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Form **990-PF**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Private Foundation

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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2014

Open to Public Inspection

For calendar year 2014, or tax year beginning 06-01-2014 , and ending 05-31-2015

Name of foundation RUTH AND WILLIAM MERKEY FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 26-2749281	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 4270 FOUNTAIN LANE NORTH		B Telephone number (see instructions) (763) 550-1962	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code PLYMOUTH, MN 554462430		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐	
G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐	
H Check type of organization ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16)▶\$ 3,300,985		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐	
J Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)			

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses <i>(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))</i>		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)				
	2 Check ☒ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4	4		
	4 Dividends and interest from securities.	87,438	87,438		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	7,265			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 98,841				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2) . . .		0		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
	b Less Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)				
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	94,707	87,442		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0	0		0
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)	1,080	0		0
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) . . .	3,780	0		0
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion . . .				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	10	0		0
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses.				
	Add lines 13 through 23	4,870	0		0
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	142,118			142,118
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	146,988	0		142,118
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-52,281			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		87,442		
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	37,336	24,888	24,888
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	4	Pledges receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)	51,823	0	0
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	2,248,875	2,260,865	3,276,097
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule).			
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	12	Investments—mortgage loans			
	13	Investments—other (attach schedule)			
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
15	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)				
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	2,338,034	2,285,753	3,300,985	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18	Grants payable			
	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)			
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.				
	24	Unrestricted			
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☒ and complete lines 27 through 31.				
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	0	0	
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund	0	0	
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	2,338,034	2,285,753	
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	2,338,034	2,285,753	
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions) . .	2,338,034	2,285,753		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances		
1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year’s return)	1 2,338,034
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2 -52,281
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3 0
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4 2,285,753
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	5 0
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30 .	6 2,285,753

Part IV

Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)		(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo , day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo , day, yr)
1 a	1,287 SH WEYCO GROUP INC		2012-06-04	2014-10-29
b	154 SH YUM BRANDS INC		2012-06-04	2015-04-20
c	SENTINEL GROUP SHORT TERM			2015-03-25
d	SENTINEL GROUP LONG TERM			2015-03-25
e				

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a 36,590		36,590	0
b 12,428		12,428	0
c 959		978	-19
d 48,864		51,608	-2,744
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69

(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
a			0
b			0
c			-19
d			-2,744
e			

2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }	2	-2,763
3	Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	}	3	

Part V

Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2013	135,803	3,001,743	0 045241
2012	23,200	1,334,997	0 017378
2011	20,105	5,226	3 847111
2010	21,955	8,682	2 528795
2009	21,465	4,689	4 577735

2	Total of line 1, column (d).	2	11 016260
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	2 203252
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2014 from Part X, line 5.	4	3,263,530
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3.	5	7,190,379
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).	6	874
7	Add lines 5 and 6.	7	7,191,253
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.	8	142,118

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate See
the Part VI instructions

Part VIExcise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see page 18 of the instructions)

1a		Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1			
b		Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☐ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		1	1,749
c		All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b)			
2		Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		2	0
3		Add lines 1 and 2.		3	1,749
4		Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		4	0
5		Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	1,749
6		Credits/Payments			
a	2014 estimated tax payments and 2013 overpayment credited to 2014	6a	1,680		
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b			
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c			
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d			
7		Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d.		7	1,680
8		Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached.		8	
9		Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed		9	69
10		Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid.		10	
11		Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2015 estimated tax Refunded		11	

Part VII-AStatements Regarding Activities

1a	During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	1a		No
b	Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)? If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.	1b		No
c	Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	1c		No
d	Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation ☐ \$ 0 (2) On foundation managers ☐ \$ 0			
e	Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ☐ \$ 0			
2	Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.	2		No
3	Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	3		No
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b		
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.	5		No
6	Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	6	Yes	
7	Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV.	7	Yes	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ☐ WI			
b	If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation	8b		No
9	Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2014 or the taxable year beginning in 2014 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV	9		No
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses.	10		No

Part VII-A

Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions).	11		No
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	Yes	
Website address N/A				
14	The books are in care of LINDA BOSS Telephone no (763) 550-1962 Located at 4270 FOUNTAIN LANE NORTH PLYMOUTH MN ZIP +4 554462430			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	15		
16	At any time during calendar year 2014, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?	16	Yes	No
See instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) If "Yes", enter the name of the foreign country				

Part VII-B

Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.			Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)			
	(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? Yes No			
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? Yes No			
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? Yes No			
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? Yes No			
	(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? Yes No			
	(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days). Yes No			
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.	1b		
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2014?	1c		No
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))			
a	At the end of tax year 2014, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2014? Yes No If "Yes," list the years 20 , 20 , 20 , 20			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions).	2b		
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here 20 , 20 , 20 , 20			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? Yes No			
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2014 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2014.).	3b		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2014?	4b		No

