
What is the “Friends of Sulgrave Manor”?

Friends of Sulgrave Manor is an independent 501(c)3 organization created by the NSCDA in 1978 to raise money in the United States for the preservation and operation of the Manor.

What do the funds raised by Friends of Sulgrave Manor support?

The funds raised support the operations, maintenance, and preservation of the English Manor house, landscape, and educational programs.

What is the web site of the Friends of Sulgrave Manor?

www.sulgravemanor.us. The website for Sulgrave Manor is www.sulgravemanor.org.uk.

What is an Associate Trustee?

An Associate Trustee represents her corporate society within the Friends of Sulgrave Manor. The Associate Trustees manage the annual solicitation and report to their respective state boards about Sulgrave Manor.

How do I arrange a visit to Sulgrave Manor?

To request a private tour, contact groupbookings@sulgravemanor.org.uk and let them know you are a Dame!!



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What is Sulgrave Manor?

Sulgrave Manor is the ancestral home of George Washington. It is located in Northamptonshire, Great Britain.

When was it built and by whom?

The Manor was built in 1539 by Lawrence Washington, the 5th great grandfather of George Washington.

In what business was the Washington family occupied?

The family were engaged in sheep farming, the wool trade and actively participated in local government.

Where can the Washington family crest be found at Sulgrave Manor?

The Washington family crest, consisting of a white shield and three red mullets (stars) above two red bars (stripes), adorns the area above the front door as well as the stained-glass windows of the Great Hall.

How long did the Washington family own Sulgrave Manor?

Sulgrave Manor was sold out of the Washington family in 1659 after four generations of ownership.

When did the first member of the Washington family emigrate to the United States?

In 1657 John Washington sailed to Virginia on a business venture. When his ship ran aground in the Potomac River off Pope's Landing, he settled permanently in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He was the great-great-grandson of Lawrence, the builder of Sulgrave Manor, and the great-grandfather of George Washington, the first President of the United States of America.

What purpose does Sulgrave Manor serve today?

Sulgrave Manor serves as a permanent memorial of the common heritage and friendship of the peoples of Great Britain and the

United States and as an example of a small manor house and garden of the Tudor Period in England.

When did Sulgrave Manor become a museum?

Sulgrave Manor was purchased in 1914 by the British Committee for the Celebration of the Hundred Years of Peace between England and the United States that followed the signing of the Treaty of Ghent in 1814.

Who owns Sulgrave Manor now?

Sulgrave Manor is owned, maintained, and operated by an independent charitable trust, The Sulgrave Manor Trust. It exists solely on the income generated through its activities and the support of its donors.

Who manages the Sulgrave Manor Trust?

The Sulgrave Manor Trust is managed by a board of appointed trustees from the United Kingdom and the NSCDA in the United States.

When did the NSCDA first become involved with Sulgrave Manor?

The NSCDA has been involved with Sulgrave Manor since its inception as a historic house museum in 1914. The NSCDA is represented on the Sulgrave Manor Trust board by the Senior and Junior Representatives who are appointed by the NSCDA President. This makes Sulgrave Manor the longest, continuously supported museum property by the National Society.

How has the NSCDA supported Sulgrave Manor?

The first gift from the NSCDA was \$1000 in 1914 followed by a copy of a portrait of George Washington painted by Charles Wilson Peale. It's delivery to the Manor was delayed due to World War I. In 1924 the NSCDA raised \$112,000 as an Endowment Fund. That fund today is known as the Sulgrave Manor Fund for the Future and generates an annual dispersal that is sent to the Trust in England.
