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Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State
Business Services Division

File # 3-24

We, the undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 58, Masons Minnesota Statutes, 1927, and laws amendatory thereof, do hereby associate ourselves together as a body corporate and adopt the following Certificate of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be The Nicollet County Historical Society, Inc.

ARTICLE II.

Its general purpose shall be educational, scientific, and social. Its more special purpose shall be the discovery, securing and preserving historical records, books, pictures, items and exhibits and other matters of historical nature or interest pertaining more particularly to Nicollet County, Minnesota; to mark historically important buildings, places, and trails in said county; to secure quarters for the proper housing and exhibiting of the matters and items so collected and the transaction of its business, and to do whatever else may be necessary or convenient in the carrying out of the purposes of this corporation. The plan of operation of this corporation shall be to hold annual and more frequent meetings of its members and develop interest in the history of Nicollet County and fellowship of its members and such other activities as may be prescribed by its by-laws.

ARTICLE III.

The principal place of transacting the business of this corporation shall be at the city of St. Peter, in the County of Nicollet and State of Minnesota.

ARTICLE IV.

The time for the commencement of this corporation shall be on January 3, 1940, and the period of duration shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V.

The names and places of residence of the persons forming this corporation are:

Henry N. Benson	A. M. Anderson
Hattie I. Johnson	William S. O'Brien
Conrad Peterson	Martin L. Klein
Clare D. Moll	Josie P. Stone
George T. Olson	

all of St. Peter, Minnesota.

ARTICLE VI.

The management of this corporation shall be vested in a board of directors composed of not less than five, nor more than fifteen members.

The names and addresses of the first board of directors are:

Henry N. Benson	C. Parks Lamson
Hattie I. Johnson	G. Edw. Larson
Conrad Peterson	
Josie P. Stone	
Adam M. Sutherland,	

all of St. Peter, Minnesota.

The first officers of this corporation shall be:

Henry N. Benson,	President,
Josie P. Stone,	Vice-President,
Hattie I. Johnson,	Secretary-Treasurer.

All of the above named officers and directors shall hold their respective offices aforesaid until the first annual meeting of the corporation to be held in the month of July, 1940, at the particular day and place to be designated by the board of directors and of which reasonable and timely notice shall be given, at which time and annually thereafter the board of directors shall be elected and by the members of this corporation.

ARTICLE VII.

This corporation shall meet at least annually and the annual meetings thereof shall be held in said County at such time as may be fixed by its president, unless otherwise provided by the board of directors or the members of this corporation. At least ten days published notice of the time and place of meeting shall be given.

As soon as may be after the election of directors they shall elect from their number, a president and a vice-president, and from their number or from the members of this corporation, a secretary and a treasurer. The last named offices may be held by one person.

The directors of this corporation shall hold their respective offices until their successors have been elected. The first meetings of the members and the board of directors shall be held at such time and place as may be fixed by the president of this corporation, or its board of directors.

Terms of membership and dues in this corporation shall be such as may be fixed by its board of directors unless determined by its members.

ARTICLE VIII.

The members may adopt such constitution and by-laws, with amendments thereto, from time to time, as they may deem necessary.

ARTICLE IX.

This corporation shall have no corporate stock and shall not be conducted for pecuniary profit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 2nd day of January 1940.

In Presence of:

William M. Benson

Alma Oscher

William M. Benson

Hattie S. Johnson

Lillian M. Benson

Conrad Peterson

Alma Dasher

Clare D. Hall

A. M. Anderson

W. S. O'Brien

Martin L. Klein

Jessie P. Stone

George T. Olsen

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

COUNTY OF NICOLLET.

On this 6th day of January, 1940, personally appeared before me Henry N. Benson, Hattie L. Johnson, Conrad Peterson, Clare D. Hall, A. M. Anderson, William S. O'Brien, Martin L. Klein, Jessie P. Stone, and George T. Olsen, to me known to be the persons named in and who executed the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation, and each acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Alma Dasher

Alma Dasher
Notary Public, Nicollet County, Minn.
My commission expires Nov. 30, 1940

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FILED
JAN 8 1940

W. H. Johnson
Secretary of State