Sample Codicil

An easy way to include WMA into your existing estate plan is by adding the Academy as a beneficiary of your estate by means of a codicil. A codicil is a legal document that dictates any modifications or amendments to your last Will and Testament. While you should always have your will or codicil drafted by an attorney who is familiar with the estate laws of the state where you live, here is a sample codicil for reference.

[date]

I, [name], a resident of the County of [county], State of [state], declare that this is the codicil to my last will and testament, which is dated [date original signed].

I add or change said last will in the following manner:

[List all specific changes or additions to the original will. Reference each section number of the will and the specific language you will be affecting. This is where you could include a bequest to support Wilbraham & Monson Academy.]

Otherwise, I hereby confirm and republish my will dated [date original signed], in all respects other than those herein mentioned.

I subscribe my name to this codicil this [day, e.g. 1st] day of [month], [year], at [full address where signed], in the presence of [full name of first witness to codicil], [full name of second witness to codicil], and [full name of third witness to codicil], attesting witnesses, who subscribe their names here in my presence.

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Signature of Maker

ATTEST

On the date last above written, [name], known by us to be the person whose signature appears at the end of this codicil, declared to us, [full name of first witness to codicil], [full name of second witness to codicil], and [full name of third witness to codicil], the undersigned, that the foregoing instrument, consisting of [number of pages to codicil] page(s) was the codicil to the will dated [date original signed]; who then signed the codicil in our presence, and now in the presence of each other, we now sign our names as witnesses.

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Witness Signature

Address:

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