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Resolve Incorporating

The Connecticut Historical Society.

Dassed May, 1825; Renewed May, 1839; Amended february, 1905.

Resolved by this Assembly, That John Trumbull, Thomas C. Brownell, Timothy Pitkin, John S. Peters, William W. Ellsworth, Thomas Day, Thomas Robins, Daniel Burhans, Thomas Hubbard, Issac Toucey, Nathaniel S. Wheaton, George Sumner, Roger M. Sherman, William T. Williams, Martin Wells, Joseph Battell, William Cooley, Thomas H. Gallaudet, Thomas S. Williams, Eli Todd, Walter Mitchell, George W. Doane, Samuel B. Woodward, S. H. Huntington, Samuel W. Dana, James Gould, Samuel A. Foote, Nathan Johnson, Hawley Olmstead, Benjamin Trumbull, John Hall and their associates and successors, be, and hereby are ordained, constituted and declared to be forever hereafter, a body corporate, by the name of The Connecticut Historical Society, and by that name, they, their associates and successors shall and may have perpetual succession; shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, and also to purchase, receive, hold and convey any estate, real or personal, to an amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars; and may have a common seal, and the same may alter at pleasure, may establish rules relative to the admission of future members; may ordain, establish, and put in execution such by-laws and regulations, not contrary to the provisions of this charter, or the laws of this State, as shall be deemed necessary for the government of said Corporation.

The Governor of this State, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Judges of the Superior Court, shall be ex-officio members of the Society.

Said Corporation shall meet once a year for the choice of a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be designated from time to time by the by-laws of the Society.

The first meeting of the Society shall be holden at the State House in Hartford at such time as shall be designated by the Honorable John Trumbull, notice thereof being previously given in one or more newspapers printed in Hartford.

Provided, nevertheless, that this act of incorporation shall be subject to be revoked or altered, at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

By Laws.

ARTICLE I. MEMBERS.

SECTION I. The Society shall consist of active, corresponding, and honorary members. Only active members shall be entitled to vote in any meeting of the Society.

Corresponding and honorary members shall be persons residing out of the State of Connecticut, and shall not be subject to any admission fee or dues.

Honorary members shall be persons who may have rendered important public service to the State of Connecticut, or to the cause of historic inquiry, or literature generally.

SECTION 2. Every application for active membership shall be in writing, signed by the applicant, shall be supported by the written recommendation of at least one active member residing in the State of Connecticut, and shall be accompanied by the admission fee of three dollars. Such applications must be made upon blank forms furnished by the Society and shall contain a brief personal sketch of the applicant.

Every nomination for the election of corresponding or honorary members shall be based upon the application, in writing, of at least two active members, residing in the State of Connecticut, stating the reason for such nomination, and the qualifications of the persons proposed for membership.

SECTION 3. No person shall be voted for as an active, corresponding, or honorary member until at least the meeting next succeeding the one at which his election is recommended by the Committee on Membership,

Whenever a vote shall be taken on the admission of a member and there shall be found two ballots against his admission, the presiding officer shall declare the election postponed. At the next regular meeting, if the recommendation of the Committee on Membership shall be renewed, he may be admitted by the votes of two-thirds of the members present.

SECTION 4. Active members shall pay as annual dues to the Society three dollars if they reside within the city of Hartford, and two dollars if they reside without said city. Any active member, not indebted to the Society for dues, may constitute himself a life member by paying at one time the sum of fifty dollars.

The annual dues of members shall be payable in advance on the first day of May in each year. The payment of the annual dues shall constitute a condition of membership, and the neglect or refusal to pay the same for the period of six months after they become due shall be deemed a withdrawal from the Society.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS.

SECTION I. The officers of the Society, to be elected at the annual meeting by ballot, and to hold their offices for one year and until others shall be chosen, shall be, a President, not exceeding eight Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Committee on Membership to consist of seven members, Committees on the Library, on Publication, and on Monthly Papers, each to consist of three members. Only active members resident in the State of Connecticut shall be eligible to office.

The preceding officers and the chairmen of the several committees shall constitute the Standing Committee of the Society.

The presiding officer shall name the members of all special committees ordered raised at any meeting.

