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The Society ended its 2006 fiscal year with an operating surplus of \$22,467 on a cash basis, excluding bequests and investment gains. These results underscore the fiscal discipline with which we are operating. This type of discipline has allowed our endowment to increase over the past two years from \$7,969,858 to \$9,170,266. This increase resulted primarily from: the combination of changing our portfolio managers, and a healthy stock market, which has improved return on investment; not growing our programs beyond our ability to fund them, which has enabled an operating surplus; and putting every penny that we receive in bequests into the endowment so that the hard-earned money of those who have chosen to treat us as a “loved one” goes to work for the Society in perpetuity rather than being spent right away.



In a world where too many nonprofit cultural institutions are taking a “build it and they will come” approach, our 184-year-old Society is exercising the discipline necessary to ensure its survival for another 184 years and beyond. But, we are not where we could be ideally. Our endowment is arguably half the size that it should be to sustain our existing programs without the need to raise substantial sums of money each year to cover salaries, utilities, and other basic operating expenses.

In a world where too many nonprofit cultural institutions are taking a “build it and they will come” approach, our 184-year-old Society is exercising the discipline necessary to ensure its survival for another 184 years and beyond.

This is why we have also embarked on a campaign to raise \$1.5 million to permanently endow our education programs. This restricted endowment fund is named after our longtime executive director, John Frisbee, whose vision and leadership over his 15-year tenure made the Society a vastly more public institution. To date, we have quietly raised \$834,441 for the John L. Frisbee Education Fund and are now opening up the campaign to the public. I hope that you will consider making as generous a donation as you can to help us secure our education programs and to honor John.

Thank you very much for your steadfast support of our great institution!

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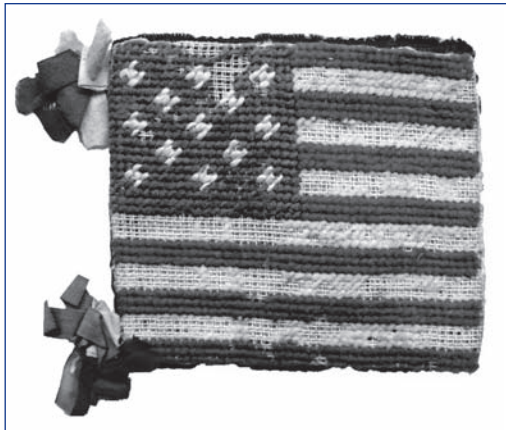
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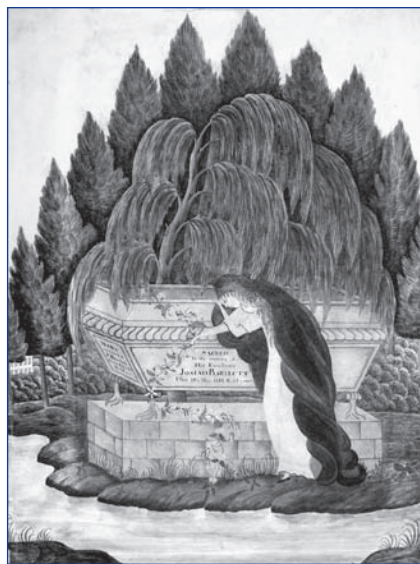
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Items from the Society's vast library and museum collections are regularly featured in publications nationwide. This mourning picture appeared in the Winter 2006 edition of *New England Ancestors*, the magazine of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

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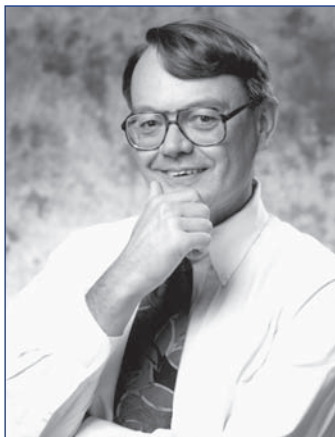
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	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	FY2006 Total	FY2005 Total
CONTRIBUTED SUPPORT					
Contributions and memberships	\$ 497,946	\$ 913	\$ 410,346	\$ 909,205	\$ 704,912
Grants and contracts restricted to current and future years' activities	116,821	207,909	-	324,730	57,318
Contributed goods and services	15,798	-	-	15,798	30,723
Total contributed support	630,565	208,822	410,346	1,249,733	792,953
INVESTMENT AND EARNED INCOME					
Earned income and special events	309,088	1,415	-	310,503	275,439
Rental income, net of related expenses	383,613	-	-	383,613	365,743
Kimball Trust and Watson Trust income	94,094	-	-	94,094	93,230
Investment income, actual dividends, and interest	164,535	-	58,255	222,790	236,586
Other interest income	17,026	-	-	17,026	7,179
Total investment and earned income	968,356	1,415	58,255	1,028,026	978,177
SUPPORT AND REVENUES, BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS (LOSSES) AND NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS					
	1,598,921	210,237	468,601	2,277,759	1,771,130
Realized investment gains (losses), net of investment expenses of \$57,070 in FY2006	18,487	-	22,901	41,388	1,189,942
SUPPORT AND REVENUES, BEFORE NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS					
	1,617,408	210,237	491,502	2,319,147	2,961,072
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS					
	135,882	(235,882)	100,000	-	-
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES	\$ 1,753,290	\$ (25,645)	\$ 591,502	\$ 2,319,147	\$ 2,961,072
EXPENSES					
PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES					
Museum and exhibitions	\$ 357,177	-	-	\$ 357,177	\$ 280,283
Library	216,381	-	-	216,381	259,853
Education	128,681	-	-	128,681	133,833
Publications	83,224	-	-	83,224	36,556
Museum store and visitor services	156,016	-	-	156,016	171,003
Buildings, grounds, and security	96,016	-	-	96,016	149,239
Total program service expense	1,037,495	-	-	1,037,495	1,030,767
SUPPORTING SERVICES					
Membership, development, and public relations	294,534	-	-	294,534	261,641
Administration	284,828	-	-	284,828	394,233
Depreciation expense	181,387	-	-	181,387	187,669
Total supporting services	760,749	-	-	760,749	843,543
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,798,244	-	-	\$ 1,798,244	\$ 1,874,310
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE OVER EXPENSES BEFORE COLLECTIONS ACQUISITION AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)					
	(44,954)	(25,645)	591,502	520,903	1,086,762
COLLECTIONS ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE					
	62,596	-	-	62,596	30,965
TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INVESTMENT RETURN POLICY					
	66,222	-	(66,222)	-	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF SUPPORT AND REVENUES OVER EXPENSES BEFORE UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)					
	(41,328)	(25,645)	525,280	458,307	1,055,797
Unrealized Investment Loss	300,638	-	92,532	393,170	(741,984)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	259,310	(25,645)	617,812	851,477	313,813
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 11,655,521	\$ 226,994	\$ 2,022,585	\$ 13,905,100	\$ 13,591,287
NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$ 11,914,831	\$ 201,349	\$ 2,640,397	\$ 14,756,577	\$ 13,905,100

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