

Eighteen Hundred and Eighty four were assembled in Trappe Talbot County Maryland in public meeting Alexander Bowdler Edward J. Kirby John F. Price, Robert J. Dawson and John W. Price.

and others all of whom are residents of Talbot County and citizens of said County and State and of the United States of America for the purpose of organizing a Company to Build and furnish a Steamboat Wharf at Kirby's Landing on the Farm of William A. Kirby known as Ridley in Talbot County aforesaid and having so organized, said parties desire to be incorporated as a body politic and Corporate under the name and style of Kirby's Wharf Company of Cambridge Ferry Neck Talbot County, State of Maryland, and the object of said Company is to build a Steamboat Wharf at Kirby's Landing

That it is proposed to continue its Existence for forty years, and the articles conditions and provisions under which the same is formed is to be a joint Stock Company to build a wharf for the accommodation of the people of the neighborhood and the travelling public and for the revenues which may arise from the same.

That the operations of the said Company are to be carried on at, or near said Wharf and the principal office of the Corporation shall be located in the Village or Town of Trappe in Talbot County Maryland that the Capital stock of said Company is Two thousand Dollars.

The number of Shares Eighty at Twenty five Dollars each, that the number of Directors of said Company shall be five and the names of the Directors to manage the concerns of the Company for the first year are Alexander Bowdler, William A. Kirby, Robert J. Dawson, John F. Price and Elbridge S. Johnson.

And that the President of said Company for the same period of time is Alexander Bowdler

Witness our hands and seals this twelfth day of April A. D. 1884.

Alexander Bowdler Seal  
Edward J. Kirby Seal  
John F. Price Seal  
Robert J. Dawson Seal  
John W. Price Seal

To the Honorable Frederick Stump associate Judge of the Circuit Court for Talbot County.

The petition of Alexander Bowdler, Edward J. Kirby, John F. Price, Robert J. Dawson and John W. Price for themselves and on behalf of others respectfully represent that

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they are members of Kirby's Wharf Company of Talbot County, in the State of Maryland, who pray in behalf of said Company that your Honor will endorse on the Certificate herewith presented that the same is in conformity with law in order that the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Talbot County may receive and send the same upon the Records of said Court as by law he is required to do. And as in duty Bound we will ever pray

Robert J. Dawson  
for himself and others

State of Maryland, Talbot County to wit

I hereby certify that on this 12th. day of April Eighteen hundred and Eighty four, before the subscribed a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Alex. Bowdler, Edward J. Kirby, John F. Price, Robert J. Dawson & John W. Price

Known to me to be the same persons named in the foregoing petition and Certificate and they have assigned, sealed and acknowledged the said Certificate to be their act and deed R. K. Butler J. P.

I Frederick Stump one of the Associate Judges of the Circuit Court for Talbot County do hereby certify that the foregoing Certificate is in conformity with the law.

May 9th. 1884. Frederick Stump.

Certificate of Incorporation of Freedom's Lodge No 1024 of Odd Fellows.

Be it remembered that on this fourth day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Eighty four the following Certificate of Incorporation or Instrument of writing was received to be recorded and is accordingly enrolled as follows, to wit: To the Honorable the Judges of the Circuit Court for Talbot County

We Hiram Brooks Robert Dawson Thomas N. Chaney, Richard Wallace and Charles Young colored citizens of the United States and of the State of Maryland and residents of St. Michaels Talbot County Maryland certify that we have organized a beneficial society for the purpose of assisting each other under certain specified circumstances as provided for in our Constitution and Bylaws formed for its government, the main provisions and conditions of which are: 1st. To unite fraternally all male colored persons of sound body health and good moral character who are socially acceptable and above the age

- of twenty one years-
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. To give all moral and material aid in its power to its members and those dependent upon them-
- 3<sup>rd</sup>. To educate its members socially morally and intellectually
- 4<sup>th</sup>. To establish a fund for the relief of sick and distressed members.
- 5<sup>th</sup>. The operations of this society shall be confined to Talbot County but any member removing therefrom may continue to hold his membership.

That the name and title of this Society shall be Freedom's Friend Lodge No 1024. of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows that the principal office of this Association will be located in St. Michaels Talbot County Maryland, that this Corporation will not have any Capital Stock, that the number of Managers will be five that the managers shall consist of a Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary, Noble Father and Treasurer and that the officers who shall manage the concerns of this Corporation for the first quarter ending on the third Friday of April next, are Kinsey Brooks Noble Grand Thomas Chany Vice Grand Richard Wallace Secretary Charles Yurner Noble Father and Robert Brown Treasurer

Witness our hands this first day of January A. D. 1884  
 Met O. P. Sparks

Kinsey Brooks Seal  
 Robert Brown Seal  
 Thomas H. Chany Seal  
 Richard Wallace Seal  
 Charles Yurner Seal

State of Maryland, Talbot County to wit,

I hereby certify that on this second day of January in the year Eighteen hundred and eighty four before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Talbot County personally appeared Kinsey Brooks, Robert Brown Thomas H. Chany Richard Wallace Charles Yurner known to me to be the same persons named in the above petition and made signed sealed and acknowledged the foregoing to be their act for the purposes therein set forth

O. P. Sparks J. P.

I Frederick Stump

Judge of the Circuit Court

of Talbot County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Certificate is in conformity with the law.

Frederick Stump.

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Certificate of Incorporation  
 of  
 The Easton Water Co.  
 of Talbot County Maryland.

Be it remembered, that on this nineteenth day of August in the year eighteen hundred and eighty four, the following certificate of Incorporation or Instrument of writing was left to be recorded, and is accordingly enrolled as follows, to wit:

Know all men by these presents, That we Alexis Alphonso Pascauet, Edward Henry Roe, James Richard Jarrell, James Hanson Linthicum, William Thomas Harrington Lee being citizens of the United States, and State of Maryland, and residing in Talbot county, in the State of Maryland, do hereby certify that we do, under and by virtue of the General Laws of the State of Maryland, authorizing the formation of Corporations, hereby form a corporation under the name of "The Easton Water Company of Talbot County Maryland."

We do further certify that the said corporation so formed, is a corporation for the purpose of supplying the town of Easton, and the inhabitants thereof with pure water for domestic and fire purposes; and that the term of existence of the said corporation, is limited to forty years; and that the said corporation is formed upon the articles, conditions and provisions herein expressed and subject in all particulars to the limitations relating to corporations which are contained in the General Laws of the State of Maryland.

We do further certify that the operations of the said corporation are to be carried on in the Town of Easton, and County of Talbot aforesaid; and that the principal office of said corporation will be located in the said Town of Easton.

We do further certify that the aggregate of the capital stock of the said corporation is the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars, and that the said capital stock is divided into Twenty five hundred shares of the par value of ten dollars per share.

We do further certify that the said corporation will be managed by five directors, and that the said Alexis Alphonso Pascauet, Edward Henry Roe, James Richard Jarrell, James Hanson Linthicum, William Thomas Harrington Lee are the names of the directors who shall manage the concerns of the said corporation for the first year.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this eleventh day of August in the year 1884.