



The Bolton Scholarship Fund

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David C. and Olive H. Toomey Memorial Scholarship

Established 1999

David Clark Toomey was born in 1895. A veteran of World War I, he attended the University of Connecticut and received his degree after the war. David served Bolton in many capacities. During the 1920's, he was a Selectman, a member of the Board of Tax Review and, in 1931, was elected State Representative to the Connecticut General Assembly. In 1933, David was appointed Town Clerk, a position he held until he passed away in 1962. The Town Clerk's office was originally located in his home on Toomey Lane. Concerned for the safety of town land records, David was instrumental in the construction of the Town Office addition to the existing Town Hall in 1959. David was President of the Bolton Civil Defense Council during World War II and was a Deputy Fire Warden for 30 years. He was one of the founders of the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department. He also served as President of the Bolton Cemetery Association and as town Health Officer. David was active on the Bolton Hall and Library Association, which became the Bolton Public Library, now known as Bentley Memorial Library.

Olive Hutchinson Toomey was born into one of the founding families of Bolton in 1899. She completed the seventh grade in the one room schoolhouse on School Street. Olive served on the Bolton Board of Education during the 1930's and 40's when the old Bolton Elementary School was planned and built. She was instrumental in changing the town's educational system from the one room schoolhouse to the modern system we have today. She served on the Bolton War Ration Board during World War II. From 1933 to 1962, when her husband was the Town Clerk, she served as Assistant Town Clerk. When he died in 1962, she assumed that position, a job she held until she retired in 1972. She received many accolades from her peers, from then Secretary of State Ella Grasso, and a letter of recognition from President Richard Nixon. Olive helped write a history of the Bolton Congregational Church, much of which was incorporated into the book on Bolton history written for the 250th Anniversary of the town by Bruce Ronson. Olive had the honor of serving as Grand Marshall for the 250th Anniversary Parade.

David and Olive were active in their respective churches. They were members of the Bolton Grange for 50 years. For 40 years, both political parties endorsed David and Olive for the position of Town Clerk.

The Toomey family has established this scholarship to honor the memory of these two extraordinary people who, during their lifetimes, did so much to improve the quality of life that we enjoy today in Bolton. Their commitment to public service, and their dedication to the Town of Bolton and its citizens, are qualities that the family wishes to recognize in the recipient of this scholarship.