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I.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME AND OBJECTS.

Section 1. The name of this society shall be the Illinois State Historical Society.

Sec. 2. The objects to be sought by this society shall be:

(1) To search out and preserve in permanent form for the use of the people of the State of Illinois facts and data in the history of the State, and of each county thereof, including the prehistoric periods and the history of the aboriginal inhabitants, together with biographies of distinguished persons who have rendered services to the people of the State.

(2) To accumulate and preserve for like use books, pamphlets, newspapers and documents bearing upon the foregoing topics.

(3) To publish from time to time for like uses its own transactions as well as such facts and documents bearing upon its objects as it may secure.

(4) To accumulate for like use such articles of historic interest as may bear upon the history of persons and places within the State.

(5) To receive by gift, grant, devise, bequest or purchase, books, libraries, museums, monies and real property and other property in aid of the above objects.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1. Any person may become an active member of the society on payment of the initiation fee of one dollar.

Sec. 2. The annual fee for active members shall be one dollar.

Sec. 3. Any person eligible for active membership may become a life member on payment of a fee of twenty-five dollars. Life members shall be exempt from the payment of annual membership fees.

Sec. 4. Honorary membership may be conferred upon any person who has distinguished himself or herself by services or contributions to the society or to the cause of history, upon the nomination of the President and confirmation of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE III.—MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. The annual meeting of the society shall be held at such time and place in the month of January as may be designated by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be called by the President.

Sec. 3. At any meeting of the society the attendance of ten members entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The officers of the society shall be a President, such Vice-Presidents as may be deemed best by the society, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Executive Committee consisting of the President, the Secretary and five other members of the society. This Executive Committee shall also constitute the Board of Trustees of the society.

Sec. 2. All the officers of the society shall be elected by ballot annually at the regular annual meeting in January, except that the society may designate particular officers to be elected for an indeterminate period.

Sec. 3. The duties of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be those usually appertaining to such officers. The Secretary shall also act as Secretary of the Executive Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to prepare the programs for the annual meetings of the society and to perform such other functions as may from time to time be entrusted to it by the society.

Sec. 4. The Executive Committee shall at each annual meeting present through the Secretary a report on the finances of the society and on its work during the preceding year, together with such recommendations as may seem to them appropriate.

ARTICLE V.—INCORPORATION.—BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees shall at an early date cause the society to be legally incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois; shall have general charge and control of all the property of the society; shall make and approve all its contracts; shall direct the Librarian in the selection and purchase of books and other historical matter; shall see to the carrying out of all orders of the society and shall perform all duties prescribed by the by-laws.

ARTICLE VI.—AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of the society present at the annual meeting: Provided, that at least thirty days prior to the holding of such annual meeting the Secretary shall send to the members of the society notice of such proposed amendments.

II.

LIST OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ILLINOIS STATE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

OFFICERS.

President, Hiram W. Beckwith, Danville; Vice-President, John F. Snyder, Virginia; Honorary Vice-Presidents: John N. Jewett, Chicago (president of the Chicago Historical Society); William Voeke, Chicago (president of the German-American Historical Society of Illinois); J. O. Cunningham, Urbana (president of the Champaign County Historical Society); George P. Davis, Bloomington (president of the McLean County Historical Society); Harvey B. Hurd, Evanston (president of the Evanston Historical Society); Secretary and Treasurer, Everts B. Greene, University of Illinois; Executive Committee: The President; the Secretary; George N. Black, Springfield; J. H. Burnham, Bloomington; McKendee H. Chamberlain, Lebanon; Edmund D. James, University of Chicago; David McCulloch, Peoria.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Dr. Robert Boal, Lacon; Judge James B. Bradwell, Chicago; Mrs. Benjamin S. Edwards, Springfield; Hon. Charles P. Johnson, St. Louis; *General John A. McClernand, Mrs. John A. McClernand, Springfield; *General John M. Palmer, Mrs. John M. Palmer, Springfield; *General James M. Ruggles, Havana; *Mrs. John T. Stuart, Springfield; Mr. R. G. Thwaites, Madison, Wisconsin.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Horace G. Anderson, Peoria; James S. Barclay, Oak Park; H. E. Barker, Springfield; H. W. Beckwith, Danville; George N. Black, Springfield; J. H. Brevoort, Rutland; Mrs. C. C. Brown, Springfield; W. R. Brydges, Elgin; W. L. Burnap, Lake Forest University, Lake Forest; J. H. Burnham, Bloomington; J. M. Bush, Pittsfield; Charles L. Capen, Bloomington; M. H. Chamberlain, McKendee College, Lebanon; Clinton T. Conkling, Springfield; J. S. Cook, Leroy; Mrs. Harriett Palmer Crabbe, Springfield; J. O. Cunningham, Urbana; J. Seymour Currey, Evanston; J. P. Cushing, Knox College, Galesburg; George P. Davis, Bloomington; J. McCan Davis, Springfield; Philip L. Dieffenbacher, Havana; Charles A. Dilg, Chicago; N. C. Dougherty, Peoria; Mrs. Julia Mills Dunn, Moline; Richard Edwards, Bloomington; Albert Judson Fisher, Chicago; Stephen A. Forbes, University of Illinois, Urbana; A. W. French, Springfield; D. M. Funk, Bloomington; Hon. Lafayette Funk, Bloomington; T. M. Garrett, Chicago; Everts B. Greene, University of Illinois, Urbana; H. H. Greene, Bloomington; J. N. Gridley, Virginia, Ill.; W. L. Gross, Springfield; James Haines, Pekin, Ill.; Logan Hay, Springfield; John G. Henderson, Chicago; E. J. James, University of Chicago, Chicago; J. A. James, Northwestern University, Evanston; Dr. William Jayne, Springfield; Miss Emma F. Jones, Springfield; Charles P. Kane, Springfield; William F. Lodge, Monticello; Walter F.

* Deceased.

Manny, Mt. Sterling; G. M. McConnel, Chicago; David McCulloch, Peoria; E. L. Merritt, Springfield; Richard W. Mills, Virginia; John R. Moss, Mt. Vernon; W. I. Norton, Alton; Alfred Orendorff, Springfield; John B. Orendorff, Bloomington; E. C. Page, Normal School, DeKalb; C. M. Parker, Taylorville; J. N. Perrin, Lebanon; Frederick C. Pierce, Chicago; Ezra M. Prince, Bloomington; J. W. Putnam, Illinois College, Jacksonville; Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, Chicago; Edgar S. Scott, Springfield; Paul Selby, Chicago; R. D. Sheppard, Evanston; George W. Smith, State Normal School, Carbondale; E. A. Snively, Springfield; Dr. J. F. Snyder, Virginia; E. E. Sparks, University of Chicago, Chicago; S. S. Spear, Springfield; Arthur K. Stearns, Waukegan; F. E. Stevens, Chicago; Bernard Stuvé, Springfield; Miss Maude Thayer, Springfield; Mrs. Eliza F. H. Tomlin, Jacksonville; Hon. Wm. Vocke, Chicago; Dr. H. N. Waite, Decatur; Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber, Springfield; Simeon H. West, Monmouth; Mrs. Katherine Goss Wheeler, Springfield; S. P. Wheeler, Springfield; G. F. Wightman, Lacon; E. S. Wilcox, Peoria; Charles T. Wyckoff, Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria.