

Did you know

That at the heart of historic Rome, at the foot of the Spanish Steps, there is an English museum dedicated to the young Romantic poets?

The Keats-Shelley House is a memorial to Keats, who died there of consumption in 1821, and to his contemporaries who spent time in Italy – Shelley, Byron and Leigh Hunt.

It was opened to the public in 1909. From the outside, the eighteenth century house, now surrounded by the bustle of twenty-first century tourists, is almost as it was when Keats arrived in Rome. Inside, marble stairs lead to Keats's bedroom, to a quiet and handsome English library, with the finest collection of English Romantic Literature on the continent, and to many treasures of letters, manuscripts, portraits, and relics of the great writers associated with Rome.

This is a place of pilgrimage and reflection for poetry lovers from all over the world. It receives over 25,000 visitors a year.

The Keats-Shelley Memorial Association takes care of it, and supports it with publications and a programme of poetic events both in Italy and the UK.

Donations and legacies have always been crucial both to the upkeep of the House and to promote the wider knowledge and understanding of these young poets.

*Please consider the Association
in your will.*

"I feel I will be among the English Poets
after my death"

KEATS



The Keats-Shelley Memorial Association

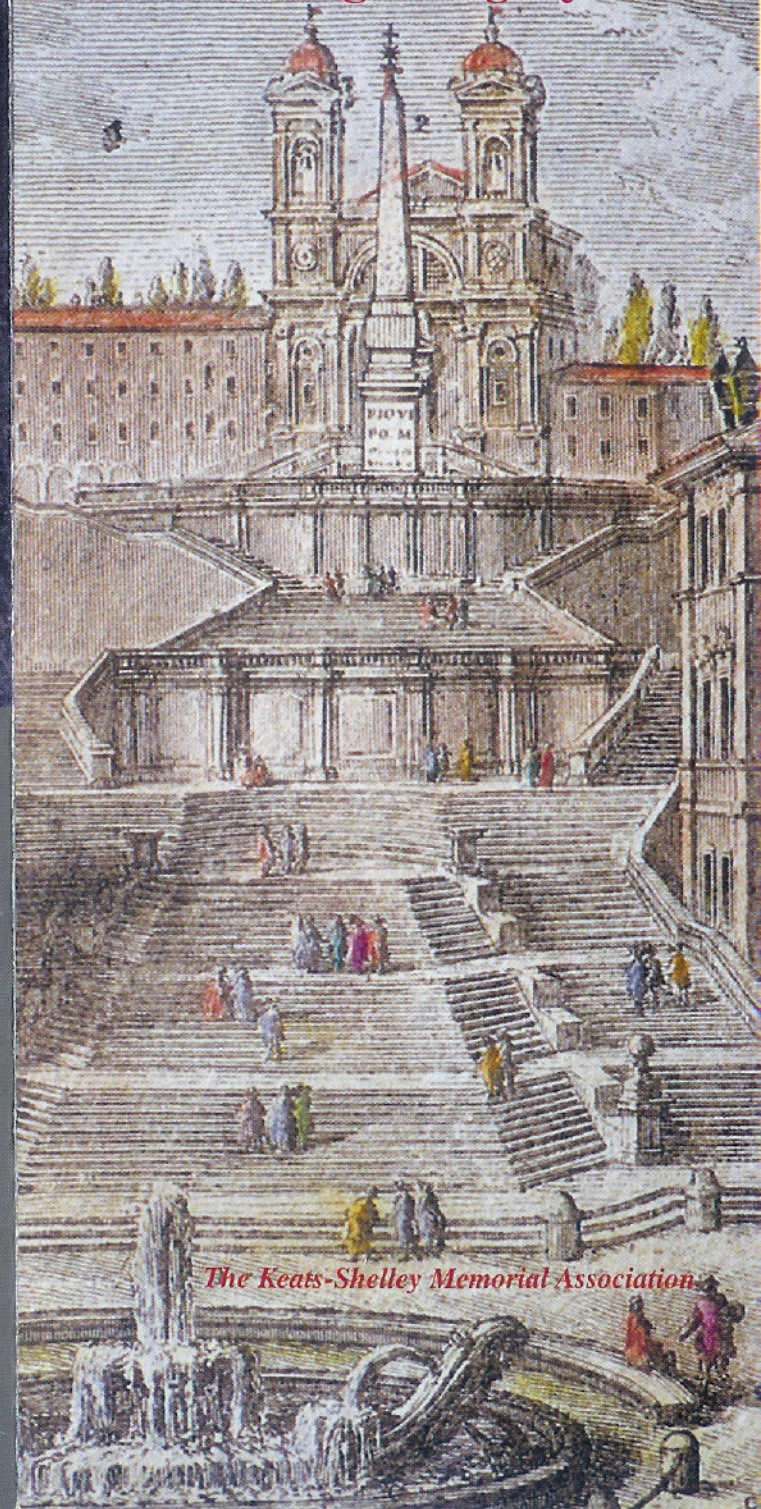
Bedford House
76a Bedford Street
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Registered Charity No. 212692



Patron: H R H The Prince of Wales

Leaving a Legacy



The Keats-Shelley Memorial Association

May we emphasise the importance of consulting your solicitor about drawing up a Will or Codicil. Great problems and distress have been caused by well intended Wills made without professional advice. The Association will gladly send your solicitor or accountant any information required.

Opposite is the suggested wording both for a form of Bequest when drawing up a Will and for a Codicil to an existing Will.

Strict formalities must be observed in the signing and witnessing of a Will or Codicil. You must sign the Will or Codicil at the end in the presence of two witnesses (who must not be persons entitled to benefit under the Will or Codicil nor the husband or wife of such person). The witnesses must then in your presence and in the presence of each other sign their names and write their addresses and occupation below your signature.

We suggest that you make two copies of a Codicil putting one with the Will and sending the other to us.

WORDING FOR A FORM OF BEQUEST

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to

The Keats-Shelley Memorial Association Inc.
Bedford House, 76a Bedford Street,
Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 1DT
registered charity No. 212692

- * (a) the sum of £
- * (b) all the residue of my estate
- * (c) one share of the residue of my estate.

for the general benefit of the Association.

I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the Association or other proper officer shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Trustees.

(A Will incorporating such a bequest does, of course, need to be signed and witnessed in the same way as shown on the wording for the Codicil.)

* *Insert the clause which applies.*

Please remember that charitable donations in a will are completely free of Inheritance Tax. This example will be helpful.

Mrs Mary Smith, a widow, died in May 2006, leaving £40,000 to her favourite charities and the rest of her estate to her daughter.

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| Total value of Estate | £500,000 |
| Less: | |
| Household Bills | £1,500 |
| Funeral Expenses | £3,500 |
| Legacies to Charities | £40,000 |
| Total | £45,000 |
| Net Value of Estate | £455,000 |
| Inheritance Tax Threshold | £285,000* |
| Balance of Estate Chargeable | £170,000 |
| Inheritance Tax @ 40% | £68,000 |

* The nil rate band threshold; for 2007/08 it will be £300,000, for 2008/09 £312,000 and 2009/10 £325,000. Without the legacies to charities of £40,000 additional Inheritance Tax of £12,000 would be payable in 2006/07.

WORDING FOR A CODICIL TO AN EXISTING WILL

By this Codicil to my last Will dated

I give

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In all other respects I confirm my last will

Date

Signed

Signed by the Testator in our and then by us in the Testator's presence

1st Witness

Address

2nd Witness

Occupation

Address

Occupation

* *Insert the clause which applies*