Part VII-B

Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to				
(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?		☐ Yes	☒ No	
(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?		☐ Yes	☒ No	
(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?		☐ Yes	☒ No	
(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc , organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions).		☐ Yes	☒ No	
(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?		☐ Yes	☒ No	
b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?		5b		
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.		☐		
c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?		☐ Yes	☐ No	
If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d).				
6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		☐ Yes	☒ No	
b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		6b		
If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.		No		
7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		☐ Yes	☒ No	
b If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?		7b		

Part VIII

Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).				
(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
LINDA BOSS 4270 FOUNTAIN LANE NORTH PLYMOUTH, MN 551462430	DIRECTOR/PRESIDENT/TREAS 4 00	0	0	0
HELEN FISHER 967 S DOUGLAS AVE STURGEON BAY, WI 54235	DIRECTOR/SECRETARY 1 00	0	0	0
SR ROSE JOCHMAN 2422 GEMINI RD GREEN BAY, WI 54311	DIRECTOR 1 00	0	0	0
KATHY ROLLING 1570 MESA DR GREEN BAY, WI 54313	DIRECTOR/VICE-PRESIDENT 1 00	0	0	0
2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."				
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000.				0

Part VIII

Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE".		
(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services.		0

Part IX-A

Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc	Expenses
1 DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS	0
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B

Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3.	0

Part X

Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities.	1a	3,269,680
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	43,548
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	3,313,228
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	3,313,228
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	49,698
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	3,263,530
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	163,177

Part XI

Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☐ and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6.	1	163,177
2a	Tax on investment income for 2014 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	1,749
b	Income tax for 2014 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	1,749
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	161,428
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	0
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	161,428
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions).	6	0
7	Distributable amount as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1.	7	161,428

Part XII

Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc , purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc —total from Part I, column (d), line 26.	1a	142,118
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	0
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes.	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required).	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule).	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	142,118
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions).	5	0
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	142,118
Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years			

Part XIII

Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2013	(c) 2013	(d) 2014
1 Distributable amount for 2014 from Part XI, line 7				161,428
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2014				
a Enter amount for 2013 only.			0	
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____		0		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2014				
a From 2009.				
b From 2010.				4,542
c From 2011.				19,844
d From 2012.				
e From 2013.				
f Total of lines 3a through e.	24,386			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2014 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 142,118				
a Applied to 2013, but not more than line 2a			0	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).		0		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).	0			
d Applied to 2014 distributable amount.				142,118
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2014 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)	19,310			19,310
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	5,076			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b.		0		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed.		0		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see instructions		0		
e Undistributed income for 2013 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015				0
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions).	0			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2009 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions). . .	0			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2015. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	5,076			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2010. . . .				
b Excess from 2011. . . .				5,076
c Excess from 2012. . . .				
d Excess from 2013. . . .				
e Excess from 2014. . . .				

Part XIV

4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

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Part XV

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Time	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Time	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Part XV

Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year See Additional Data Table				
Total			3a	142,118
b Approved for future payment				
Total			3b	0

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Form **990-PF** (2014)

1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?		Yes	No
a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of			
(1) Cash.	1a(1)		No
(2) Other assets.	1a(2)		No
b Other transactions			
(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization.	1b(1)		No
(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization.	1b(2)		No
(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets.	1b(3)		No
(4) Reimbursement arrangements.	1b(4)		No
(5) Loans or loan guarantees.	1b(5)		No
(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations.	1b(6)		No
c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees.	1c		No
d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received			

[illegible]

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule		
(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

***** Signature of officer or trustee	2015-09-03 Date	***** Title
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May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instr)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name KATHLEEN M HERMANS	Preparer's Signature	Date	Check if self-employed ☒	PTIN P00118408
	Firm's name ☒ HERMANS & ASSOCIATES CPA'S SC			Firm's EIN ☒ 39-1421794	
	Firm's address ☒ 1901 S WEBSTER AVE SUITE 3 GREEN BAY, WI 54301			Phone no (920) 435-6121	

