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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For calendar year 2015 or tax year beginning , 2015, and ending , 20

Name of foundation	A Employer identification number
THE MARJORIE MERRIWEATHER POST FOUNDATION	52-6054705

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	B Telephone number (see instructions)
C/O ETON ADV., 5915 FARRINGTON RD	202	(919) 442-1545

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517

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 [X] 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)* ▶ $ 5,820,830.

J Accounting method [X] Cash ☐ Accrual
☐ Other (specify)
(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)

F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ▶ ☐

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses *(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))*	(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 Dividends and interest from securities	121,583.	121,583.		ATCH 1
5a Gross rents				
b Net rental income or (loss)				
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	-237,986.			
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 2,099,219.				
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)				
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	-116,403.	121,583.		
Operating and Administrative Expenses				
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0.			
14 Other employee salaries and wages				
15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
b Accounting fees (attach schedule) ATCH 2	27,243.	13,622.		13,621.
c Other professional fees (attach schedule) [3]	66,114.	59,503.		6,611.
17 Interest				
18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) [4]	10,071.	1,452.		
19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
20 Occupancy				
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22 Printing and publications				
23 Other expenses (attach schedule) ATCH 5	186.	93.		93.
24 **Total operating and administrative expenses.** Add lines 13 through 23	103,614.	74,670.		20,325.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	282,000.			282,000.
26 **Total expenses and disbursements.** Add lines 24 and 25	385,614.	74,670.	0.	302,325.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
a **Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements**	-502,017.			
b **Net investment income** (if negative, enter -0-)		46,913.		
c **Adjusted net income** (if negative, enter -0-)				

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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 (a) Book Value	End of year (b) Book Value	End of year (c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing			
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	269,534.	643,201.	643,201.
	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)			
	b Investments - corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	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) ATCH 6	6,128,647.	5,174,968.	5,174,968.
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
	15 Other assets (describe ▶ ATCH 7)	2,454.	2,661.	2,661.
	16 **Total assets** (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	6,400,635.	5,820,830.	5,820,830.
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** ▶ X **and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.**			
	24 Unrestricted	6,400,635.	5,820,830.	
	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			
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30 **Total net assets or fund balances** (see instructions)	6,400,635.	5,820,830.	
	31 **Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances** (see instructions)	6,400,635.	5,820,830.	

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	6,400,635.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-502,017.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	5,898,618.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ ATCH 8	5	77,788.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	5,820,830.

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)
1a	SEE PART IV SCHEDULE			
b				
c				
d				
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				
b				
c				
d				
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				
b				
c				
d				
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	-237,986.
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	0.

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 the 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))
2014	335,574.	6,599,306.	0.050850
2013	335,631.	6,505,598.	0.051591
2012	321,552.	5,958,757.	0.053963
2011	320,029.	6,306,482.	0.050746
2010	279,007.	6,048,045.	0.046132

2	**Total** of line 1, column (d)	2	0.253282
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	0.050656
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5	4	6,142,355.
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	311,147.
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	469.
7	Add lines 5 and 6	7	311,616.
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	302,325.

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 VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ▶ ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1 . . . Date of ruling or determination letter ______________ (attach copy of letter if necessary - see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ▶ ☐ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	938.
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	
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	938.
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	938.
6	Credits/Payments:		
a	2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015 . . . . 6a 8,236.		
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	8,236.
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	
10	**Overpayment.** If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the **amount overpaid** ▶	10	7,298.
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be **Credited to 2016 estimated tax** ▶ 7,298. **Refunded** ▶	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

			Yes	No
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		X
b	Did it spend more than $100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for the definition)?	1b		X
	*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*			
c	Did the foundation file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	1c		X
d	Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation ▶ $ ______ (2) On foundation managers ▶ $ ______			
e	Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ▶ $ ______			
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		X
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		X
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year?	4a		X
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		X
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	X	
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	X	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ▶ DC,			
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	X	
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 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? *If "Yes," complete Part XIV*	9		X
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? *If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses*	10		X

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities *(continued)*

			Yes	No
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		X
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		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	X	

Website address ▶ N/A

14 The books are in care of ▶ W. JACKSON PARHAM Telephone no ▶ 919-442-1545

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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

			Yes	No
16	At any time during calendar year 2015, 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		X
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114 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)?	1b		X
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ▶ ☐			
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 2015?	1c		X
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 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	If "Yes," list the years ▶ ____, ____, ____, ____			
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 ▶ ____, ____, ____, ____			
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 2015 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 2015)*	3b		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		X
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 2015?	4b		X

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

			Yes	No
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		X
	If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.			
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
ATCH 10		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 ▶

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
ATCH 11		59,420.

