

ing a school house suitable to the needs of public education in said town.

Effective. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 4, 1896.

CHAPTER 231.

AN ACT to revive and extend the charter or certificate of incorporation, whereby the trustees of Bethel Church were made a body corporate.

preamble. WHEREAS, By an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed in the year 1802, authority was given to incorporate certain persons in every Christian church and congregation in this State; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, Certain persons residing in the counties of Baltimore and Harford, in the State of Maryland, resolved to form a body corporate for the purposes in said act mentioned, and by virtue of the privileges conferred upon them by said act, said persons on or about the 24th day of April, in the year 1804, elected nine trustees, to be known as the Trustees of Bethel Church, and determined and fixed on a plan, agreement, regulations and rules for the government of said church and church property; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, Vacancies occurred from time to time in said board of trustees which the congregation of said church neglected to fill, and by reason of said vacancies and neglect of said congregation the said board of trustees became extinct and the succession suspended; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, The said corporation, before it had become suspended as aforesaid, acquired the title to certain lands in Harford county which were used as a graveyard, and upon which a church was erected; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, The descendants of those buried in said graveyard and others interested therein are desirous of reviving said corporation, so that the said graveyard and church property may receive proper attention and care, and be held and enjoyed for the purpose originally designed; therefore,