

## **MAJOR GIFT MEMORIALIZES MILDRED KOZSUCH, SUPPORTS EFFORTS OF COUNTY ARCHIVES**

A most generous donation was recently made to the Friends of the Washington County Archives (FOA) by Sandhi Kozsuch of Dunwoody, Georgia, as a memorial to his mother Mildred Kozsuch. The \$10,000 gift recognizes the long-time historian for the county and supports the continuing efforts of the Washington County Archives to preserve and make accessible the historic records of Washington County.

“Mildred’s efforts early on initiated the movement to create an archive for Washington County,” noted County Archivist Ned Irwin. “Mildred got me and many others involved in the effort, which over many years led to the establishment of the Department of Records Management and Archives. The archives would probably not exist without the early and determined efforts of Mildred Kozsuch.”

Mildred Kozsuch passed away on June 8, 2017, soon after the opening of the archives. She worked tirelessly throughout her life to preserve and promote the history of Washington County. She was a founder of the Washington County Historical Association, the Watauga Association of Genealogists, and the Jonesborough Genealogical Society. In addition to being Washington County Historian for many years, she served on and chaired the Washington County Public Records Commission. A librarian and archivist by training and trade, she retired as an archivist in the Archives of Appalachia at East Tennessee State University. She was the author of numerous books and articles on history and genealogy. For a more detailed biography, see the memorial article on the archives’ “News & Events” webpage (URL: <https://wctnarchives.files.wordpress.com/2017/03/mildred-kozsuch-memorial-and-obituary.pdf>.)

This is the second donation to the FOA by Sandhi Kozsuch. In August 2017, he donated \$1,000 in memory of his mother and in honor of Judge John Kiener, her successor and the present Washington County Historian.