Total number of others receiving over $50,000 for professional services . . . . ▶

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 N/A	
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 NONE	
2	
All other program-related investments See instructions 3 NONE	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . ▶	

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	5,720,898.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	514,995.
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	
d	**Total** (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	6,235,893.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation) 1e		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	6,235,893.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	93,538.
5	**Net value of noncharitable-use assets.** Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	6,142,355.
6	**Minimum investment return.** Enter 5% of line 5	6	307,118.

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	307,118.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5	2a	938.		
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b			
c	Add lines 2a and 2b			2c	938.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1			3	306,180.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions			4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4			5	306,180.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)			6	
7	**Distributable amount** as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1			7	306,180.

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	302,325.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	
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	302,325.
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	302,325.

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 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				306,180.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only				
b Total for prior years 20 13 ,20 12 ,20 11				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010				
b From 2011 10,715.				
c From 2012 28,712.				
d From 2013 26,049.				
e From 2014 13,844.				
f Total of lines 3a through e	79,320.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ $ 302,325.				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)				
d Applied to 2015 distributable amount				302,325.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (*If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a)*)	3,855.			3,855.
6 **Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:**				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	75,465.			
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
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				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount - see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount - see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2015 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2016				
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)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)				
9 **Excess distributions carryover to 2016.** Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	75,465.			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011 6,860.				
b Excess from 2012 28,712.				
c Excess from 2013 26,049.				
d Excess from 2014 13,844.				
e Excess from 2015				

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9) NOT APPLICABLE

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2015, enter the date of the ruling . . . . ▶

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section ☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c					-
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a "Assets" alternative test - enter					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test- enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
c "Support" alternative test - enter					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942 (j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had $5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year - see instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than $5,000) (See section 507(d)(2))

N/A

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

N/A

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here ▶ ☐ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

a The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed

ATCH 12

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include

ATCH 13

c Any submission deadlines

MARCH 1ST AND SEPTEMBER 1ST.

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors

ATCH 14

Part XV Supplementary Information *(continued)*

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

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	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
a *Paid during the year*				
ATCH 15				
Total . . . . . . ▶ 3a				282,000.
b *Approved for future payment*				
Total . . . . . . ▶ 3b				

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions.)
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue.					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4 Dividends and interest from securities			14	121,583.	
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a Debt-financed property					
b Not debt-financed property					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	-237,986.	
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue: a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
12 Subtotal Add columns (b), (d), and (e)				-116,403.	

13 **Total.** Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e) . . . 13 -116,403.

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)

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

Line No. ▼	Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes). (See instructions.)

Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

			Yes	No
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?			
a	Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of			
	(1) Cash	1a(1)		X
	(2) Other assets	1a(2)		X
b	Other transactions			
	(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(1)		X
	(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(2)		X
	(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets	1b(3)		X
	(4) Reimbursement arrangements	1b(4)		X
	(5) Loans or loan guarantees	1b(5)		X
	(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations	1b(6)		X
c	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees	1c		X

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

(a) Line no	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements
	N/A		N/A

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

Sign Here

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

Henry A. Dudley 6-14-2016 VICE-CHAIRMAN

Signature of officer or trustee | Date | Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
W.CRAIG THOMPSON		6/3/16		P00295094

Firm's name ▶ RUSSELL, EVANS & THOMPSON, PLLC — Firm's EIN ▶ 54-1341318

Firm's address ▶ 299 HERNDON PARKWAY, SUITE 206 HERNDON, VA 20170-4467 — Phone no 703-478-0320

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FORM 990-PF - PART IV
CAPITAL GAINS AND LOSSES FOR TAX ON INVESTMENT INCOME

