

Incorporation of Janie Methodist Episcopal Church

Be it remembered that on this 24th day of November A.D. 1880 there was brought to be recorded among the Corporation Records for Kent County an Instrument of Writing which is in the words following to wit: -

At a meeting held in the Methodist Episcopal Church's building on the suburbs of Chestertown known as Janie Methodist Episcopal Church; of the members of said Church above the age of twenty one years, on the nineteenth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and eighty, after due notice had been given to the members and ministers of said Church or religious Society, for the purpose of electing nine Trustees and legally organizing for the purpose of changing the plan or agreement for the organization of Janie Methodist Episcopal Church, a considerable number of the members attended; to wit, Thomas H. Johnson James A. Jones, William Perkins, James Beattley, William M. Jones, William J. Demby, Samuel Anderson, Edward Miller, Thomas Wright, and George Dunn, (all above the age of twenty one years). On motion of James A. Jones the Rev. Thomas H. Johnson was chosen Chairman and James A. Jones Secretary. On motion of William M. Jones it was resolved that the "Janie Methodist Episcopal Church" be incorporated according to law, by the said name of "Janie Methodist Episcopal Church." Resolved that there shall be a Board of Trustees of said Church, or Society to consist of nine persons exclusive of the Minister in charge (who by the laws of Maryland in such cases made and provided, is required by virtue of his ministry and office to be a member of the Board of Trustees) each of which Trustees shall be over twenty one years of age and a majority of whom shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Be it further resolved that the said number of persons shall be elected Trustees annually by the members of the Church quarterly Conference for said Church upon the nomination of the Minister in charge or the Presiding Elder of the District and in case of failure to elect at the proper time, the members of a subsequent quarterly

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I do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original as filed in my office on Nov. 17/80.

Conference may elect, and the Trustees so elected, shall hold their office until their successors are elected, according to the discipline, rules and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

That James A. Jones, James Beattley, William Perkins, William M. Jones, William J. Demby, Samuel Anderson, Edward Miller, Thomas Wright and George Dunn nine sober and discreet persons and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church above the age of twenty one years are hereby elected, constituted and appointed Trustees for said Church, to act in the name and on behalf of the said "Janie Methodist Episcopal Church" and to hold office until their successors shall be elected, in the manner herein before provided, and according to the laws and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that the said Trustees and their successors (together with the Reverend Thomas H. Johnson and his successor in the Ministry in said Church) shall manage the Estate property and interest and inheritance of said Church or Society, and shall be known by the corporate name and style of "Janie Methodist Episcopal Church."

Be it further Resolved that the said persons so as aforesaid elected Trustees, be and the same are hereby appointed and requested to acknowledge the plan, regulation or agreement herein before specified and adopted, before two of the Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Kent County aforesaid.

Subs-

Thos. H. Johnson Chairman
James A. Jones Secretary

The State of Maryland, Kent County to wit;
We and each of us do hereby certify that on the Twenty seventh day of October in the year eighteen hundred and eighty before us the subscribers two of the Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Kent County personally appeared Thomas H. Johnson James A. Jones, James Beattley, William Perkins, William M. Jones, William J. Demby, Samuel Anderson, Edward Miller

Thomas Wright and Lorenzo Dunn (nine of whom are the Trustees herein before mentioned as elected for James Methodist Episcopal Church) and did each acknowledge that the proceedings above and before mentioned, took place as stated, and that the plan, agreement or regulation embodied in the foregoing resolutions, statements and proceedings were adopted and is the act of the James Methodist Episcopal Church: and did each acknowledge that the proceedings above and before mentioned, took place as stated, and that the plan, agreement and of the said Trustees

Acknowledged before and Certified by.

Arthur B. Wheatley J.P.
Chas W. L. Johnson J.P.

And was duly recorded by Samuel Beck, Clerk

Articles of Incorporation of the Mount Hope Lodge Number two of the Order of Eight and Truth

Be it remembered that on this 3^d day of February A.D. 1881 there was brought to be recorded among the Corporation Records for Kent County an instrument of Writing which is in the words following to wit: —

Grand & advised to Joseph Wickes May 21 1881 J.P.

We the undersigned Citizens of Kent County in the State of Maryland, desiring to form ourselves into a Beneficial Society; do hereby announce our purpose and desire to form a Corporation under the General Incorporation laws of the State of Maryland, the name of said Corporation to be the Mount Hope Lodge Number two of the Order of Eight and Truth of Kent County Maryland. The object of this Corporation is the advancement of the Condition of our race, and the Care and assistance of the sick and distressed. The term of its existence is not to exceed forty years — The place of its operations to be Kent County and its principal office is located at Rock Hall.

The number of officers who shall manage the concerns of the Corporation for the first year shall be six, as follows: General Master, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Marshal, designated as follows: —

- Daniel M. Butler, Grand Master
- Daniel Kennard, President
- Joseph Wickes Vice President
- Abram Harris, Secretary
- Richard Ward, Treasurer
- George Thompson, Marshal.

This Corporation adopts the Constitution and By-laws of Mount Hope Lodge Number two, which has controlled that society prior to this Act of incorporation —

We hereby certify that the foregoing written instrument has been adopted for the purposes therein mentioned and set forth. Witness our hands and seals.

Daniel M. Butler	G. M.	Seal
Daniel Kennard	President	Seal
Joseph Wickes	V. P.	Seal
Abram Harris	Secy	Seal
Richard Ward	T. R.	Seal
George Thompson	M. S.	Seal