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Philip Marshall has been teaching and practicing in the field of historic preservation since the 1970s.

In 2006, after years of increasing concern, Mr. Marshall, with the help of others, sought a petition for guardianship (which was awarded) for his grandmother, Brooke Astor, who was a victim of elder abuse by her son, Philip's father.

The story was chronicled nationally by the press due to Mrs. Astor's recognition, the nature of allegation indicated in the petition, and events culminating in a six-month criminal trial and conviction of Mr. Marshall's father and one of his grandmother's lawyers.

Through her life, Brooke Astor was known for her decades of philanthropic work in New York. Today, Mr. Marshall believes that his grandmother's greatest legacies, nationwide, are (1) how her sad circumstances have spurred a greater recognition of elder abuse and (2) as active elder for almost half a century, how Mrs. Astor's life exemplifies ways our last decades can be so purposeful and filled with *philanthropy*—an engaged "love of humanity."

Mr. Marshall now seeks to tell his story and help the greater cause of elder justice. He has testified before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging and delivered keynote addresses countrywide. His work focuses on awareness and prevention, supportive decision-making, and elder financial protection.