Kind of Property		Description				P or D	Date acquired	Date sold
Gross sale price less expenses of sale	Depreciation allowed/ allowable	Cost or other basis	FMV as of 12/31/69	Adj basis as of 12/31/69	Excess of FMV over adj basis		Gain or (loss)	
		TOTAL CAPITAL GAIN DISTRIBUTIONS					61,594.	
		ST PUBLICLY TRADED FUNDS PROPERTY TYPE: SECURITIES				P	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
333,681.		344,422.					-10,741.	
		LT PUBLICLY TRADED FUNDS PROPERTY TYPE: SECURITIES				P	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
1,650,292.		1,927,370.					-277,078.	
		4995.56 SHS EXCELSIOR LASALLE PROPERTY F PROPERTY TYPE: SECURITIES				P	08/28/2013	03/17/2015
53,652.		65,413.					-11,761.	
TOTAL GAIN(LOSS)							-237,986.	

ATTACHMENT 1

FORM 990PF, PART I - DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM SECURITIES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	NET INVESTMENT INCOME
DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM INVESTMENTS	121,583.	121,583.
TOTAL	121,583.	121,583.

FORM 990PF, PART I - ACCOUNTING FEES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	NET INVESTMENT INCOME	ADJUSTED NET INCOME	CHARITABLE PURPOSES
RUSSELL EVANS & THOMPSON	27,243.	13,622.		13,621.
TOTALS	27,243.	13,622.		13,621.

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	NET INVESTMENT INCOME	CHARITABLE PURPOSES
ETON ADVISORY FEES	59,420.	53,478.	5,942.
OTHER CUSTODIAL FEES	6,694.	6,025.	669.
TOTALS	66,114.	59,503.	6,611.

FORM 990PF, PART I - TAXES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	NET INVESTMENT INCOME
FOREIGN TAXES	1,452.	1,452.
FEDERAL EXCISE TAX	8,619.	
TOTALS	10,071.	1,452.

ATTACHMENT 5

FORM 990PF, PART I - OTHER EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES PER BOOKS	NET INVESTMENT INCOME	CHARITABLE PURPOSES
OTHER EXPENSES	186.	93.	93.
TOTALS	186.	93.	93.

FORM 990PF, PART II - OTHER INVESTMENTS

DESCRIPTION	ENDING BOOK VALUE	ENDING FMV
44,870.823 GOLDMAN SACHS INV GRADE CR FD	397,555.	397,555.
17,451.699 BRIDGEWAY FD INC (BRSIX) ULTRA-SMALL INDX POR	225,127.	225,127.
23,977.913 GOLDMAN SACHS STRAT INCOME FD	230,668.	230,668.
4,366.527 HARRIS ASSOC INVT TR OAKMARK INTL FD (OAKEX)	61,874.	61,874.
6,272.318 VANGUARD MID-CAP INDEX FD	205,669.	205,669.
6,717.545 TOUCHSTONE SANDS CAPITAL INSTL GRWTH FUND	142,278.	142,278.
5,369.669 VANGUARD INSTL INDEX FD SH BEN INT (VINIX)	1,002,088.	1,002,088.
34,020.729 VANGUARD FTSE ALL-WORLD EX-US (VFWIX) INDEX FD	583,115.	583,115.
14,491.507 TFS MKT NEUTRAL FD	205,345.	205,345.
1,656.706 HARDING LOEVNER FRONT EMRG MKTS PORTFOLIO	11,779.	11,779.
3,099.5 MUTUAL SER FD INC EUROPEAN FD CL Z	60,378.	60,378.
1,272.539 VANGUARD SMALL CAP INDEX FD-INS	67,508.	67,508.
23,091.918 DOUBLELINE CORE FIXED INCOME FD - I	246,391.	246,391.
3,627.4 VANGUARD REIT INDEX FD - INV	96,054.	96,054.
5,770.626 FPA INTERNATIONAL VALUE FD	66,478.	66,478.
13,984.134 PIMCO CMDTY RR SRAT -INS CMDTY REALRTN STRAT FD	88,240.	88,240.
7,401.749 PROFESSIONALLY MANAGED PORTFOLIOS THE		

ATTACHMENT 6 (CONT'D)

