

Articles of Association)	Articles of Association or
Edinboro Academy)	Constitution of the
Recorded Oct.23, 1856)	Edinboro Academy.
Deed Book 7, Page 52.)	

The subscribers, citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have agreed to associate themselves for the purposes set forth in the following articles and are desirous of acquiring and enjoying the powers and immunities of a corporation or body politic in law for the furtherance of such purposes.

We do therefore hereby associate ourselves for the objects and under the articles conditions and name specified in the following articles-

1st, This Corporation shall be known by the name style and title of the Edinboro Academy which shall be and is hereby established in the Borough of Edinboro in the County of Erie for the education of youth in the learned languages, useful arts and sciences and general literature.

2nd, That the said institution shall be under the management direction and government of a number of Trustees not exceeding seven and until others shall be elected as hereinafter provided the Trustees of the said Academy shall consist of the following persons to wit: Isaac R. Taylor, Nelson Clute, Josiah J. Compton, Alfred Green & Wm. Proud of the Township of Washington, E. W. Gerrish and Prentice Burlingham of the Borough of Edinboro which said seven Trustees and their successors to be elected as hereinafter provided shall forever be and they are hereby created established and declared to be one body politic and corporate with perpetual succession in deed and in law by the name style and title aforesaid and by the same name shall be able to sue and be sued plead and be impleaded in all courts of record and elsewhere and shall be competent and capable in law and equity to take and to hold to them and to their successors

for the use of said Academy any estate in lands tenements or hereditaments goods chattels stock moneys or other effects of what kind nature or quality soever by gift grant bargain sale conveyance assurance will devise or bequest from any person or persons whomsoever capable of making the same, provided the same do not exceed the yearly value of three thousand dollars and the same from time to time to grant bargain sell demise alien lease place out at interest or otherwise dispose of for the use and benefit of said Academy, and to receive the rents profits income and interest thereof and to apply the same to the proper use of said Academy and to erect such buildings as may be necessary and generally to do all and singular acts deeds matters and things which shall be lawful for them to do for the well being of the said Academy and the due management thereof.

3", The said Trustees shall cause to be made for their use one common seal with such devices and inscriptions thereon as they shall think proper and by and with which all deeds certificates and acts of said corporation shall pass and be authenticated and the same seal at their pleasure may break alter and device anew.

4"; The first election of Trustees shall take place on the third Monday of May one thousand eight hundred and fifty six at the east schoolhouse in said Borough and annually thereafter on the first Monday of January at such place as may be appointed by the board of Trustees, the election shall commence at the hour of one o'clock and shall be conducted by two managers to be chosen by a majority of the stock holders present at the time of commencing said election, and the stock holders shall be allowed to vote in person or by proxy and in the ratio of one vote for each share of stock held by him her or them or standing in his her or their names in the books of the Corporation up to the number of five shares and in the ratio of one vote for every two shares over and above five shares and no person shall be allowed to vote on any share after the first election unless the same be fully paid.

The votes shall be given by ballot and each ~~xxx~~ ticket shall be labeled on the outside "Trustees of the Edinboro Academy" and shall contain the names of seven persons stockholders in said corporation and those having the highest number of votes shall be the Trustees of said Academy for the ensuing year and shall continue in office until their successors are election.

5", The board of Trustees five of whom shall constitute a quorum shall annually at their first meeting after election appoint a President and Secretary of their own number and elect a Treasurer out of the board who shall be a stock holder, and in case of the death resignation or refusal to serve of any Trustee or other officer the Trustees in office shall have power to appoint others in their stead until the next election; and they shall also have power to enact such ordinances and by laws as may be necessary for the well being and government of said Corporation Provided that no By-Law or ordinance shall have any force and effect which shall be repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States or of the State of Pennsylvania nor shall any person either as principal, master, tutor or ~~by~~ pupil be refused admission into said Academy on account of his or her belief or persuasion in matters of religion Provided he or she demean him or herself in a sober orderly manner and conform to the rules and regulations of the Academy.

