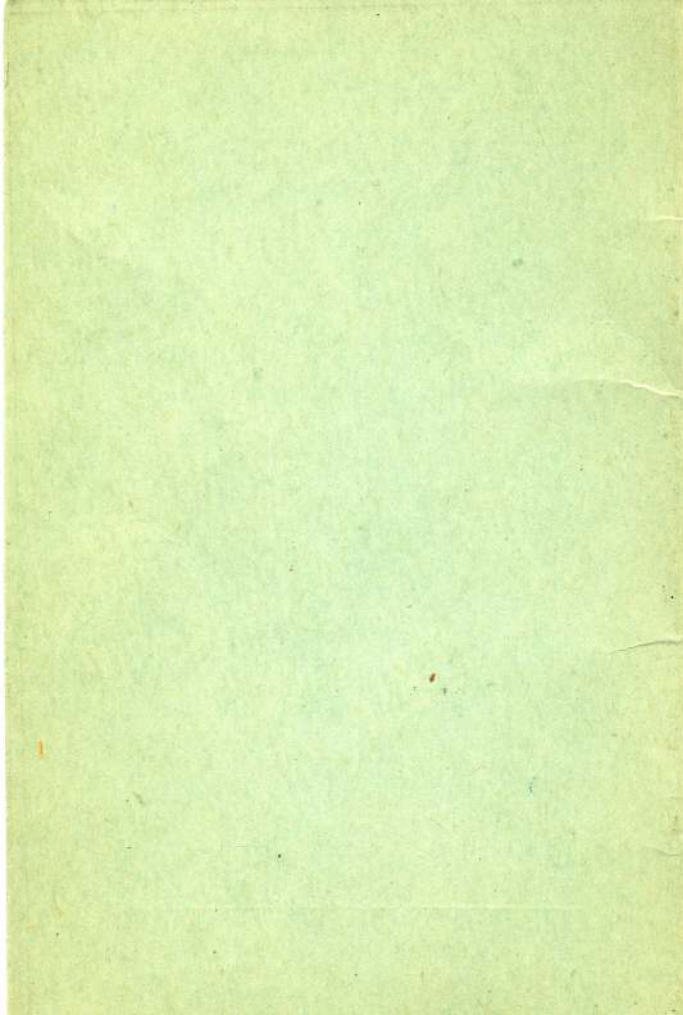


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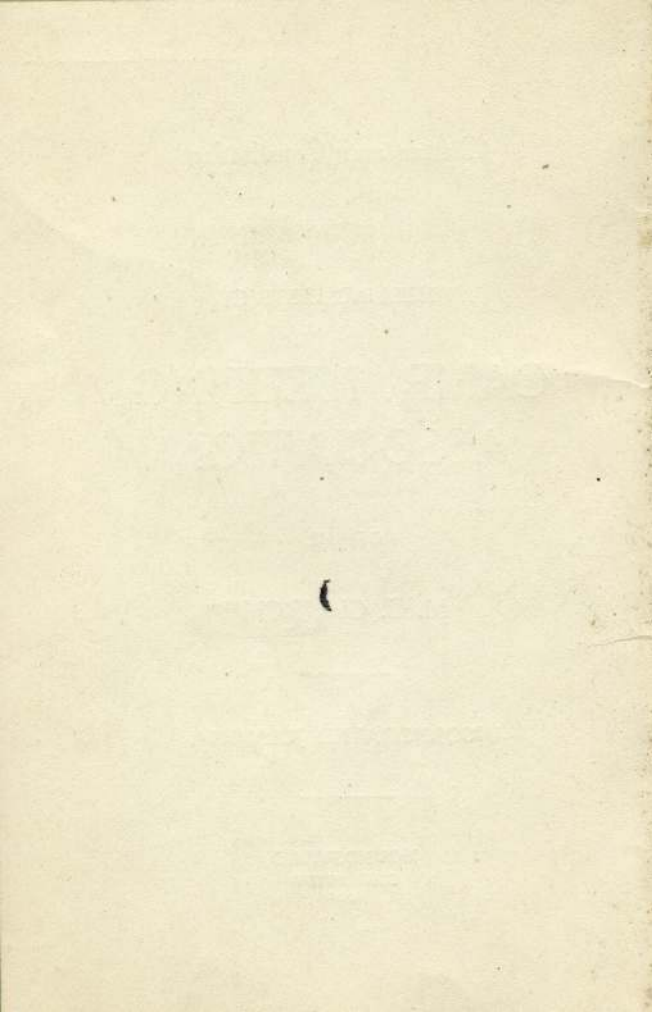
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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
Wheeling District Camp Meeting Association

The undersigned agree to become a Corporation by the name of "Wheeling District Camp Meeting Association," for the purpose of benevolence and charity, and for the further purpose of promoting religious exercises, and conferring benefits upon its members and others, and for these purposes, desire authority to purchase, hold, lease, sell and convey real property to the value of Ten Thousand Dollars, and personal property to the value of Ten Thousand Dollars.

