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RESOLUTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

*Resolved*, That J. H. Cole, Secretary, and Dr. J. M. Shaffer, Historian, be instructed and ordered to publish in pamphlet form the full proceedings of the Association to date, October 3rd, 1884.

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## HISTORICAL.

The Tri-State Old Settlers' Association of Illinois, Missouri and Iowa owes its origin to the earnest desire on the part of many old citizens of Keokuk to meet their friends of early days and renew old friendships and acquaintances, and to form new ones. To this end the organization known as the Citizens' Association, was asked to take the preliminary steps toward establishing, on a permanent footing, an association that would bring together, in annual reunions, the pioneers of the three States.

Accordingly, the Citizens' Association invited the citizens of Keokuk to meet together on the evening of July 3d, 1884, at the U. S. Court room in the Estes House, to determine the question as to whether such reunions should be held, and if so, the time, place, etc.

A large number of citizens responded, and it was resolved unanimously to organize a Tri-State Old Settlers' Association. The following Executive Committee was selected: J. M. Reid, Geo. F. Jenkins, J. O. Voorhies, D. F. Miller, Sr., J. B. Paul, S. E. Carey and J. H. Cole. September 4th, 1884, and Rand Park, were agreed on as the time and place for holding the first reunion.

At a subsequent meeting the Executive Committee reported the Constitution, which was adopted, the programme of exercises, and October 2nd, 1884, as the date for the first reunion, on account of the local fairs being held in surrounding counties in September.

A Committee on Invitation was appointed who sent out about 3,500 special invitations. Responses to many of these were made in person and to some by letters, which may be found in their proper place.

The weather, which had been very rainy and disagreeable, changed on the evening of October 1st, and gave on the 2nd a most delightful day.

The programme, arranged as below, was strictly adhered to, and in addition thereto, a dancing platform, a soldiers' dinner, (hard tack, pork and beans, etc.) for all old soldiers, a game of base ball, and other features of a social character filled up the day and interested the various classes gathered together.

## PROGRAMME.

ASSOCIATION CALLED TO ORDER,  
By S. E. Carey, Esq., President, at 10 o'clock A. M.

PRAYER;

By Rev. L. B. Dennis, of Knoxville, Ill.

MUSIC—"AMERICA,"

By Vocalists under the leadership of H. C. Landes, Esq.

ADDRESS,

General Wm. W. Belknap, Washington, D. C., President of the Day.

MUSIC—BY KEOKUK MILITARY BAND,

"Ye Olden Times."

ADDRESS OF WELCOME,

By Hon. Edward Johnstone, Keokuk, Iowa.

RESPONSE FOR MISSOURI,

By General Jno. W. Noble, of St. Louis, Mo.

MUSIC—"OLD SETTLERS' SONG."

RESPONSE FOR ILLINOIS,

By Hon. Henry Strong, of Chicago, Ill.

IMPROMPTU SPEECH,

Justice Sam'l F. Miller, Washington, D. C.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

To recommend Officers for ensuing year.

RECESS FOR DINNER.

MUSIC—BY KEOKUK MILITARY BAND, AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M.,

"Academy Waltzes."

PRAYER,

By Rev. Wm. Salter, of Burlington, Iowa.

IMPROMPTU SPEECH,

By Hon. A. G. Adams, of Burlington, Iowa.

ORATION,

By Hon. Wm. H. Hatch, of Hannibal, Mo.

MUSIC—"OLD HAWKEYE STATE."



ADDRESSES,

By Capt. J. W. Campbell, of Fort Madison, Iowa.

By Gen. Geo. W. Jones, of Dubuque, Iowa.

By Capt. Wm. Hillhouse, of Burlington, Iowa.

MUSIC—BY KEOKUK MILITARY BAND,

Clarinet Solo, "Nightingale Polka."

SHORT SPEECHES

FROM

Hon. Edwin Manning, of Keosauqua, Iowa.

Col. Geo. A. Hawley, of Hamilton, Illinois.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE AND ELECTION

Of Executive Committee for Ensuing Year.

SONG—"AULD LANG SYNE."

## CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, Sociable and friendly relations are desirable amongst all men, but more especially with those who as neighbors and friends have shared the adversities and hardships of a pioneer's life; therefore, in order to promote and maintain amongst the people of Illinois, Missouri and Iowa the most intimate and friendly relations, and for the purpose of keeping alive and perpetuating the record of the old settlers and pioneers of these States, and to cultivate the heretofore existing social relations, we do adopt the following Constitution :

Article 1. The name and title of this organization shall be the Tri-State Old Settlers' Association.

Art. 2. All persons who were residents in either Iowa, Illinois or Missouri prior to 1860, or who shall have resided in any of these States for twenty-five years, or who having been born in either of them and remained until their majority, or who may be elected at any meeting an "honorary member," shall be eligible to membership and become members on signing this Constitution.

Art. 3. The affairs and business of the Association after its first meeting shall be managed by an Executive Committee of nine members, to be chosen at said first meeting, and annually thereafter at the yearly reunions; said committee to hold their office until their successors are elected and organized as hereafter provided. Three members of said committee shall be selected from each of the States represented in the Association. From their number the Executive Committee shall select a President, and one Vice-President from each of the three States, and from the members of the Association, select a Treasurer, a Secretary, and such other officers and committees as may be necessary to promote the objects of this Association. The officers named above shall be deemed the officers of the Association, and perform the usual duties of such officers until their successors are elected.

Art. 4. The place for holding the reunions shall be at Keokuk, Iowa, at such dates as may be fixed by the Executive Committee. Until its first reunion, its affairs and business shall be managed by an Executive Committee of seven, consisting of J. M. Reid, J. O. Voorhies, J. B. Paul, D. F. Miller, Sr., Geo. F. Jenkins, S. E. Carey and J. H. Cole.

Art. 5. This Constitution may be amended, altered or changed in any way at any annual meeting.

Adopted at Keokuk, Iowa, July 31st, 1884.

Attest: SAM'L E. CAREY, President.  
J. H. COLE, Secretary.

## COMPLETE LIST OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

FROM INCEPTION OF THE ASSOCIATION TO OCTOBER 2nd, 1884.

D. F. Miller, Sr., Chairman of the first meeting, held July 3, 1884.

D. C. Daugherty, Secretary of same.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Samuel E. Carey, President,	J. H. Cole, Secretary.
J. O. Voorhies, Treasurer,	D. F. Miller, Sr.,
J. M. Reid, Geo. F. Jenkins,	J. B. Paul.

## COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

S. E. Carcy, J. O. Voorhies, J. H. Cole.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

J. M. Reid, J. B. Paul, Dr. Geo. F. Jenkins.

## COMMITTEE ON INVITATIONS.

C. F. Davis, W. A. Brownell, J. M. Reid, Jno. Walker, R. E. Hill.

## COMMITTEE ON MUSIC.

Conrad Eimbeck, H. C. Landes, Dr. J. C. Hughes, Dr. A. Weismann.

## COMMITTEE ON GROUNDS.

Hugh Copeland, H. C. Anschutz, Fred. Hilpert.

## COMMITTEE ON ROOMS, BAGGAGE, ETC.

Richard Root, Patrick Gibbons.

## COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

W. A. Brownell, F. T. Hughes, H. H. Trimble.

J. F. Daugherty, J. K. Mason, J. C. Coombs.

## COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME.

C. F. Davis, J. H. Cole, Dr. J. M. Shaffer.

## COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION.

Jno. N. Irwin, J. M. Reid, C. P. Birge, D. Moor.

S. M. Clark, Dr. W. A. George, Geo. D. Rand, R. B. B. Wood.

## COMMITTEE ON SEATS, PARK, ETC.

Geo. D. Rand, J. B. Paul, Jno. T. Griffey,

John Culbertson, Horace H. Ayres, Conrad Eimbeck.

COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR  
ORATORS, ETC.

J. H. Cole, W. A. Brownell.

## DECORATING COMMITTEE.

J. M. Huiskamp, H. T. Graham.

## PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

J. H. Cole, Dr. J. M. Shaffer.