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STATE OF CONNECTICUT, GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1901.

AN ACT INCORPORATING

The Middlesex County Historical Society.

*Resolved by this Assembly:*

SECTION 1. That Wilbur O. Atwater, Edwin P. Augur, James H. Bunce, James H. Bunce, Jr., Walter P. Bradley, Clarence E. Bacon, Eugène H. Burr, Dale D. Butler, Morris B. Crawford, O. Vincent Coffin, Seward V. Coffin, Herbert L. Camp, George A. Craig, Frank A. Coles, George A. Coles, Albert R. Crittenden, Richard L. de Zeng, Edward C. Douglas, Elmer G. Derby, Joseph T. Elliott, Richard C. Fagau, E. Burton Fall, Frederick W. Greene, Fred E. Gibbons, Elijah K. Hubbard, Azel W. Hazen, Frank D. Haines, E. Kent Hubbard, Jr., Walter B. Hubbard, Daniel T. Haines, Louis de Koven Hubbard, George H. Hulbert, Charles E. Jackson, Edward Q. Jackson, Delmar R. Lowell, C. Bingham Leach, Lyman A. Mills, Revilo C. Markham, Addison G. McKee, George T. Meech, G. Ellsworth Meech, Henry L. Mansfield, D. Ward Northrop, Charles Alfred Pelton, Wesley U. Pearne, Charles Abner Pelton, John Gideon Palmer, Samuel Russell, Samuel Russell, Jr., T. Macdonough Russell, William North Rice, Frank Farnsworth Starr, William

W. Van Deusen, James C. Van Benschoten, John M. Van Vleck, Frank B. Weeks, Clarence S. Wadsworth, Henry Woodward, Charles R. Woodward, Frank C. Whittlesey, H. Charles Whittlesey, William W. Wilcox, William W. Wilcox, Jr., together with such other persons as are now or hereafter may be associated with them, with their successors, be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, to be located at Middletown, for the purpose of promoting the study of historical and genealogical subjects in general, and especially in relation to said county, and for the collection and preservation of objects illustrative of history.

SEC. 2. Said corporation shall have power to make and adopt a constitution and such by-laws as it may from time to time deem best, regulating thereby all matters concerning the objects, membership, and government of said corporation, and shall have such other powers as belong to a corporation under the laws of this state.

SEC. 3. Said corporation may purchase, hold, convey or mortgage any real or personal estate to an amount not at any time exceeding fifty thousand dollars, which, together with the income thereof, used for the purposes aforesaid, shall be exempt from taxation.

SEC. 4. Said corporation shall meet once each year in the town of Middletown for the election of such officers as shall be prescribed by the by-laws: *provided*,

*however*, that in case of failure to hold said meeting, or to elect its officers, said corporation shall not thereby be dissolved, and said officers shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 5. The first annual meeting of said corporation shall be held at such time and place in said Middletown as shall be designated by Rev. A. W. Hazen, Albert R. Crittenden, and George A. Craig, or any two of them, five days' notice thereof being given by them by mail to each member of the society, and thereafter, annual meetings and all other meetings shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws of said society.

Approved April 18, 1901.

*State of Connecticut,* )  
*Office of the Secretary,* ) ss.

I, Charles G. R. Vinai, Secretary of the State of Connecticut, and keeper of the seal thereof, and of the original record of the Acts and Resolutions of the General Assembly of said state, do hereby certify that I have compared the annexed copy of the Resolution incorporating THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, with the original record of the same now remaining in this office, and have found the said copy to be a correct and complete transcript thereof. And I further certify, that the said original record is a public record of the said State of Connecticut, now remaining in this office.





In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said state at Hartford, this 15th day of May, 1901.

CHAS. G. R. VINAL,  
*Secretary.*

The following names were added to the list of membership before acceptance of charter:

Mary A. H. Bunce, John Charles Broatch, Ellen E. Coffin, Jennie M. Clark, Alice Gray Derby, Samuel Hart, D. D., Mary T. Hazen, Walter C. Jones, Mary Elizabeth Lyman, Ernest Arthur Markham, M. D., John Hall Sage, Orrin E. Stoddard, Elizabeth S. Wilcox, Emerett Elizabeth Wilcox Payne, Mary H. Wilson, Bradford Paul Raymond.



## BY-LAWS

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### The Middlesex County Historical Society.

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#### ARTICLE I.

##### MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The Society shall consist of Resident, Corresponding, and Honorary Members.

Resident members shall be inhabitants or former inhabitants of Middlesex County, or descendants of such inhabitants or former inhabitants, and no other members shall be entitled to vote in any meeting of the Society, or to hold any office in said Society.

Persons not inhabitants of Middlesex County may be admitted as Corresponding or Honorary Members, and shall not be subject to any admission fee or tax.

Honorary members shall be persons who may have rendered important service in historical inquiry or literature.

SECTION 2. All candidates for membership shall be nominated by the Committee on Membership, at least one calendar month before their election. The vote on the election of members shall be taken by ballot at a regular meeting of the Society. Whenever two ballots

appear against the admission of any person whose name has been proposed, such name shall be referred back to the Committee on Membership. If said Committee renew the nomination, a ballot may be taken thereon at the next regular meeting. If two-thirds of the ballots cast are in the affirmative, such person shall be admitted to membership.

SECTION 3. Applicants for resident membership shall pay an admission fee of three dollars (\$3) which shall accompany their application and be in lieu of all dues for the current year. In case of rejection, the fee shall be returned.

Annual dues shall be two dollars (\$2) which shall be due and payable at the annual meeting.

Any member may become a life member upon the payment of twenty-five dollars (\$25), which shall be accepted in lieu of all annual dues.

Failure to pay the annual dues for two consecutive years, shall operate as a forfeiture of membership and a withdrawal from the Society.

SECTION 4. Every resident member upon admission to the Society, shall be presented by the Secretary with a copy of these by-laws, and the acceptance of the same by such member shall be considered an acceptance of the foregoing provision in regard to the forfeiture of membership.