

THE LEACH FOUNDATION

How we received funds:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Leach created The Tom and Frances Leach Foundation, Inc. a private foundation, in 1955. This family entity was formed to be the receptacle of their estates generated by a lifetime of determination and dedication to their work.

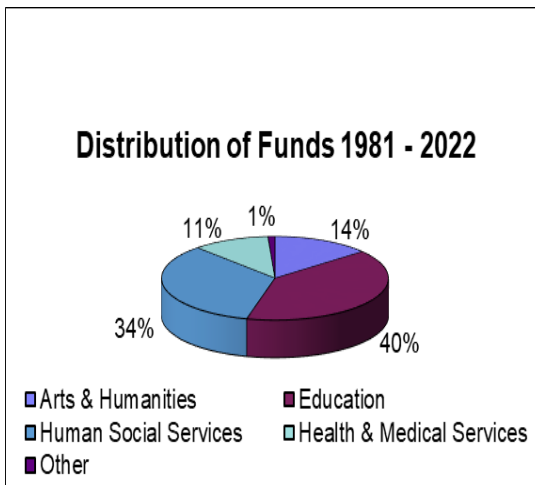
How Funds are put to use:

General policy of the Leach foundation is to make contributions to organizations which are charitable, religious, scientific, and educational by definition of the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). As stated in the Purpose and Policy Statement of the Founders.

The bottom line:

The grant process follows the guidelines set forth by Mr. and Mrs. Leach and supports endeavors to include arts and humanities, education, human services, medical sciences and health, as well as social sciences. Since inception in 1955 the gifting of the Leach foundation has exceeded nineteen million dollars.

Since Mrs. Leach's death in 1981, the Board of Directors has gifted in the following areas:



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PURPOSE AND POLICY STATEMENT OF

THE TOM & FRANCES LEACH FOUNDATION, INC.

“The Tom and Frances Leach Foundation, Inc. is a private foundation, created in 1955 by Thomas Witt and Frances Van Valkenburgh (Land) Leach, former owners of North American Royalties, Inc. a public corporation listed on the American Stock Exchange. During Mr. and Mrs. Leach’s lifetime, this public corporation was formed to be the receptacle of their investment assets, and to carry on the business of oil and gas property investments for the development and production in the Williston Basin area.

After the death of her husband in 1966, Mrs. Leach recognized that the potential growth could go beyond the scope of a traditional family foundation. Therefore, she felt a need to leave guidelines for future directors of The Tom and Frances Leach Foundation, Inc. in the administration of the original and subsequent resources of the Leach Foundation.

In establishing The Tom and Frances Leach Foundation, Inc. it was sought to create an institution that would “promote the public welfare” with private means. How that general mission should be accomplished is left to the discretion of the Foundation’s Board of Directors who are to follow the guidelines thus established by Mrs. Leach.

Mrs. Leach formulated specific policies in the years following Mr. Leach’s death; and henceforth the Board of Directors is to focus the Foundation’s grant making in a rigorous manner by supporting endeavors in a spectrum of fields to include the arts and humanities, education, human services, medical sciences and health and social sciences. However, support is to be limited to organizations qualified as ‘charitable’ under applicable laws, rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Code for 501(c)(3).

Honoring the Foundation’s regional commitment and acknowledging the source of the original asset accumulation, it was determined that giving should be limited to Mid-Central America, with emphasis that this be the geographical area served.

Following the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Leach, The Tom and Frances Leach Foundation, Inc. through its Board of Directors, acknowledge the asset gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Leach’s estates, and uphold the policy of continuing their various interests into succeeding generations by carrying out the philanthropic purposes mentioned hereinabove.”

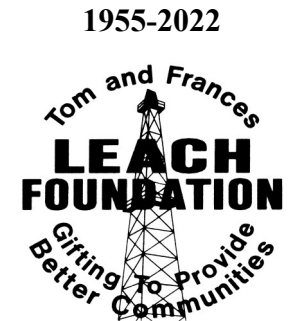
The Tom & Frances Leach Foundation, Inc.



A private, non-profit, charitable organization to promote the public welfare with private resources in accordance with the Tom & Frances Leach Foundations’ Purpose and Policy Statement.

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Thomas Witt Leach - 1896—1966

Before scientific advances, determining where to drill for oil fell to surface geologists who searched rock outcroppings and other formations which indicated possible oil-bearing structure. One of the last and most successful of these surface geologists was Thomas Witt Leach.

A quiet and unassuming man, Thomas Witt Leach became one of the nation's leading oil geologists and did more than any one individual to persuade major oil companies to look for oil in North Dakota. Leach was successful because he was persistent.

Thomas W. Leach was born December 23, 1896, in Lacrosse, Wisconsin to Fredrick and Melissa Leach. At the age of 5 his family moved to Pine Bluff, Arkansas where he received his early education. Between his high school graduation and 1920 Tom Leach received his degree from the Missouri School of Mines at Rolla, MO. He then was stationed in San Diego, California as a First lieutenant in the U.S. Army Field Artillery and later in the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps.

Tom married Frances V. Land on October 28, 1925 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She became his partner in various business ventures and a community leader in North Dakota and Oklahoma.

During this time Mr. Leach worked for Trans-Continental Oil Company as a field agent and geologist. He soon was promoted to division geologist and five years later he was the chief geologist. It was in 1928 that Tom Leach made his first visit to North Dakota. His company sent him on other business, but he was intrigued by countryside and rock formations. He was convinced that oil was trapped somewhere below the surface. Although he was never able to persuade his superiors, he never swayed from his belief that oil would be found in North Dakota. He left Trans-Continental in 1930 to become an independent oil operator and investor in petroleum properties.

