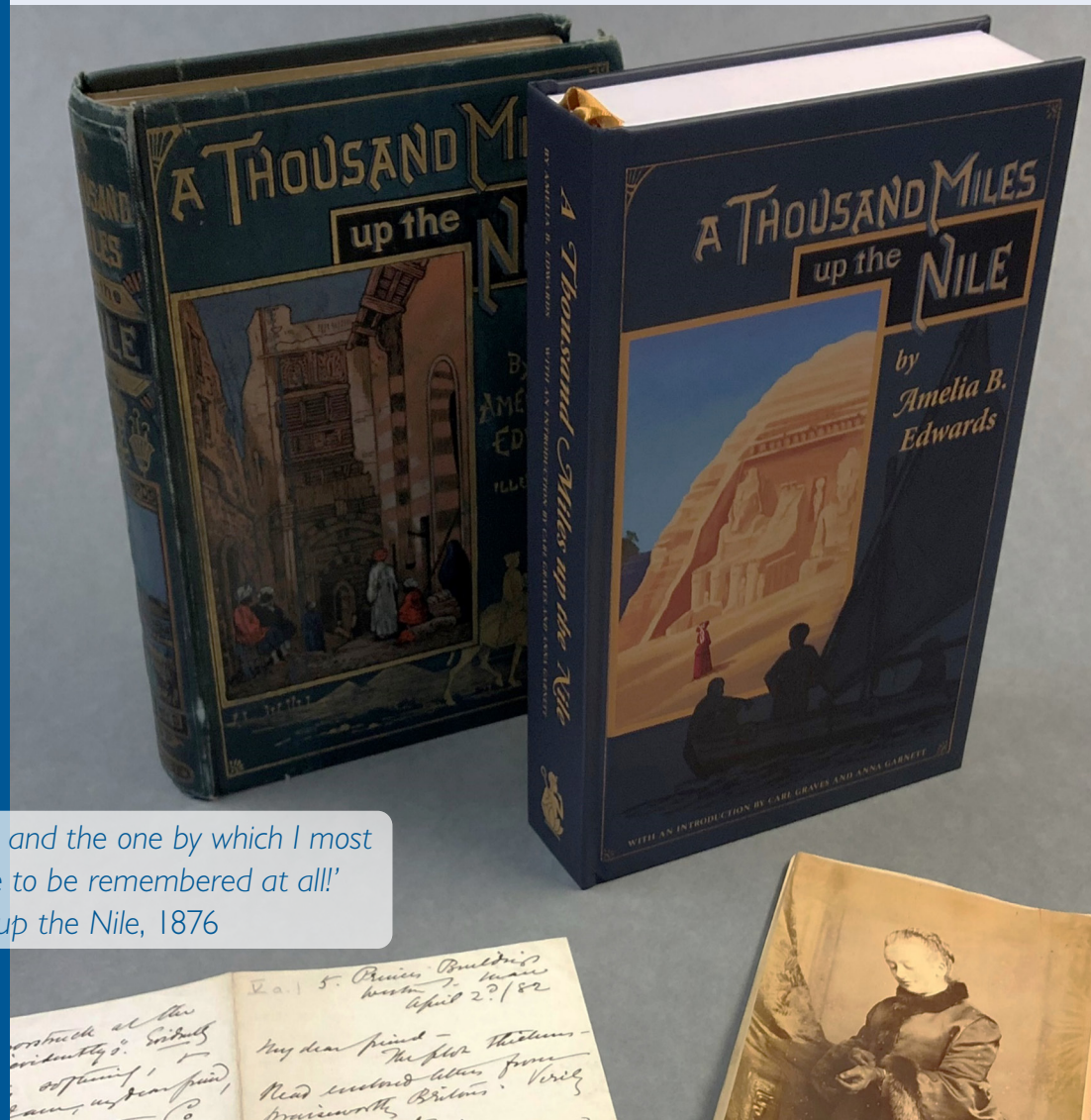
We are now supporting Egyptian and Sudanese researchers publishing in the JEA through our Mentoring for Egyptian and Sudanese Authors scheme.

The Society increasingly shares its reports online. Since 2006, the JEA itself has been available online and we provide access to the latest discoveries on our sites via our website and social media channels.

Our more recent publications aim to reach a broader audience, including our anniversary reprint of Amelia Edwards' *A Thousand Miles up the Nile*. This features a new introduction providing context and commentary on Amelia's original narrative and her personal legacy for Egyptology today.

Your legacy could make these resources more widely available, ensuring that researchers around the world can benefit from the research the Society enables.

'This is the most important of my books, and the one by which I most hope to be remembered – if I may hope to be remembered at all!'
Amelia Edwards on *A Thousand Miles up the Nile*, 1876



1975 The joint mission of the EES and the Rijksmuseum van Oudheden (Leiden/Netherlands) rediscovers the Memphite tomb of Horemheb.

1982 To celebrate the Society's centenary, a new fieldwork project to investigate the ruin mounds of Egypt's ancient capital, Memphis, is launched.

1986 The joint mission of the EES and the Rijksmuseum van Oudheden rediscovers the tomb of Maya and Meryt at Saqqara.

1991 Egyptian Archaeology magazine is launched, making archaeological results more accessible to broader audiences.

COLLECTIONS

Be remembered for preserving our unique Library, Archive, and Papyri collections

The Society has several unique collections. Our UK Office includes our Library and Special Collections of over 20,000 volumes covering the history of European travel and exploration in the Nile Valley as well as archaeological investigation of sites and monuments. Our Archive includes thousands of precious documents, photographs and archaeological records preserving the history of the Society and of UK Egyptology.

