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## CONSTITUTION OF THE PIONEER SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION OF SCOTT COUNTY, IOWA.

ORGANIZED, JANUARY 30TH, 1858.

### PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, It was our destiny to be Pioneers in the settlement of this fair and fertile section of our State, and

WHEREAS, Our lives have been bounteously lengthened out through the honorable conflict of the past to enjoy the prosperity of the present, and

WHEREAS, The number of Pioneers is rapidly decreasing and must soon be removed by death from the scene of their struggles and triumphs, and

WHEREAS, We feel a just pride in gathering and preserving the memories of a settlement that has resulted in a growth and development so great, and feeling that the recollection of the past, the felicity of the present and hopes of the future, link us together as a brotherhood, we do now ordain and establish this Constitution.

### ARTICLE 1.

#### NAME.

This association shall be called "The Pioneer Settlers' Association of Scott County."

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## ARTICLE II.

## OFFICERS.

The officers shall be a President, ten Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

## ARTICLE III.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Association, preserve order therein, and in case of an equal division upon any question, give the casting vote. He shall call special meetings of the Association when such may be necessary, and also when requested by any five members of the Association.

SEC. 2. In case of the absence of the President, or his inability to act, the senior Vice-President shall perform his duties.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary of the Association shall keep a true record of its proceedings, and shall keep a register called the Pioneers' Register, and perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned him.

SEC. 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall receive, and read to the Association, and answer all communications addressed to it; and shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned him.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall have charge of the finances of the Association, and collect and disburse all money, and render an account at the expiration of his term of office, and hand over all money, books and papers to his successor.

SEC. 6. The present officers shall hold their respective offices until the meeting of the Association, next preceding the Annual Festival, which meeting shall be held each year on the first Monday of February. All officers shall be elected annually at that meeting, by ballot or in such other manner as the Association may direct.

## ARTICLE IV.

## COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. After each annual election, the President shall appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of five members, whose duty it shall be to provide for the Annual Festival and this committee shall take charge of, and regulate all matters pertaining thereto.

SEC. 2. The President at the same time, shall appoint a committee of three members, whose duty it shall be to select a suitable person to deliver an address before the Association on the day of the next succeeding Annual Festival.

## ARTICLE V.

## MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. All male persons who are now residents of Scott county, and who were residents of said county on or before the thirty-first day of December, A. D., 1840, or who married wives who were residents as above, and who are of good moral character, are eligible to membership.

SEC. 2. Names of persons proposed for admission shall be handed in in writing, and be announced to the Association; whereupon the President shall appoint a committee of three members to examine into the qualifications of the applicant, which committee shall report at the same meeting, if possible. If such report be favorable, the Association shall vote upon the question of his admission, and the applicant shall be rejected if one-third of the members present shall vote against him.

SEC. 3. Every member shall sign this Constitution, and pay to the Treasurer one dollar at the time of doing so, and one dollar annually thereafter, and such assessments as may be from time to time imposed upon him by the Association.

SEC. 4. All persons who were residents of Scott county on or before the 31st day of December, A. D., 1840, and who have since become non-residents, as well as pioneer settlers in other parts of this State, and any other States or Territories, may be elected honorary members in the same manner above provided for the election of members.

## ARTICLE VI.

## EXPULSION.

SEC. 1. Any member may be expelled for such cause as two-thirds of the members present may deem sufficient.

## ARTICLE VII.

## FESTIVAL ADDRESS.

SEC. 1. There shall be an Annual Festival of the Society, to be held in the City of Davenport, on the 22d of February, each year during the continuance of this Society. If the day above fixed shall fall on Sunday in any year, the Festival shall occur on Saturday preceding, or the Monday succeeding, as the Executive Committee shall determine.

SEC. 2. Every member, and honorary member, and the wives of such, and the widows of pioneer settlers, are entitled to be present at the Festival, and no other persons are so entitled unless by vote of Society. Any member may bring a daughter, or other female relative in lieu of his wife.

SEC. 3. There shall be an Annual Public Address before the Association on the Festival, to be delivered by such person as may be selected by a committee of three, to be appointed for that purpose.

## ARTICLE VII.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

SEC. 1. The Corresponding Secretary shall address kindred Societies in this and adjoining States by letter, giving the particulars of the proceedings of the Annual Festival, and soliciting replies of the same nature, to be read at the next Festival of the Association.

SEC. 2. Whenever practicable, the members of this Society shall attend in a body, the funeral of any deceased member, and as a token of respect, shall wear the usual badge of mourning.

SEC. 3 The Recording Secretary shall provide a book known as the "Pioneer Register," in which shall be registered the name, age, place of nativity, occupation, date of settlement here, and date and place of death of each member, when such death shall occur, and he shall also register the same facts as far as may be in regard to such pioneer settlers as have deceased or become non-residents. The Recording Secretary shall ascertain from the members the above facts, as respects themselves, at the time of the signing the Constitution.

SEC. 4. This Constitution shall not be amended except by an affirmative-vote of three-fourths of all the members of the Association present, and unless such proposition for amendment shall have been before the Society, in writing, at least at one meeting previous to any action upon it by Association.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of every member of this Association to furnish within six months from the time of his admission, a brief memoir of his life, which shall embrace date, and place of birth, incidents of youth, reasons and motives for immigration to this State, jottings down of his personal experience in Pioneer and Western life, and such other matters and recollections pertinent to the objects of this Association as he may deem proper to communicate, which memoir shall be delivered to the Recording Secretary, and by him be carefully filed and preserved as the property of the Association.

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