Eight years after his initial visit to North Dakota, Tom returned to "take another look at the Williston Basin." Convinced his first impression of North Dakota was correct, he opened his Bismarck office in 1936. After studying the Nesson anticline (large hydrocarbon rock formations), Leach formed a partnership with A.M. Fruh, a Minot real estate and insurance professional.

They convinced the Standard Oil Company of California that the site was viable and assembled a substantial lease block of 150,000 acres, which was later turned over for oil development.

World War II postponed the oil exploration and development in North Dakota. Tom Leach was again stationed in San Diego, California and he served as a captain from 1943-44. He was assigned to anti-aircraft duty with the U.S. Army Artillery Corps.

After the war, Leach and Fruh resumed their leasing of oil rights from landowners. Leach invested in a variety of other business ventures, but his dream of oil in the Williston Basin was alive and well and in 1950 he convinced Amerada Oil that the Nesson Anticline was the place to drill for oil. Leach was hired by Amerada to lease the most likely spots. It was Amerada Oil that brought in the now famous Clarence Iverson Well in April 4, 1951. Of the estimated 30 million acres under lease in 1953, Leach and his partners held almost 4 million acres, making him the largest single operator in the state.

To consolidate the various holdings Mr. Leach founded North American Royalties, Inc in Bismarck with John M. Kelsch in 1952. This change shifted the energies and emphasis from leasing to trading in royalties. The firm offered 325,000 common shares to the public at \$6.10 per share, the first nationwide distribution of land speculation stock in the Williston Basin. Mr. Leach was the President, Treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of this enterprise until his death in 1966.

While walking to his Bismarck office Mr. Leach was stricken with a heart attack and died September 7, 1966. Many newspaper editors and journalists in the state hailed him as the "Father of North Dakota oil". His importance to the economic development of North Dakota is now legendary. While other geologists believed there was oil in the Williston Basin area, it was Thomas W. Leach who was the most persistent. He broadcast his claim to many people influential in the oil industry nationwide. It was his reputation that generated the interest of the big oil companies and his determination which provided the impetus for oil development in the state of North Dakota. He was survived then by his wife Frances and his mother, and several nieces and nephews.

Frances Van Valkenburgh (Land) Leach - 1902-1981

"The things you share and give away, give you the greatest pleasure." This quote by Frances V. Leach most accurately describes her philosophy of life. From her earliest family experiences to the creation of The Tom and Frances Leach Foundation with her husband, she gave generously of herself and resources.

Born Frances Van Valkenburgh Land on June 28, 1902 she was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Levin K. Land. Her early education was in Pine Bluff, Arkansas where her father practiced dentistry. After graduating from Millerburg College in Kentucky and the Emerson School of Drama in Boston, she taught one year in her home town. It was there that her friendship with Thomas W. Leach blossomed into romance. They married October 28, 1925, when she was a reporter for the St. Louis Times.

From that point forward her life was entwined with that of her husband's. He considered her his partner in all his business ventures and named her as a director in four of them. Even after his death in 1966, she was elected President of North American Royalties, Inc. the family's major enterprise which was listed on the American Stock Exchange.

Shortly after their marriage, Tom and Frances moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Frances' interest in young people started early in her life, and her support grew through the years for many social causes as well. She presented a series of lectures on social etiquette at a private school in Tulsa, a service she later continued in North Dakota. In her years living in Tulsa she was a founding member of the Salvation Army's Women Auxiliary and Planned Parenthood. She researched the conditions of the mentally ill in the Tulsa jail and helped establish a hospital treatment plan for those people. In 1947 she was the first president of the Oklahoma Committee for Mental Health.

After commuting for many years between Bismarck and Tulsa, Tom and Frances purchased a Hereford ranch near Towner, ND. Both had always wanted a ranch of their own and found exactly what they wanted in 1953. The ranch enabled them to pursue their hobbies and provided entertainment and relaxation as they called the Leach Ranch their permanent home.

Soon after moving to Bismarck in 1953, Mrs. Leach met Sidney J. Lee, Dean of Bismarck Junior College. He asked her to consider giving "Social Training" classes at the college.

In 1966, Frances wrote, "I have completed my tenth year at BJC and the course has expanded to our other colleges in the state."

Her crusade against smoking was incorporated in all her etiquette classes. In 1966, she was asked to be a part of the National Board of Trustees for ASH – Action on Smoking and Health based in New York.

Law students who were blind also benefited from her tenacious nature. She helped to establish an index center with legal research materials on tape and in Braille. The reference index center for national use is located in Oklahoma City, and is now supervised by the Library of Congress.

Opportunities for young people remained a top priority for Mrs. Leach. The International Music Camp located near the International Peace Gardens in North Dakota has two music classroom buildings that she and the Leach Foundation helped to build; it is also home to the Frances Leach Music Library. In recognition of her contributions and as an avid patron of the arts, she received the 'Order of the Crossed Flags' in 1973 from Dr. Merton Utgaard, Director of the International Music Camp.

Concern for increases in domestic violence led Mrs. Leach to become involved with the Mental Health Association of North Dakota. At the time this organization was attempting to establish a spouse abuse program for which money was almost non-existent. She personally financed the cost of getting such a program under way not only in Bismarck, but in Minot, Fargo, Tulsa, Oklahoma and Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Finding herself a widow in 1966 Frances filled the void and her husband's absence by continuing her work and philanthropy through educational scholarships, the arts, health and human services. She served as President of The Tom and Frances Leach Foundation, Inc. until her death on October 2, 1981. Family survivors at that time were a brother and a nephew.

Both Tom and Frances were continually interested in helping others. The Tom and Frances Leach Foundation was established in Bismarck as a private foundation in 1955. The foundation was chartered as a 501(c)(3) and continues today to provide funds to assist other non-profit organizations with a cumulative total exceeding \$18,000,000, given to these groups since inception.

