

Sarah Pate Townsend

A Family Tradition



The Presbyterian Homes Foundation is pleased to announce that former Scotia Village resident, Sarah Pate Townsend, has provided generous gifts through her estate totaling over \$55,000. An initial gift benefitted the Foundation in 2004, and more recently a final distribution from her estate was received with the termination of a Charitable Remainder Trust that Mrs. Townsend established during her lifetime. Both gifts are unrestricted for the benefit of Scotia Village.

Sarah was born in 1900 in Scotland County, NC. Her father was Zebulon Vance Pate, better known as Z.V. Pate, and her mother was Sallie McNair Pate. Sarah was one of four children that were heirs to the well-established Z.V. Pate, Inc., or Z.V. Pate General Merchandise. Sarah's father had purchased the original general store, in Laurel Hill, from his father-in-law, John F. McNair, the year Sarah was born.

Zebulon had been working for Mr. McNair since 1882, when he was sixteen years old. In 1935, Mr. Pate expanded the business to include stores in Purvis, Osborne, and Gibson.

Sarah Pate was a graduate of Peace College. She married William Bartell Townsend and the couple had two daughters, Jane Townsend Edwards, and Sally Brown Little. Sarah was widowed at a young age and raised her daughters on her own, through The Great Depression. Sarah established the Charitable Remainder Trust to benefit her two daughters and those charities that were close to her heart including her church, Laurinburg Presbyterian, Peace College, and Scotia Village, to name a few. It is fitting that Sarah's grandson, Jim Hardison, an advisor and Branch Manager at Stephens, a Private Wealth Management firm in Winston Salem, managed the Trust for his grandmother. Jim shared, "It has been a great honor to be connected to Scotia Village, through my grandmother, for over 30 years."

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The entire Pate family has strong ties to Scotland County, and has held a soft place for Scotia Village in their hearts since its opening in 1988. Z.V. Pate as a company has long supported the mission of Scotia Village and its directors have also been individually charitable, including Sarah's nephew, the late John Currie, Jr. who was a former resident of Scotia Village and a member of the Scotia Village Board of Trustees.

David Burns, Chairman of Z. V. Pate, Inc. Board of Directors, holds Mrs. Townsend in highest regard. "I am grateful for the many years I had in which to learn from such a special lady. Mrs. Townsend cared deeply for her family, for the family corporation, and for the community at large. She is missed in many ways." David is a current resident of Scotia Village, a member of the Scotia Village Board of Trustees, a Director on the Board of The Presbyterian Homes Foundation, Inc. and a prior member of The Presbyterian Homes, Inc. Board of Governors.

"We are deeply grateful for Mrs. Townsend and her extended family that have been so generous to Scotia Village over the years. Scotia Village would look very different today, were it not for this philanthropic family," shares Allen Johnson, Executive Director of Scotia Village.

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You may also wish to visit presbyhomesinc.mylegacy.org for additional information and to view stories that highlight recent estate gifts received by the Foundation. Those who have made provisions to include the Foundation and Scotia Village in their estate plans are invited to be part of Scotia's Hix Society.