

# BURNS FAMILY ENDOWMENT TO HONOR AND PROTECT “THE RAFFLE”



“THE RAFFLE” is a painting by George Henry Taggart of Patrick Burns, Michael Burns, and John Burns, who were three of the children of Thomas Burns and Mary Flynn Burns, that is now owned by the Jefferson County Historical Society. It has been an iconic symbol of the many descendants of Thomas Burns and Mary Flynn Burns. It was painted in Watertown, New York, in 1893, and was later reproduced and distributed nationwide as a calendar by the Osborne Company. This endowment was created to ensure that the painting will always remain on display in Jefferson County, New York, for the enjoyment of all, and to provide a unique way to support the ongoing operations of the Jefferson County Historical Society. The Jefferson County Historical Society, in consideration of this endowment, has agreed to not sell “THE RAFFLE” and to be certain it remains on public display. The Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library and the Northern New York Community Foundation have agreed to serve as alternate sites for display of “THE RAFFLE” should the Jefferson County Historical Society wish to rotate it out of exhibition. Our goal is to raise

a large endowment that will forever protect “THE RAFFLE” and its owner. We are seeking donations from Burns family members and others who would like to support the Jefferson County Historical Society as well as preserve the history of the Burns and Taggart families in Jefferson County, New York. An exhibition of “THE RAFFLE” and other Taggart paintings of the Burns brothers is planned for August 2019 through October 2019.

\_\_\_\_ I / WE wish to support the Burns Family Endowment to Honor and Protect “THE RAFFLE,” which benefits the Jefferson County Historical Society, 228 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.

## PLEDGE INFORMATION

I / We wish to make a pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a \_\_\_\_\_ year period beginning (date) \_\_\_\_\_ in installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year to be paid in cash, check or credit card vis PayPal. Please print your name(s) as you would like listed in Donor Recognition:

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

A check payable to the Northern New York Community Foundation is enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Gifts may also be made payable through PayPal at [www.nnycf.org/giving/donate-online](http://www.nnycf.org/giving/donate-online)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return in postage-paid envelope to:

**Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, New York 13601**