A Librarian and Cabinet Keeper shall be appointed by the Standing Committee, whenever such appointment shall be deemed advisable.

SECTION 2. The President shall be chairman of the Standing Committee, and a member of the Committees on Membership, the Library, and Publication; shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Standing Committee; and shall deliver or provide for an address at the annual meeting.

The Recording Secretary shall call all meetings of the Society; shall have custody of the files, records, and seal of the Society; shall give notice to new members of their election, and furnish them certificates of membership; and shall keep an accurate journal of the transactions of the Society and of the Standing Committee.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence in behalf of the Society.

The Treasurer shall receive the admission fees, and report the names of the persons paying the same to the Recording Secretary; shall receive all other moneys due, and all donations or bequests of money made to the Society; shall pay to the order of the chairman of the Standing Committee such sums as may be required for the ordinary expenses of the Society and such as the Society or Standing Committee may otherwise direct to be paid; shall keep a true and faithful account of all moneys received and paid by him, and of the property and debts of the Society; and shall, at the annual meeting, render an audited statement thereof.

The Librarian, under the direction of the Committee on the Library, shall arrange and have charge of all books, pamphlets, manuscripts, and other articles belonging to or deposited in the rooms of the Society; and shall, at the annual meeting of the Society, make a full report of his doings as Librarian during the past year, and of the condition of the Library.

The Auditor shall, prior to the annual meeting, examine the books, accounts and financial statements of the Treasurer, and compare the same with the vouchers and securities in the Treasurer's hands and certify the result of such examination to the Society.

SECTION 3. The Committee on Membership shall consider all applications for membership, and shall report to the Society such applications as said Committee may approve and recommend for admission. No applications for membership shall be considered or acted upon by said Committee during a meeting of the Society.

The Committee on the Library shall have the general oversight and management of the library, manuscripts and other collections belonging to or deposited with the Society. Said Committee shall make purchases for the library to such an amount as may be appropriated from time to time for the purpose.

The Committee on Publication shall have the superintendence of all publications ordered by the Society. They shall, from time to time, report to the Society respecting the selection and arrangement of such papers, from the library of the Society or other sources, as are most suitable for publication in volumes of the Society's Collections.

The Committee on Monthly Papers shall provide for a paper to be read at each regular meeting of the Society.

The Standing Committee shall act generally in behalf of the Society, and shall fill all vacancies in any offices until the next regular meeting of the Society. Any five members of this Committee may constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and a notice for a meeting of the Society shall be deemed a notice for a meeting of this Committee. Special meetings of this Committee may be called by the Recording Secretary by direction of the President,

ARTICLE III, MERTINGS,

SECTION 1. An annual meeting shall be held in the month of May, at such time as the Standing Committee shall appoint.

A regular meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday evening of each month from October to May inclusive, unless otherwise ordered.

SECTION 2. Special meetings shall be called by direction of the President, or, in his absence, on the application of three active members to the Recording Secretary.

Notice of each meeting of the Society shall be sent by mail to each active member at least two days prior thereto. And at any meeting, duly called and notified, ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IV. DONATIONS AND DEPOSITS.

All donations to and deposits with the Society shall be entered in books kept for that purpose,

No donations shall be exchanged or disposed of unless the Society have a duplicate of the same.

All deposits left with the Society shall be carefully preserved, and may at any time be taken away by the depositor in person, or delivered on his written order. But every deposit which has not been so reclaimed or withdrawn shall, after the decease of the depositor, be entered as a donation, and be deemed the property of the Society: unless, at the time of making the deposit, other conditions shall have been prescribed by the depositor.

ARTICLE V. LIBRARY.

The rooms, with all books, manuscripts, pictures, and articles belonging to or deposited with the Society, shall be under the immediate charge of the Librarian, acting under the direction of the Committee on the Library.

The library shall be opened for the inspection of the public, and the examination of books and manuscripts, and transcription therefrom, at such time, and on such conditions, as shall be prescribed by the Committee on the Library; and no book or manuscript shall be taken from the rooms without a special vote of the Society, except by the Committee on Publication.

ARTICLE VI. PUBLICATION FUND.

The legacy left to the Society by its late President, the Hon. Thomas Day, the avails of all life memberships, and all special donations and subscriptions