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
ADOPT-A-NATIVE-ELDER PO BOX 3401 PARK CITY,UT 84060	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	4,000
AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY PO BOX 249 4249 LAUDOUN AVE THE PLALINS,VA 201982237	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	1,500
BENEDICTINE MISSION HOUSE PO BOX 528 SCHULER,NE 686610528	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLECHARITABLE	2,000
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION PO BOX 22128 GREEN BAY,WI 543052128	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	2,500
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES 228 W LEXINGTON ST BALTIMORE,MD 212043443	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	5,000
COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY INTERNATIONAL N AFRICA 790 STOUT ROAD COLORADO SPRINGS,CO 80921	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	2,000
CROSIER BROTHERS AND FATHERS PO BOX 500 ONAMIA,MN 563590500	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	4,000
DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS 333 7TH AVE NEWYORK,NY 10001	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	2,000
EAST MEETS WEST FOUNDATION 1611 TELEGRAPH AVE SUITE 1420 OAKLAND,CA 94612	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	2,500
EDMUNDITE MISSIONS 1428 BROAD ST SELMA,AL 367014304	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	2,000
EWTN 5817 OLD LEADS RD IRONDALE,AL 352102164	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	4,000
FRANCISCAN MISSIONS PO BOX 130 WATERFORD,WI 53185	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	1,500
HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES 518 WASHINGTON ST NORTH EASTON,MA 023561200	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	1,500
MARYKNOLL FATHERS AND BROTHERS PO BOX 302 MARYKNOLL,NY 105450302	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	6,000
NEW COMMUNITY CLINIC 622 BODART ST GREEN BAY,WI 54301	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	6,000
Total  3a				142,118

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Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
NEW ZOO 4418 REFORESTATION ROAD GREEN BAY, WI 54313	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	24,706
PAULS PANTRY 1529 LEO FRIGO WAY GREEN BAY, WI 543021163	N/A	N/A	CHARITALBE	7,000
PROJECT HOPE 255 CARTER HALL LANE MILLWOOD, VA 22646	N/A	N/A	CHARITALBE	2,500
RUSHES WILDERNESS FOUNDATION 3014 RUSHES ROAD BAILEYS HARBOR, WI 542029145	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	4,000
SACRED HEART SOUTHERN MISSION 6050 HWY 161N WALLS, MS 386800190	N/A	N/A	CHARITALBE	2,000
SALESIAN MISSIONS 2 LEFEVRE LN NEW ROCHELLE, NY 108020030	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	4,000
SALVATION ARMY OF BROWN COUNTY PO BOX 8548 GREEN BAY, WI 543088548	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	5,000
SALVATORIANS 1303 MILWAUKEE DRIVE SALVATORIAN CENTER, WI 53062	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	6,000
SAMARITAN'S PURSE PO BOX 3000 BOONE, NC 28607	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	2,000
SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND 1140 GERVAIS AVE ST PAUL, MN 551092020	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	5,000
SISTERS OF ST FRANCIS OF THE HOLY CROSS 3110 NICOLET DR GREEN BAY, WI 543117212	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	24,312
SMILE TRAIN PO BOX 96231 WASHINGTON, DC 200906231	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	1,500
ST AGNES NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH 1484 NINTH ST GREEN BAY, WI 54304	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	2,000
UNBOUND 1 ELMWIOOD AVE KANSAS CITY, KS 66103	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	600
XAVIER SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND 154 E 23RD ST NEW YORK, NY 100104599	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	5,000
Total  3a				142,118

TY 2014 Accounting Fees Schedule

Name: RUTH AND WILLIAM MERKEY FOUNDATION

EIN: 26-2749281

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
ACCOUNTING FEES	1,080	0		0

**TY 2014 Investments Corporate
Stock Schedule****Name:** RUTH AND WILLIAM MERKEY FOUNDATION**EIN:** 26-2749281

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
ALTRIA GROUP INC.	106,167	170,240
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP	20,906	30,601
BANK MONTREAL QUEBEC	225,638	268,168
ENERPLUS CORP	2,652	1,926
FIDELITY NATIONAL INFORMATION SVCS	502,995	1,009,533
GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	14,520	21,816
KRAFT FOODS GROUP	30,360	64,689
MONDELEZ INTL INC	56,209	95,657
PEPSICO INCORPORATED	80,976	115,716
PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATINAL INC	272,351	276,208
UNION PACIFIC CORP	87,152	165,089
WEYCO GROUP INC	766,796	949,931
YUM BRANDS INC	20,939	29,376
FRANKLIN INCOME FUND	43,197	47,015
AB CAP FD INC HIGH INCOME FD CL C	30,007	30,132

TY 2014 Investments Government Obligations Schedule

Name: RUTH AND WILLIAM MERKEY FOUNDATION

EIN: 26-2749281

US Government Securities - End of Year Book Value:	0
US Government Securities - End of Year Fair Market Value:	0
State & Local Government Securities - End of Year Book Value:	0
State & Local Government Securities - End of Year Fair Market Value:	0

TY 2014 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: RUTH AND WILLIAM MERKEY FOUNDATION

EIN: 26-2749281

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	10	0		0

TY 2014 Taxes Schedule**Name:** RUTH AND WILLIAM MERKEY FOUNDATION**EIN:** 26-2749281

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
FOREIGN TAX	1,796	0		0
FEDERAL INCOME TAX	304	0		0
FEDERAL ESTIMATED TAXES	1,680	0		0