

SCHOLARSHIP

Man imparts \$1 million

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CLINTON - A new scholarship for Clinton High School students attending business school at the University of Iowa soon will be established.

Frederick Ray was born in Clinton, graduated from Clinton High School, served in the U.S.

Army during World War II and then returned to Clinton after retiring. Ray, who died Nov. 9, through his will directed \$1 million toward a new scholarship for Clinton students attending the University of Iowa.

"He was very proud of Clinton High School and the University of Iowa, he was very prideful about that," Richard Farwell, his executor and attorney, said.

The final details of the scholarship haven't yet been decided, but Farwell said Ray was strongly interested in education and wanted to be able to help local students with the monetary burden of college.

"I knew he was doing it and that he wanted Clinton High School students to get the scholarships and get the money to help them at Iowa to do what he did," Vicki Neely, a family friend and caretaker in his later years, said.

Cindy McAleer, chief financial officer for the Clinton School District, said the scholarship will go a long way in helping Clinton students.

"It's wonderful, yes; it's going to give a lot of our students an opportunity," she said.

Born in 1920, Ray attended Clinton schools and graduated in 1938 before heading to the University of Iowa. He attended the College of Commerce and graduated in 1942.

After graduating from Iowa, Ray joined the U.S. Army and was in the Army Signal Corps, stationed at Newfoundland, Canada for 21 months. He served in the Army until 1945. After the war, Ray worked in accounting in Chicago, including stints with Navy Pier and the University of Illinois in Chicago. After retiring, he moved back to the Clinton area.

Ray was an avid reader, and in his will included \$100,000 to the Clinton Public Library and \$100,000 to the Friends of the Public Library. Neely said he was very low key about his donations.

"He used the library often, " she said. "He really enjoyed looking up genealogy as he wasn't really good with computers." His other hobbies included stamp collecting, which included stamps from as early as 1890, and following Iowa Hawkeye sports. Ray was also a member of St. Johns' (Christ) Episcopal Church and was the closest living relative of Dr. George K. Peck, the founder of Camanche.