Given under our hands this 26th day of June, A. D. 1874.

D. R. Bell,
Joshua A. Lancaster,
James Bodley,
Franklin Ball,
Samuel Jepson,
Arthur Little,
George Edwards,
W. P. Gibson,
M. Dunn,
John S. Riggs.

State of West Virginia, }
Ohio County, to-wit: }

I, John R Charnock, a Justice of the Peace in and for Ohio county, do certify that D. R. Bell, Joshua A. Lancaster, Jas. Bodley, Franklin Ball, Samuel Jepson and Arthur Little, whose names are signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1874, have this day acknowledged the same before me in the county aforesaid.

Given under my hand, this 30th day of June, 1874.

John H. Charnock, J. P.

State of West Virginia, }
County of Ohio, to-wit: }

I, John H. Charnock, a Justice of said county, do certify that M. Dunn, George Edwards, and W. P. Gibson, whose names are signed to the foregoing writing bearing date on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1874, have this day acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 9th day of July, 1874.

John H. Charnock, J. P.

State of West Virginia, }
 County of Marshall, to-wit: }

I, Wm. Blake, a Justice of said county, do certify that John S. Riggs, whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1874, has this day acknowledged the same before me, in the county aforesaid.

Given under my hand, this 10th day of July, 1874.

Wm. Blake, J. P.

WEST VIRGINIA, }
 CLERK'S OFFICE }
 Marshall County Court, }
 July 11th, 1874. }

The foregoing agreement and certificates were this day received in my office for record, and being duly certified as within, the said agreement and certificates are this day admitted to record, and a certificate of incorporation is granted to the parties therein named, for the purposes therein stated and set forth.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at my office in Moundsville, this 11th day of July A. D. 1874.

Teste: Thos. Finn, Clerk.

Wheeling District Camp Meeting Association

OFFICERS.

Rev. Geo. E. Hite, President
 Rev. Spencer King, . . Vice-President
 H. P. McGregor, Recording Secretary
 J. A. Ewing,
 Corresponding Secretary
 H. F. Jones, Treasurer

Executive Committee.

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| Rev. G. E. Hite, | H. F. Jones, |
| Rev. Spencer King, | Hugh Sterling |
| H. P. McGregor, | N. W. Beck, |
| J. A. Ewing, | J. W. Bodley. |

Improvement and Ground Committee

Hugh Sterling, Chairman.

Real Estate Committee.

N. W. Beck, Chairman.

Committee on Finance and Accounts.

James W. Bodley, Chairman.

Board of Directors.

One Year.

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| J. Alex. Ewing, | Arthur Little, |
| Geo. Edwards, | Dr. J. W. Morris, |
| Hugh Sterling, | Joseph A. Bodley. |

Two Years.

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| Wm. Hastings, | W. H. Travis, |
| Thos. Finn, | James Bodley, |
| Alfred Games, | H. F. Jones. |

Three Years.

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| A. L. Pelley, | N. W. Beck, |
| J. W. Bodley, | J. A. Lancaster, |
| Luke Fitton, | Michael Dunn. |

Four Years.

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| Rev. G. E. Hite, | H. P. McGregor, |
| Rev. Spencer King | D. R. Brooks, |
| Rev. W. E. Rippey, | C. C. Mathews. |

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
Wheeling District Camp Meeting Association

ARTICLE I.

Name.

This corporation shall be known by the name of the Wheeling District Camp Meeting Association.

ARTICLE II.

Object.

The objects of this Association are to provide and suitably arrange grounds for the purpose of holding Camp Meetings according to the custom and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for Benevolence and Charity, and conferring benefit on its members and others.

ART III

Organization

Sec. 1. The Board of Directors of this Association shall consist of eighteen members; twelve of whom shall be

elected from the stockholders of the association. Six of these twelve shall be lay members of the Methodist Episcopal church and shall reside within the bounds of the Wheeling District. Three of the twelve shall be elected for one year, three for two years, three for three years, and three for four years.

Sec. 2. The other six members of the Board shall consist of the District Superintendent of the Wheeling District, and five ministers of his selection to be named annually at the regular meeting in October.

Sec. 3.—After the first election under this revised constitution there shall be elected annually as members of this Board three stockholders whose term of office shall be for four years.

Sec. 4. The members of this Board shall be elected annually by ballot, on the first Tuesday next succeeding the beginning of Camp Meeting, between the hours of four o'clock p. m. and seven o'clock p. m.

