

COLLECTIONS BEQUESTS AND GIFTS

Your personal living legacy...

Collections

It will be obvious to members that their books, papers, plans, maps, photographs, archive material, other records, artefacts and their own notes relating to the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway will become increasingly important over the years. It is easy to take for granted that they will be well looked after, but sadly there have been cases where material has been disposed of by relatives and others unaware of its intrinsic and historical importance.

The Society strongly recommends to members that they make a will including specific instructions as to what should be done with their collections and to whom they should pass on death. Identification of material bequeathed should be quite clear in a will or codicil, but it is not necessary to make a very detailed list including every item.

The L&YR Society

The Society welcomes new additions to its own collections. All collections are properly managed and housed in conditions intended to ensure their long-term preservation. Wherever possible, unique and historically important items are placed in appropriate, accessible depositories, although in all cases the Society retains ownership.

Advice and confidentiality

You should speak to your solicitor for specific advice about wording of a will, but the Society is prepared to offer advice on the best course of action in relation to railway material.

Members contemplating making a gift or bequest are invited to contact the Secretary or other Trustee. Be assured that any information you disclose about your will, or the gift you have included in it for the Society, will be treated with respect and in the strictest confidence.

All gifts and bequests to a registered charity, such as *The L&YR Society*, are exempt from Inheritance Tax, whether made during the donor's life or in a will. This applies equally to cash or collections. By remembering the Society in your will you can help ensure the continuity of its work.

Contact details

If you would like to speak to the Society, in complete confidence, contact one of the Society's Trustees. A full list can be found in the annual *Society Services and Contacts* leaflet or our website. A number of the current Principal Officers are listed below.

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