FORM 990PF, PART II - OTHER INVESTMENTS

DESCRIPTION	ENDING BOOK VALUE	ENDING FMV
OSTERWEIS STRATEGIC INCOME	78,903.	78,903.
1,942.745 HARBOR FD INTL FD (HAINX)	115,457.	115,457.
20,036.984 ROBECO BOSTON PTRS LONG/SHORT (BPIRX) RES. FD	298,751.	298,751.
1,733.529 THIRD AVE REAL ESTATE VALUE FUND (TAREX)	49,804.	49,804.
12032.077 ABBEY CAPITAL FUTURES STRATEGY FUND	145,347.	145,347.
48,209.024 GOLDMAN SACHS MULTI MANAGER (GSMMX) ALTERNATIVES FUND	486,911.	486,911.
25,494.477 VANGUARD MARKET NEUTRAL FUND (VMNFX)	309,248.	309,248.
TOTALS	5,174,968.	5,174,968.

ATTACHMENT 7

FORM 990PF, PART II - OTHER ASSETS

DESCRIPTION	ENDING BOOK VALUE	ENDING FMV
DUE FROM BROKER	2,661.	2,661.
TOTALS	2,661.	2,661.

ATTACHMENT 8

FORM 990PF, PART III - OTHER DECREASES IN NET WORTH OR FUND BALANCES

DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
UNREALIZED LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS		77,788.
	TOTAL	77,788.

FORM 990PF, PART VII-A, LINE 14 - LOCATION OF BOOKS

C/O ETON ADVISORS LP, 5915 FARRINGTON RD CHAPEL HILL, NC

FORM 990PF, PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND TRUSTEES

ATTACHMENT 10

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED TO POSITION	COMPENSATION	CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS	EXPENSE ACCT AND OTHER ALLOWANCES
SPOTTSWOOD P. DUDLEY C/O ETON ADV., 5915 FARRINGTON RD 5915 FARRINGTON ROAD 202 CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517	VICE CHAIRMAN 1.00	0.	0.	0.
LEONARD L. SILVERSTEIN C/O ETON ADV., 5915 FARRINGTON RD 5915 FARRINGTON ROAD 202 CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517	TREASURER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
HENRY A. DUDLEY, JR. C/O ETON ADV., 5915 FARRINGTON RD 5915 FARRINGTON ROAD 202 CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517	VICE CHAIRMAN 1.00	0.	0.	0.
NINA CRAIG RUMBOUGH C/O ETON ADV., 5915 FARRINGTON RD 5915 FARRINGTON ROAD 202 CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517	CHAIRPERSON 1.00	0.	0.	0.
ELLEN MACNEILLE CHARLES C/O ETON ADV., 5915 FARRINGTON RD 5915 FARRINGTON ROAD 202 CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517	TRUSTEE 1.00	0.	0.	0.

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED TO POSITION	COMPENSATION	CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS	EXPENSE ACCT AND OTHER ALLOWANCES
GEORGE D IVERSON C/O ETON ADV., 5915 FARRINGTON RD 5915 FARRINGTON ROAD 202 CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517	TRUSTEE 1.00	0.	0.	0.
DEXTER BLACKWELL C/O ETON ADV., 5915 FARRINGTON RD 5915 FARRINGTON ROAD 202 CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517 MR. BLACKWELL IS WITH ETON ADVISORS. THIS FIRM PROVIDES INVESTMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO THE FOUNDATION. THE FEES PAID ARE REASONABLE AND COMMENSURATE WITH THE SERVICES PROVIDED. (SEE ATCH 3)	SECRETARY 1.00	0.	0.	0.
	GRAND TOTALS	0.	0.	0.

990PF, PART VIII- COMPENSATION OF THE FIVE HIGHEST PAID PROFESSIONALS

ATTACHMENT 11

NAME AND ADDRESS	TYPE OF SERVICE	COMPENSATION
ETON ADVISORS, LP 5915 FARRINGTON ROAD SUITE 202 CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517 INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	59,420.
	TOTAL COMPENSATION	59,420.