Sec. 5. The Board, shall at a meeting previous to the annual election, appoint a committee of three who shall conduct the said election, and count the vote and certify the result to said Board, all of which shall be

recorded by the Recording Secretary on the record book.

ART. IV.

Stockholders

The persons in whose names the lots are entered in the books of the association shall be the stockholders of the association; and every stockholder shall be entitled to cast one vote each for the number of persons to be elected on said Board.

ART V.

Officers and Their Duties

At the meeting in October of each year the members of the Board shall elect, by ballot, from among their own number, a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and the chairman of each standing committee, to serve till their successors are duly elected. A majority of the votes cast shall be required to elect any officer.

ARTICLE VI.

President.

The President shall preside at all

meetings of the Board, but in his absence this duty shall be performed by the Vice-President, but in case both are absent, the members present may select a president pro tem.

ARTICLE VII.

Recording Secretary.

The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of this Association and Executive Committee, and issue all notices. He shall have the custody of all books, papers, deeds of trust, policies of insurance, and all other papers belonging to the Association. He shall keep a correct account of the financial condition of this Association; shall collect all moneys due said Association and pay the same to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same, and charge said Treasurer with the amount paid him; to give in writing to the chairman of each Standing Committee the name of each member of said committee; and shall receive such compensation as the Board may deem just.

ARTICLE VIII.**Corresponding Secretary.**

The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to all the correspondence of this Association.

ARTICLE IX.**Treasurer.**

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys paid into the Association from the Recording Secretary, giving his receipt for the same; pay out money only upon order of the Board, and when such orders are signed by the President and Recording Secretary. He shall make a written report of the financial condition of the Association at the regular meetings, or oftener, if required; he shall give bond with security in such sum as the Board may deem proper.

ARTICLE X.**Contracts.**

The President and Recording Secretary shall, by order of the Board, sign all written contracts of the Association.

ART XI**Term of Office.**

The term of office of three of the elective members of the Board shall expire on the third Tuesday of October, annually, providing however, that their successors have been elected according to article III. of this constitution; and, in case of no election as contemplated by said article, they, the old Board shall hold over and exercise all the duties of their office until their successors have been duly elected.

ART XII**Meetings Of The Board.**

Sec. 1 The regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the third Tuesday of June and October of each year. The June meeting shall be held on the Camp ground, and the October meeting shall be held in the city of Wheeling.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be called by the President or by five members of the Board. Nine shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

ACT XIII**Formation Of Committees.**

All standing committees, except the executive committee shall consist of three members; the chairman of each of these former standing committees naming two other members of the Board to serve with him on said committee. If deemed necessary special committees may be formed by the Board.

ARTICLE XIV.

Each standing committee shall have power and authority to transact all business connected with the work of said committee, in sums not to exceed twenty-five dollars, and all moneys expended by committees shall be reported by them in detail to the Board.

ARTICLE XV.**Standing Committees.**

1. Executive Committee.
2. Committee on Improvement and Grounds.
3. Committee on Real Estate.
4. Auditing Committee.

ARTICLE XVI.**Formation and Duties of Executive Committee.**

Sec. 1. The officers of this Association, together with the chairman of each standing committee shall constitute the Executive Committee, five of whom shall be a quorum.

Sec. 2. They shall make, annually, the General Rules that shall govern the Camp Meeting, except those relating to the Public Worship.

Sec. 3. They shall fix the price of admission of persons and teams to the grounds, appoint and have charge of the police force, appoint gate keepers, and dispose of all privileges.

ART. XVII**Duties of Committee on Improvement
And Grounds.**

Sec. 1 To see that the grounds are properly prepared, graded and drained; that the trees are preserved and protected.

Sec. 2 To see that roadways, walks and bridges are in proper condition.

Sec. 3 To see that auditoriums,

seating, fencing, outhouses, water and water pipes, fountains, bath houses, and boats are all in good condition at least thirty days before the opening of the Camp Meeting, and to keep the grounds in good sanitary condition.

Sec. 4. To superintend all improvements made on the grounds.

Sec. 5. To take care of all property belonging to the association, to have charge and care of all gas fixtures, gas lines, and all matters pertaining to the furnishing of gas on the grounds; to have charge of the lake and all matters connected therewith, keeping an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures, and reporting the same to the Recording Secretary at such times as he may demand; to direct the Superintendent of the grounds in regard to his duties as to the removal of garbage, leaves, &c., and to have him perform such other work as they may direct; and to report to the board at such times as it may demand.

ART XVIII.

Duties of Committee on Real Estate.

Sec. 1 They shall determine the value of all lots on the grounds of

the Association on the basis of the report of the Committee on Valuation, made and accepted August 15, 1882, and make assessments on the assessed value of all lots, as said Board may direct.

Sec. 2. They shall assign places to be occupied by cottages and all other buildings of whatever character.