6, The capital stock of said corporation shall be three thousand dollars divided into shares of five ~~dollars~~ each certificate of which shall be issued to such person or persons who have heretofore subscribed or may hereafter subscribe and pay money for the purpose of building an Academy in said Borough or to the heirs and legal representatives of such person or persons for every share which he she or they may have or shall subscribe for and hold in said Corporation which shall be transferable on the books of the Corporation either in person or by Attorney subject to the payment of any balance due thereon and the capital stock of said Corporation may be increased to six

thousand dollars by a vote of the majority of the stockholders at any annual election.

7, The Treasurer shall receive and hold all moneys belonging to the Corporation and pay out the same to the ~~bank~~ order of the board signed by the President and Secretary or a majority of the Trustees and he shall keep fair accounts thereof which shall be ~~at~~ audited and settled by the Trustees, and before entering upon the duties of his office shall give a bond with one or more sufficient shureties if required by the trustees to be approved of by them in a sum equal to double the estimated amount of money to be received by him conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office and the payment of all moneys remaining in his hands at the end of the year to his successor in office and the Secretary and Treasurer may receive such compensation as may be thought reasonable by the board of Trustees but no other officer shall receive any fee or reward whatever for his services, and it shall be the duties of the Trustees to report annually at the expiration of their term of office the condition of the finances and other affairs of said Corporation which report together with the books of the Corporation shall be open at all proper ~~times~~ times to the examination and inspection of all persons interested who are at such times stockholders in said Corporation.

Isaac R. Taylor
F. J. Campbell
Arch McFarland
E. O. David
James Reeder
J. O. Reeder
J. R. Reeder

Nelson Clute
J. McFarland, Jr.
Jesse Lewis
P. Burlingham
John Tarbell
Julius Swift
J. X. Reeder

H. R. Terry
Thos. McFarland
M. M. McClaughrey
E. W. Gerrish
Martin Scrafford
Samuel Reeder
Job Reeder

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And now to wit March 15, 1856 the within petition being presented to the Court of Common Pleas and the Court having perused and examined ~~the~~ the within instrument and the objects articles and conditions therein set forth and contained appearing lawful and not injurious to the community direct that this writing be filed

in the ~~above~~ in the County of Erie and further

in the Prothonotarys office of said Court and also direct notice to be inserted in one newspaper printed in the County of Erie for at least three weeks setting forth that an application has been made to said Court to grant a charter of incorporation, etc.

Per Curiam,

A. King, Pro.

NOTICE

The Edinboro Academy in Edinboro Erie County has applied to the Court of Common Pleas of Erie County to grant a charter to said Society and the proposed constitution and Articles of Association have been examined by said Court and directed the same to be filed in the office of the Prothonotary ~~of said Court~~ of said Court, and also direct notice to be given in one newspaper printed in the County aforesaid for at least three weeks setting forth that such application has been made. Edinboro March 19/56

A. King Prothy

Erie County

W. N. Lewis being duly sworn according to law deposeseth and saith that he is the Editor of the Edinboro Museum a weekly newspaper published in Edinboro in the County of Erie aforesaid that the foregoing advertisement and notice was regularly published in three numbers of said paper to-wit: that of the 22nd & 29th March and 5th April A.D.1856.

Sworn & subscribed before me April)
26th 1856 E.W.Gerrish J.P.) H. N. F. Lewis.

And now to wit May 5, 1856 the Court of Common Pleas having examined the within instrument and due proof being made that notice had been given according to law, and being satisfied that the objects articles and conditions therein set forth and contained are lawful and not injurious to the community do ~~make~~ order decree and declare that the persons associated in the within instrument and their successors shall according to the articles and conditions therein set forth and contained become and be a Corporation and body politic by the style tile and name of the Edinboro Academy in the County of Erie and further direct

that the said Charter of Incorporation be recorded in the office for the recording of deeds in said County agreeably to the Act of Assembly in such case made & provided.