FORM 990PF, PART XV - NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE FOR APPLICATIONS

W. JACKSON PARHAM, C/O ETON ADVIS.
5915 FARRINGTON ROAD, #202
CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517
919-442-1545

990PF, PART XV - FORM AND CONTENTS OF SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS

NO APPLICATIONS ARE PROVIDED; HOWEVER, GRANT REQUESTS SHOULD INCLUDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CHARITY, FUNDS REQUESTED AND PURPOSE OF GRANT.

ATTACHMENT 14

990PF, PART XV - RESTRICTIONS OR LIMITATIONS ON AWARDS

NO GRANTS ARE MADE TO INDIVIDUALS. AWARDS ARE ONLY MADE TO QUALIFIED IRC 501 (C)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 509(A)(1) OR (2) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, BASED IN THE TERRITORIAL UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

FORM 990PF, PART XV - GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS PAID DURING THE YEAR

ATTACHMENT 15

RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP TO SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR AND FOUNDATION STATUS OF RECIPIENT	PURPOSE OF GRANT OR CONTRIBUTION	AMOUNT
GRANTS DISBURSED	NONE PC	ALL ORGANIZATIONS ARE 509(A)(1)OR(2) PUBLIC CHARITIES(PC). SEE ATTACHMENT FOR DETAILS.	282,000.
		TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PAID	282,000.

The Marjorie Merriweather Post Foundation
EIN: 52-6054705
Grant Disbursements - 2015
Detailed List of Grants for 990-PF Attachment 17

Amount	Name	Purpose of Grant	Address	Status
$10,000	American Museum of Natural History - Center for Bio-Diversity	For support the operations of the Center for Bio-Diversity	American Museum of Natural History, Attn: Ms Kimberly Thompson-Almanzor, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, NY 10024-5192	PC
$20,000	Avon Old Farms School	Kevin Driscoll Scholarship Fund	Avon Old Farms School Attn Peter Evans, 500 Old Farms Road, Avon, CT 06001	PC
$118,000	Hillwood Museum and Garden Foundation	To support the Spring Exhibit - Ingenue to Icon, the Makovsky Exhibit and the General Fund	Hillwood Museum & Gardens Foundation, Attn: Kate Marker, 4155 Linnean Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008	PC
$4,000	Institute For Responsible Citizenship	To Support Program	1227 25th St NW #600, Washington, DC 20037	PC
$4,000	Landon School Corporation	Annual Fund	Landon School, Attn. Mr David Armstrong, 6101 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, MD 20817-3199	PC
$5,000	Lowcountry Food Bank	For the Yemassee Regional Food Center	2864 Azalea Dr, North Charleston, SC 29405	PC
$7,500	National Forest Foundation	For General Fund	National Forest Foundation Attn: Bill Possiel Bldg 17 Suite 3 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula MT 59804	PC
$20,000	National Rehabilitation Hospital Inc.	For a New Addition to House Wounded Warriors and Neuroscientists	MedStar National Rehabilitation Network Attn: Office of Philanthropy 102 Irving Street, NW Washington, D C 20010	PC
$28,000	National Symphony Orchestra Association of Washington, DC	For General Fund	John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Development Office, 2700 F Street NW Washington, DC 20566	PC
$8,000	Pingree School	General Scholarship Fund	Pingree School Attn. Kim Moore 537 Highland Street South Hamilton, MA 01982	PC
$4,000	Princeton University	Class of 1972 Annual Fund	Princeton University Annual Giving PO Box 5357 Princeton, NJ 08544	PC
$5,500	Schoolyard Films, Inc	Support the Making of Educational Material	Schoolyard Films Inc, C/O Thomas Fitz, 12441 Ridge Road, North Palm Beach, FL 33408	PC
$24,000	Tudor Place Foundation	For General Fund	Tudor Place Foundation Attn Mark Hudson Executive Director 1644 31st Street NW Washington DC 20007	PC
$14,000	University of Virginia Law School Foundation	To support the Henry A Dudley scholarship program, providing scholarships to worthy students	University of Virginia School of Law, Attn: Ms. Helen Snyder, 580 Massie Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903	PC
$10,000	University of Virginia McIntire School of Commerce Foundation	Annual Fund	McIntire School of Commerce, Attn: Dean Carl Zeithaml, University of Virginia, Rouse Robertson Hall, P O. Box 400173, Charlottesville, VA 22903	PC
$282,000	**Total**			