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## ORGANIZATION OF ASSOCIATION OF EARLY SETTLERS.

The early settlers of Dubuque met at Globe Hall, Saturday afternoon pursuant to a call by a committee.

P. A. Lorimier, chairman of former meeting, called the meeting to order and was requested to preside.

C. Childs consented to act as Secretary until the proposed organization was perfected.

Dr. Timothy Mason, of the Committee on Constitution, preceded by very interesting remarks on the objects of such a society. He referred to Dubuque and its appearance thirty years ago and named, from memory, the business men and their location at that date. He believed that such an organization was the most unselfish possible, and would tend to bind the remaining early settlers in stronger ties of friendship and by social interviews soothe the cares of the evening of their lives. The time would be fixed so as to limit the membership and when all had joined who wished to do so, the number would no doubt annually decrease and one by one some face would be missed from the meetings and from the streets, and none can tell who will be the last member whose death shall eventually terminate the society. He delighted to meet the early settlers and congratulate each other on the growth of the city and the prosperity around it.

The following is the CONSTITUTION as adopted.

WHEREAS, In the Providence of God we became pioneers in the settlement of the rich and fertile county of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, The number of early settlers is fast decreasing

and many of us will soon go to that "bourne from whence no traveler returns;" and

WHEREAS, We desire to gather and preserve the memory of a settlement that has grown so rapidly, and has been so abundantly prospered, and believing that the recollection of the past, the happiness of the present and the hopes of the future, should unite us as a band of brothers, we have formed an association and do now adopt this

#### CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known and designated as The Early Settlers Association of Dubuque County.

ARTICLE II. The officers shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually on the second Saturday in June. Special meetings may be held by adjournment, by call of the President, or on the request of five members.

III. All male persons who are now residents of Dubuque county, and were residents of said county and vicinity on the 4th of July, 1840, are eligible to membership, and shall be considered members after signing this Constitution.

IV. The membership fee shall be one dollar, and fifty cents each year thereafter.

V. The funds of the Association shall be used for defraying incidental expenses, for biographies and for such other purposes as the Association may direct.

President, Timothy Mason; Vice-Presidents, P. A. Lorimer, Patrick Quigley, John King, Edward Langworthy, and Geo. W. Jones.

On motion; Hon. Eliphalet Price, of Clayton county, Ezekiel Lockwood, Esq., Washington, D. C.; Patrick Quigley, Thos. McKnight and C. Childs of Dubuque, were elected honorary members.

J. H. Thedinga was elected Treasurer and C. Childs Secretary

On motion, the President, Secretary and Treasurer were constituted an Executive Committee.

The Chair suggested that it was proper to consider the death of Lucius H. Langworthy—an old friend of the members.

On motion, Gen. Geo. W. Jones, John King and several others were appointed a Committee to prepare resolutions in reference to the death of Mr. Langworthy.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF MR. LANGWORTHY.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in the dispensation of Providence to remove from our midst our most esteemed and respected friend and lifelong neighbor Lucius Hart Langworthy, one of the very earliest settlers of Dububue, than whom none has striven for the prosperity, or cherished the reputation of our city more ardently, and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this Association should pay a merited tribute to his memory.

*Resolved*, That we feel with deep sorrow the loss which this Association and our city has sustained in the death of Mr. Langworthy.

2d, That we cherish the highest respect for the enterprise, the kindness and the generosity of the deceased and that we remember with gratitude his fidelity to whatever was calculated to build up and sustain the interests and institutions of our young and prosperous city.

3d, That he was a representative man of the class who at an early day selected the West as a permanent home—to abide its fortunes whatever they might be—and who while striving to plant and build up the institutions and refinements of advanced civilization, has, by the exercise of a wise foresight, so managed the property he controlled that the poor man could purchase of him a home and a garden, and more such titles have been obtained by his deed than by that of any other citizen.

4th, That while his death was not unexpected, yet we deeply and sincerely sympathize with the afflicted family of the deceased in the melancholy loss they have sustained.

With a view to further express the respect of the society, the following resolutions were adopted.

*Resolved*, That The Early Settlers' Association will attend the funeral of Mr. Langworthy in a body by meeting at the Postoffice at half past one o'clock, June 11th, and then proceeding to the family residence; and that other early settlers of Dubuque are cordially invited to meet with us and join with us in this solemn tribute of respect.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the bereaved family and be offered to the Dubuque papers for publication.

On motion, John King, Geo. O. Karrick, J. R. Goodrich, A. Levi and J. D. Graffort were appointed a committee to consider and report on the matter of a subscription for the purchase of a cane to be presented to the President of the Association, and to be handed down to his last successor.

On motion, the President was instructed to call a meeting of the Association on the death of any member.

On motion, Hon. T. S. Wilson, Geo. O. Karrick, J. R. Goodrich, A. Levi, J. D. Graffort and John King were appointed a committee to consider and report at the next meeting on the interests of the Association, and with a view to a celebration or festival by the Early Settlers.

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#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

*Wanted*.—Journal of the Council Iowa Territory 1840, also Journal, Constitutional Convention of Iowa 1846—Journal Legislative Council of Wisconsin, 1836.

*April No. Annals* 1864.—Wanted by the Editor, several copies of this number.

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