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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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These Articles of Incorporation of
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Witnesseth, That we, the undersigned, all of whom are citizens of the State of Ohio, desiring to form a corporation not for profit, under the general corporation laws of said State, do hereby certify:

FIRST. The name of said corporation shall be The Western Reserve Historical Society.

SECOND. Said corporation shall be located and its principle business transacted at the City of Cleveland, in Cuyahoga County Ohio.

THIRD. The purpose for which said corporation is formed is not profit, but is to discover, collect and preserve whatever relates to the history, biography, genealogy, and antiquities of Ohio and the West; and of the people dwelling therein, including the physical history and condition of the State; to maintain a museum and library, and to extend knowledge upon the subjects mentioned, by literary meetings, by publication and by other proper means.

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

At this time, when the whole world is considering the possibility of a League of Nations, which shall secure even the feeblest from the aggressions of the strong, which shall afford a means for settling disputes between nations without war, and which shall relieve all from the necessity of maintaining huge armies and armaments for self protection; we can gain much by studying anew the history of the Confederation once formed between the thirteen colonies established on our Atlantic seaboard, the causes for its early failure, the difficulties attending the formation of "a more perfect Union," and the provisions embodied in the new Constitution which constantly disturbed the relations of the component States and finally led to internecine war, the elimination of the disturbing elements and the perfection of a Union unparalleled for its strength and freedom from militarism.

In addition to the works of former historians, the sources of their information, the reports of United States and State courts and the Statutes of Ohio, the author has had access to the valuable collection of newspapers, pamphlets and documents in the possession of the Western Reserve Historical Society, at Cleveland, and is greatly indebted to the officers of that Society for the facilities they have afforded for conducting his investigation. This fine collection might (and should) be further enriched, if individuals, who have preserved files of local newspapers and periodicals, pamphlets, diaries, and private correspondence concerning public affairs, would give