

or resign, or by any other means vacate his office, whereby the period within which the said deed, or other instrument of writing, ought to have been recorded, shall expire during such vacancy, it shall be the duty of the next succeeding clerk, by a special endorsement on the said deed, or other instrument of writing, to state the day on which the vacancy occurred, by the death or resignation of the preceding clerk, or other cause, and the day on which the clerk for the time being, commenced the duties of his office, and to record the same deed, or other instrument, in the manner required by law; and all such deeds, or other instruments brought to the said office to be recorded during the first ten days after the clerk for the time being shall have commenced the duties of his office, shall, when recorded have the same force and effect, as if recorded in the time limited by law.

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CHAPTER 105.

An act to incorporate a benevolent society in the town of Hagers Town.

WHEREAS application hath been made to this General Assembly for an act of incorporation, in behalf of the Society of the United Brethren in Christ, in Hagers Town, which may enable them to manage with convenience their concerns;

Passed Jan. 14, 1823.
Preamble.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the present trustees of said society, viz. John Cronise, Valentine Daub, Andrew Newcomer, George Marteney, Jacob Winger, Jacob Brazier and Samuel Huber, and their successors, to be elected agreeably to the rules and regulations of said society, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be one community, corporation and body politic, by the name of the Trustees of the Benevolent Society of the United Brethren in Christ, in Hagers Town, and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity in this state or elsewhere, and to make and have a common seal, and the same to alter or renew at their pleasure, and also to ordain and establish such by-laws and ordinances as shall appear necessary for regulating the concerns of said society, not being repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state and of the United States.

Incorporation.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the objects of said corporation are hereby declared to be the raising a fund by donation and annual subscription, for the support of the travelling and superannuated, and other indigent preachers of said society; for which purposes, the said society shall be capable in law, at all times to purchase, take, have, hold and possess, to them and their successors in fee, or otherwise, any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, chattels, bank stock, or public securities, by the bargain and sale, gift, grant, devise or bequest of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable in law to make the same, and the same at their pleasure to alien, sell, transfer or lease, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the benevolent purposes of said society; *Provided,* That the said society shall not at any one time hold real personal, or mixed property exceeding in all, the yearly value of three thousand dollars.

Object and powers.

3. *And be it enacted,* That all acts or deeds of said society, shall be signed by the president of the said trustees, and sealed with their corporate seal, and all deeds by them for the conveyance of lands and tenements of the society, which by the laws of this state ought to be acknowledged and recorded, shall be signed and sealed as aforesaid,

Proviso.

Acts confirmed.