The Oxyrhynchus papyri, excavated between 1897 and 1907 and housed at the University of Oxford, constitute one of the largest collections of papyri in the world, with over half a million fragments dating to the Roman and Byzantine periods.

It is only thanks to your generous support that we can conserve some of the most precious items in the Society's collection.

A gift in your Will could help us preserve these collections to engage future generations with the history of archaeological research in Egypt.

'To leave important remains without any diffused record is a crime only exceeded by that of their destruction.'

William Matthew Flinders Petrie, 1901



1993 The EES establishes the first permanent UK archaeological office in Egypt in partnership with the British Council, Cairo.

1997–present The EES Delta Survey is founded to document sites at risk along the northern Nile. Since then, more than 700 sites have been listed and described.

2014 The EES launches a new catalogue, providing global online access to its research collections.

2015 The first batch of more than 10,000 object cards from the Society's Archive is made digitally accessible. Since then, the number has grown to more than 30,000.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Be remembered for providing tools to the next generation of scholars

Students and early-career researchers are the future of Egyptology. The heritage of Egypt will rest in their hands. In recognition of this, the Society provides training through workshops and schools in the UK and Egypt, offering essential skills required for their future careers and development.

Since 2014, the Society trained over 100 students in vital archaeological techniques to equip them for work in the field. Many have since gone on to apply their skills at important sites such as Amarna, El-Kab, and Thebes.

Additionally, our Egyptological Archives Skills School, in collaboration with several institutions in Egypt, provided training on essential topics within archive management.

Our scholarship programme welcomes Egyptian scholars to study in the UK using our collections to inform their research.

Your legacy could provide the next generation with the tools to protect and promote Egyptian heritage to future generations across the world.

'Thank you so much the EES for the the most interesting, engaging and inspiring month. It struck the perfect balance between informative, interactive and fun. Thanks for everyone who have made this happened.'
Noura Seada (middle right), 2022, one of four Egyptian Egyptologists granted scholarships to visit the EES office in London.



2016 The first Egyptian Archaeology Skills School is organised in London providing essential fieldwork skills for the next generation of Egyptologists.

2021–22 The EES supported five local heritage projects in Egypt at imminent risk of loss following the global pandemic.

2024 The Society's Building the Future Campaign receives initial funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to transform our London premises.

And on... the Society continues to work closely with the Egyptian government to support and promote Egyptian heritage around the world by providing support for research, education, and training.

YOUR LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE OF EGYPTIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE

Any gift you choose to leave the EES will be greatly appreciated and put to good use. We recognise that your future plans are a private matter and you may not wish to tell the Society about them. If, however, you would like to inform us of your legacy gift, or that you are thinking about making one and would like to discuss it, please **contact our Director, Dr Carl Graves:** fundraising@ees.ac.uk.

LEAVING A GIFT FOR THE EES IN YOUR WILL

You may wish to inform us of your plans, but please note that this will have no legal effect. To make provision for the EES you will need to do so in your Will.

There are three main types of gift you may decide to leave in your Will:

- a **residuary gift** is a way of passing on what's left from your Estate once all other commitments (such as family and loved ones) are met. You can leave the total remainder to one beneficiary such as the EES or you could opt to state the share that each beneficiary will receive.
- a **pecuniary gift** is a stated sum of money.
- a **specific gift** is a particular asset or assets from your estate.

Gifts of any type or size will make a difference to the Egypt Exploration Society. When adding the EES to your Will, we suggest the following wording to ensure that your gift is valid:

- **residuary gift** (share of your estate): "I give ... % (xxx percent) of my residuary Estate to the Egypt Exploration Society, UK (registered Charity number 212384) for its charitable purposes."
- **pecuniary gift** (cash sum): "I give £..... (xxx pounds) to the Egypt Exploration Society, UK (registered Charity number 212384) for its charitable purposes."

Although it can be simple to make a new Will, or amend an existing Will, we recommend that you take legal advice and speak to your solicitors.



UK INHERITANCE TAX

Generally, UK inheritance tax is paid if a person's Estate is worth more than £325,000 when they die. This is called the 'Inheritance Tax Threshold'. However, most gifts to charity in Wills aren't subject to Inheritance Tax. If you believe your estate is liable to Inheritance Tax, we recommend you speak to your legal advisor.

FREE WILL WRITING SERVICE

You are free to choose your own Will writer, but UK supporters can use Quick Wills Ltd, a trusted member of the Society of Will Writers, to **write your fully comprehensive legally-binding Will for free**. You can make your personalised Will online at FreeWills.co.uk in three simple steps, from the comfort of your own home and have the added re-assurance that your Will is checked, vetted and approved by a solicitor.

There's no obligation to leave a gift to us, but we hope you will consider it as part of your plans. Your gift will help us continue our important work supporting and promoting Egyptian cultural heritage.

Start your FREE Will today: www.freewills.co.uk/charity/ees



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Secure your legacy for the future of Egyptian cultural heritage by leaving a gift for the EES in your Will. Find out more and discuss it further at:

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