

ARTICLE IV.

Of Officers and Elections.—The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice President and Secretary, to be elected annually at the Anniversary Meeting.

This Society then proceeded to the election of officers, whereupon the following gentlemen were chosen to office :

For President, Jos. Williams, Sr.; for Vice President, Thomas Burdett; for Secretary, Theodore S. Parvin.

“HAWKEYE PIONEER ASSOCIATION OF DES MOINES COUNTY, IOWA.”

ORGANIZED JANUARY 2D, 1858.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Association is originated for the purpose of commemorating by an annual celebration, and otherwise, (as may be directed by the By-Laws,) the early settlement of Iowa by the White Inhabitants.

ARTICLE II.

The condition of membership shall be a *residence in Iowa prior to June 1st, A. D. 1840*, (the anniversary day of the surrender by the Indians to the Whites of the “Black-Hawk Purchase,” being June 1st, A. D. 1833,) and a *resident of Des Moines County* at the time of signing the Constitution; also, the payment of one dollar and subscription to this Constitution :

Provided, however, That the term of membership may be changed at any regular meeting of the members :

Provided, further, That this Association may change or

amend this Constitution, public notice having been given for that purpose in some paper printed in Burlington.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, and six Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Marshal of the Day; and all the business of this Association shall be managed and controlled by the President and Vice Presidents as a Board. They are to be elected annually, and are to appoint all other Officers, such as Secretaries, Treasurer, Marshal and Committees, and are hereby empowered to fill all vacancies by death, departure or resignation of any Officer, and a majority of the Board shall at all times constitute a quorum.

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The regular meetings of the members for the election of Officers shall be on the Annual Celebration in June, but the first Board of Officers shall be chosen now.

ARTICLE V.

The Board may assemble themselves to transact business, or call meetings of the members, whenever they deem it necessary, and they are empowered to make any By-Laws and Regulations deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VI.

There shall be a Record kept of the names of the members, with the date of their arrival in Iowa, and a Record of the Doings of this Association, which shall be preserved by the Secretary, and perpetuated from year to year.

ARTICLE VII.

The *first* Celebration of this Association shall be on the 22d day of February, 1858, or such day as the Board may direct, and thereafter, annually, on the first Wednesday of June, (the day on which the Indians surrendered the Territory to the Whites, being June 1st, 1833.)

ARTICLE VII.

Corresponding members may be appointed from persons residing out of the County of Des Moines, who were residents of Iowa on June 1st, 1840.

OFFICERS.

President, Hon. David Rorer; Vice Presidents, Henry W. Starr, Esq., James McKell, Esq., Col. John S. David, Elbridge G. Leffler, Esq., A. W. Carpenter, Esq., Evan Evans, Esq.; Secretary, William Garrett, Esq.; Corresponding Secretary, Johnson Pierson, Esq.; Treasurer, Thomas Hedge, Esq.

MONTROSE APPLE TREES.

[From the Iowa State Register.]

I have been informed that some interest has been elicited on the part of the public, by the publication in the *Register* of two or three communications from different persons, relative to a number of apple trees *still living* on the Mississippi River a short distance below the town of Montrose (formerly Fort Des Moines), in Lee county. The place is called in that neighborhood the "old apple orchard." I have not had an opportunity to read either of the communications, and therefore cannot judge as to their truthfulness, or to what extent the writers may have drawn upon their imagination to cover the history of the trees in mystery.

Having lived near these trees (a part of the time in sight of them) for more than a quarter of a century, I can testify to the fact that the apple trees are there, and that they have not been barren cumberers of the ground, but have been as prolific from year to year as most of their species. I have often eaten of their fruit, and can bear testimony that it is very good. But the question that interests the public is, how came

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