



1818 Legacy Society

The 1818 Legacy Society is a planned giving opportunity offering a variety of ways to ensure sustained support for Bath Community Fund through options such as a bequest in a will, a provision in a revocable trust, a life insurance gift, the creation of a donor-advised fund to support BCF, and more.

The name of the 1818 Legacy Society heralds back to the early 1800s when much of the Northern Ohio region, including the Connecticut Western Reserve, wasn't owned by the federal government until the signing of the Treaty of Fort Industry in 1805, when Native American tribes sold the land to the United States. That treaty moved the western boundary of the United States 120 miles west of the Pennsylvania border, including the area originally known as "Number 3, Range 12, of the Western Reserve."

Five years later, brothers-in-law Jonathan Hale and Jason Hammond purchased land from the Connecticut Land Company (Hammond purchased 1,100 acres and Hale purchased 500 acres), and they became the first permanent settlers of Number 3, Range 12, of the Western Reserve. Surveyors named the area Wheatfield, then it became known as Hammondsburgh, a name that apparently frustrated Jonathan Hale. When the question of a new name for the township arose at a town meeting, the discussion dragged on endlessly. Finally, Hale exclaimed, "O, call it Jerusalem, Jericho, Bath, or anything but Hammondsburgh!" The motion to adopt the name of Bath passed because, if nothing else, it was first in the alphabetical listing of the county townships.

Bath Township was officially organized in 1818, so the choice of the 1818 Legacy Society for the name of Bath Community Fund's planned giving outreach honors the legacy of the past while ensuring the perpetuity of the fund's mission to the community.

Learn how you can join the 1818 Legacy Society and leave your mark on the Bath community at akroncf.org/1818.