*Battenberg Memorial Endures the Test of Time**

Our oldest fund, the Dana Rymer Battenberg Memorial Scholarship, has been granting scholarships since 1920. On Christmas Day of that year, Henry A. Willman of Jermyn, Pennsylvania passed away at his son's house at the age of 65. Henry was a prominent citizen and a Director of the First National Bank of Jermyn. His Will stipulated that the memory of his late stepdaughter, Mandane (Dana) Rymer Battenberg, be honored by setting aside $5,000 from his estate to establish a college scholarship. Through this fund, a Jermyn High School graduate "of high moral character" attending college outside of Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties is awarded the Battenberg scholarship each year.

By 2013, Jermyn students had become part of the current Lakeland School District. Lakeland Superintendent R. Scott Jeffrey transferred the Battenberg endowment to the Community Foundation. It was valued at $61,900 at that time, and Mr. Jeffery wanted to ensure its continued vitality and stewardship. He made a sound decision. The Battenberg legacy is now valued at $76,500, ensuring its future impact in addition to its history of enabling students of five successive generations to attend college.

H. A. WILLMAN.

In 1920 the Dow Jones Average was just l,027 points. In 2026, the Dow hit an all-time high and exceeded 50,000 points. Much has happened; World Wars, the Great Depression, pandemics, and numerous recessions. The markets have ebbed and flowed, but Mr. Willman's tribute to his beloved stepdaughter endures.

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