



Office of the Secretary of State

Certificate of Fact

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of Texas, does hereby certify that the document, Articles of Incorporation for FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (file number 15174001), a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation, was filed in this office on January 02, 1959.

It is further certified that the entity status in Texas is in existence.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the Seal of State at my office in Austin, Texas on March 09, 2010.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hope Andrade".

Hope Andrade
Secretary of State

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Tarrant

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, the undersigned, all natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more, and all being residents and citizens of the County of Tarrant, and State of Texas, under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas, do hereby voluntarily associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation as provided by Article 1302, Subdivision 105, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas(1945), relating to Educational and Literary purposes, under the terms and conditions hereinafter set out, as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name of this Corporation is

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE II

The purpose for which this Corporation is formed is:

To support and operate an educational and literary undertaking as authorized and provided by and in the above set forth Article and Subdivision;

To create, foster and maintain interest among citizens of Tarrant County, Texas, and surrounding areas, in the subject of genealogy;

To collect and preserve information relating to those pioneers who settled Tarrant County, Texas, and surrounding areas, and to the early history of such territory;

To preserve church, cemetery and land records, testamentary documents, diaries, letters and manuscripts, and other source materials, wherein are chronicled the achievements of those who laid in the wilderness the foundation of this great community;

To copy and index all such records, and to catalogue them, so as to make this information most readily available to present and future generations;

To collect and make available through this organization the published records of other States, whence came the Texas pioneers;

To exchange ideas, and to collaborate, in devising efficient methods for Genealogical and historical research;

To publish and to disseminate genealogical and historical information and material to the public;

To assist the Fort Worth, Texas, Public Library, and other libraries and institutions in their acquisition of genealogical and historical information and material;

To acquire by gift or purchase genealogical and historical information and materials for the use of its members, or for placement in libraries and institutions; and

To do and perform any and all other acts incident or necessary to accomplish any and all of the above and foregoing acts and purposes.

ARTICLE III

The place where the principal business of the Corporation is to be transacted is Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

ARTICLE IV

The term for which this Corporation is to exist is fifty years from and after date of incorporation.

ARTICLE V

The number of Directors of the Corporation shall be not less than five nor more than twenty, and they shall serve for one year or until new Directors are elected and qualified.

The names and residences, and addresses, of those who are appointed for the first year hereunder are:

NAME	RESIDENCE
Edna Perry Deckler	Fort Worth, Texas
E. Charles Hinckley	Fort Worth, Texas
Mrs. John M. Stiffler	Fort Worth, Texas
Frances Coldwell	Fort Worth, Texas
John Gano	Fort Worth, Texas

ARTICLE VI

This Corporation shall have no capital stock, and shall admit persons as members into the Society upon the payment of such membership fees and dues, and other uniform conditions as may be provided in its By-Laws.

This Corporation owns no property at this time. but may acquire such property as may be necessary for the successful operation of its affairs, and to that end may create and establish appropriate reserves for working capital in the manner to be provided in the By-Laws.

The voting power of the members of this Society shall be in accordance with the By-Laws, but no member shall be entitled to more than one vote.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names, this the 29th day of December, 1958.

Edna Perry Deckler

E. Charles Hinckley

Mrs. John M. Stiffler

Frances Coldwell

John Gano

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Tarrant

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Edna Perry Deckler, E. Charles Hinckley, Mrs. John M. Stiffler, Frances Coldwell and John Gano, each known to me to be the person whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and each also known to me to be citizens of the State of Texas and over the age of twenty-one years, and severally acknowledged to me that he(she) executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my office, this the 30 day of December, 1958.

Mrs Floyd Sweet

Notary Public in and for Tarrant County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Tarrant

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Edna Perry Deckler, E. Charles Hinckley, Mrs. John M. Stiffler, Frances Coldwell and John Gano, each known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and each being by me first duly sworn severally declare that they are the persons who signed the foregoing document as incorporators and that the statements contained therein are true.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 30 day of December, 1958

Mrs. Floyd Sweet

Notary Public in and for Tarrant County, Texas