Per Curiam

Erie County:

I, Alfred King Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County do certify that the foregoing is the original decree of said Court incorporating the Edinboro Academy. Witness my hand and the seal of the said Court at Erie this 5th day of May A.D. 1856.

Alfred King Pro.

(Seal of the
Cour of Com.
Pleas Erie Co. Pa.)



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Amendment of Charter)
 Edinboro Academy)
 Recorded Aug.7, 1857)
 Deed Book 8, page 191)

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Edinboro Academy on the twenty second day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven All members present (viz) Prentice Burlingham, E. W. Gerrish, John W. Campbell, John C. Reeder, Jesse Lewis, F. C. Vunk , and Nelson Clute

On motion of John W. Campbell Esq it was resolved that the fourth Article of the Constitution of said Corporation be so amended that each and every stockholder shall only be entitled to one vote at any election or other business matter to be voted upon by the stockholders of said Academy and that an application be made to the next Court of Common Pleas of the County of Erie for an appr val of said alteration and amendment to as aforesaid by a decree of said Court in accordance withthe Act of Assembly in such case made and ~~provid~~ provided.

P. Burlingham, Prest.

Attest

E. W. Gerrish Secty

We the undersigned stockholders of said academy would most respectfully represent to the Hon. Judge of the Court of Common Please of Erie County that the above resolution of Alteration in the articles and conditions of said Corporation is concurred in by us we therefore pray your Hon. body to approve the same and make a decree accordingly.

James Reeder, J. B. Clark, John H. Walker, Robert R. Campbell, John W. Campbell, A. W. Stoke, George Turner, A E. Allen, Samuel Knerr, Robert McWilliams, N. White, Jesse Lewis, A. Perry, N. C. Austin, C. E. Cobb, Isaac R. Taylor, J.C. McWilliams, Saml. Reeder, Nelson Clute, Wm. P. Biggers, W. C. Gerrish, Henry Lewis, Job Reeder, John Kinter, W. W. Campbell, Hugh McWilliams, Eleas McWilliams, H. R. Terry

May 8th, 1857 The within amendment having been submitted to the Court & duly examined and the Court being of opinion that the said Alteration of the Charter of the Edinboro Academy will be lawful & beneficial, it is ordered that the same be

County of Erie for 3 weeks.

Per Curiam A. King, Pro.

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Trustees of the Edinboro Academy have submitted to the Court of Common Pleas of Erie County for examination the following alteration of the Constitution of said incorporation: Instead of the manner of voting by the Stockholders, as is now provided in the 4th article thereof, it shall be provided; "That each and every stockholder shall only be entitled to one vote at any election or other business matter to be voted upon by the Stockholders;" and that said alteration has been examined and the Court being of opinion that the said alteration would be lawful and beneficial has ordered the same to be filed among the records of the Court and notice thereof given according to law.

May 12, 1857 - 3 w.

A. King, Prothonotary

Erie County: J. J. B. Gara of the City of Erie being duly sworn do depose and say that I am one of the Proprietors and publishers of the Erie Gazette a newspaper published in the City and County of Erie and that the notice of a proposed amendment in the Charter of the Edinboro Academy as ordered by the Court of Common Pleas of Erie County was published for three weeks in said paper the first publication whereof being in the said paper on the 14th day of May A.D. 1857, and that the Copy of said advertisement hereto attached is correct.
Sworn & subscribed before me this
31st day of July, A.D. 1857.
J. F. Downing, J.P.

J. B. Gara.

And now to wit August 3 A.D. 1857 proof of the publication of the notice of the within proposed amendment to the instrument upon which The Edinboro Academy was formed and established as required by the order of Court having been made to the satisfaction of the Court, it is hereby decreed that the said amendment be recorded, and that the same shall be deemed and taken to be a part of the instrument upon which said Corporation was formed and established to all intents and purposes as if the same had originally been made part thereof.

Per Cyriam

A. King, Pro.