

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
RECORD OF ORGANIZATION
OF
THORNTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

We, the undersigned, all being of lawful age, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of establishing a voluntary corporation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 292 of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated as amended.

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be THORNTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II

The purposes for which his corporation is organized are:

1. To bring together those people interested in history and especially in the history of Thornton, New Hampshire. Understanding that history is basic to our democratic way of life, gives us a better understanding of our state and nation and promotes better appreciation of our American heritage.
2. To discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the area; its exploration, settlement, development and activities in peace and in war; its progress in population, wealth, education, art, science, agriculture, manufactures, trade and transportation.
3. To collect printed material, such as histories, genealogies, biographies, descriptions, gazetteers, directories, newspapers, pamphlets, catalogs, circulars, handbills, programs, and posters; manuscript material such as letters, diaries, journals, memoranda, reminiscences, rosters, service records, account books, charts, surveys and field books; and museum material such as pictures, photographs, paintings portraits, scenes, aboriginal relics; and material objects illustrative of life, conditions, events and activities of the past and present.
4. To provide for the preservation of such material and for its accessibility, as far as may be feasible, to all who wish to examine or study it; to cooperate with officials in insuring the preservation and accessibility of the records and archives of the county and of its cities, towns, villages and institutions and undertake the preservation of historic buildings, monuments and markers.
5. To disseminate historical information and arouse interest in the past by publishing historical material in the newspapers or otherwise, by holding meetings with pageants, addresses, lectures, papers, and discussion; by marking historic buildings, sites

and trails; and by using the media of radios and television **and the internet** to awaken public interest.

6. To cooperate with the state historical society, to collect and preserve materials of statewide significance so that these materials can be made available to students and scholars.

7. To do all things necessary to carry out and accomplish the purposes for which it is organized and chartered; to enter into, make and perform contracts; to apply for, receive and disburse funds from any public or private agency authorized to assist in any such project; to receive and maintain funds, real and personal property, or both; and to use and apply the whole or any part of any income exclusively for charitable, literary or educational purposes; provided, however, that no part of any income shall be used to support any organization, its net earnings, or any part thereof, shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual or any substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

8. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, or officer of the corporation or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, director or officer of the corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. No part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), and political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

In the event of dissolution of the corporation, all disposable assets shall be distributed to such persons and institutions as may then qualify as public foundations which enjoy a tax exempt status within the meaning of Section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code and all other applicable State and Federal laws and regulations and shall further be distributed to those organizations having a similar purpose as this corporation.

ARTICLE III

As a means of accomplishing the foregoing purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers:

1. To accept, acquire, receive and hold by bequest, gift, purchase, lease, transfer, judicial order or decree, or otherwise, for any of its objects and purposes, any property, both real and personal of whatever kind, nature or description, and wherever situate.

2. To sell, convey, mortgage, lease, transfer or to otherwise dispose of, any such property, both real and personal, as the objects and purposes of the corporation may require, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by law.

3. To borrow money, and from time to time, to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue bonds, debentures, promissory notes, bills of exchange and other obligations of the corporation for monies borrowed or in payment for property acquired for any of the other purposes of the corporation and to secure the payment of any such obligations by mortgage, pledge, deed, indenture, agreement, or any other instruments of trust, or by other lien upon, assignment of, or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property, rights or privileges of the corporation wherever situate, whether now owned or hereafter to be acquired.

4. To invest and reinvest its funds in such stock, common or preferred bonds, debentures, mortgages, or in such other securities and property as its Board of Directors shall deem advisable, subject to the limitations and conditions contained in any bequest, grant or gift. All such investments shall be made in a manner which does not prejudice the tax exempt status of the corporation under any Federal or State law or regulation as may be applicable.

5. In general, to exercise such other powers which now are or hereafter may be conferred by law upon a corporation organized for the purposes hereinabove set forth, or necessary or incidental to the powers so conferred, or conducive to the attainment of the purposes of the corporation, subject to such limitations as are or may be prescribed by law.

ARTICLE IV

The principal office of the corporation shall be located in the Town of Thornton, in the county of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire.

ARTICLE V

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VI

The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct all affairs of the society. The number of the Board of Directors shall be fixed by By-Laws and shall not be less than three (3). The manner of election or appointment or term of office of members of the Board of Directors shall be that as stated in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII

The society shall have one or more classes of membership. The designation of such classes and the qualifications, rights, and method of acceptances of members of each class shall be specified in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII

This corporation shall not have nor issue shares of stock and it shall pay no dividends or pecuniary profits whatever to its members.

ARTICLE IX

These articles may be amended in the manner authorized by law at the time of amendment.

ARTICLE X

The names of the directors until the first annual meeting of the corporation are: Nellie M. Adams, Evelyn M. Benton, Susan A. Marsden, Gail Cushing, Phyllis B. Holbrook, Russell E. Marsden, and Thomas E. Anderson.

In witness whereof, we have hereunder subscribed our names this 16th day of May, 1983. (Again signed by the above people; see attached sheet for signatures).

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