Sec. 3. To grant permits to all applicants of good character and standing to occupy cottages on the grounds.

Sec. 4. To see that all cottages are kept in proper repair or are removed from the grounds; to pass on the construction of new cottages; and to decide as to the safety of cottages in reference to fires.

ART XIX

Duties of The Auditing Committee.

To audit all accounts against the association, to examine the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Association at least ten days prior to the October meeting of the Board, making to said meeting a full report of all their proceedings, and to attend to such financial matters as the Board may direct.

ART XX**Committee on Public Worship.**

Sec. 1. This Committee shall consist of seven members; the Superintendent of the Wheeling District being a member and chairman ex-officio, three ministers and three laymen of the Methodist Episcopal church, all members of this Board. The latter six members of this committee shall be elected at the regular meeting in October each year.

This committee shall invite help for the Camp Meeting when authorized by the Board, or may correspond with parties with a view to securing them whenever the committee may deem best.

Sec. 2. This committee shall have charge of the religious services of the Camp meeting; and the Superintendent shall preside at the Camp Meetings and at all meetings of this committee.

Sec. 3. Should the Committee on Public Worship fail to discharge its duties, then the subject of holding a Camp Meeting shall revert to the Board.

ART XXI**Special Committee on Preachers'
Cottage**

This committee shall consist of five ladies who shall have charge of the furniture, bedclothes, etc., of the Preachers' Cottage; may engage parties to keep it in order during the meeting; and shall see that the beds are clean and comfortable. The chairman of this committee shall keep a list of property in said cottage and report the same to the Committee on Improvement and Grounds prior to the October meeting. The Committee on Improvement and Grounds shall buy all needful articles for said cottage.

ARTICLE XXII.**Lease on Grounds.**

The Board shall give to persons who are approved and acceptable to said Board a lease on the lot or lots that may be selected by said persons, for a term of years not to exceed ninety-nine from the date of the purchase of said lot or lots.

ART XXIII.**Payments and Assessments.**

Sec. 1. The stockholders of this Association shall pay annually or otherwise, as the Board may direct, the yearly payments on their lots until the assessed values on said lots have been fully paid, when it shall be the duty of the President and Secretary to give to such lot holders leases on their lots according to Article XXIII of this Constitution.

Sec. 2. For the purpose of improvements on the grounds of the Association, the Board shall have power to levy an assessment on all lots assigned by the Association at a rate not to exceed eight per cent per annum on the assessed value of the lots. These assessments are due August 1st, of each year, and if not paid by the 1st of January succeeding thereto, interest shall be charged on the same at the rate of six per cent per annum from the date of the bills.

ARTICLE XXIV.**Building Cottages.**

The Association may, under proper articles of agreement, grant to

any person, or persons, who may be acceptable to said Association, the privilege of building on the grounds of said Association any cottage, or cottages, or other building, which said person, or company of persons, may desire to erect for rent or other proper purposes.

ARTICLE XXV.

Rent or Transfer of Cottage.

Sec. 1. Any stockholder in this Association, who from any cause shall be unable to occupy his cottage during any camp meeting, may rent the same, only however after having obtained the consent of the Committee on Real Estate.

Sec. 2. Stockholders in this Association shall not rent, lease, nor in any manner transfer their cottage to another except as permission is given said transfer by the Committee on Real Estate.

ART XXVI.

Encroachment on Streets

No one shall be permitted to build on or in any manner encroach upon

parks, avenues, streets or alleys on these grounds, except permission be given by a two thirds vote of all the members of this Board. Nor shall the Board permit any building, porch or platform to extend more than three feet beyond the line of any park, avenue street or alley.

ARTICLE XXVII.

Proxy Vote.

Whenever stockholders for any cause are unable to attend the annual election of members of the Board of Directors of the Association, they may vote by proxy at said election, authority being given in writing to said proxy.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

Collection of Taxes.

The taxes on the lots of delinquent stockholders may be collected under the statutes of the State of West Virginia.

ARTICLE XXIX.

Amendments to the Constitution.

This Constitution may be altered

or amended by the vote of a majority of the stockholders, notice of the proposed amendment being given the Board in writing at a regular meeting of said Board, which amendment shall be submitted to the said stockholders as soon as practicable.

ARTICLE XXX.

Order of Business.

1, Prayer. 2, Calling the roll. 3, Reading of minutes. 4, Reading of letters, petitions, remonstrances, etc. 5, Reports of standing committees. 6, Reports of special committees. 7, Unfinished business. 8, New business.

ART XXXI.

This revised Constitution shall be in full force immediately after its ratification by the stock holders of the Association.

Revised July 21, 1908.

D. T. Williams,

J. T. Goodwin,

W H. Chapman,

Committee on Revision.

