

Articles of Incorporation of The

Be it known that we J. M. D. Burrows
 R. M. Pettyman, George B. Sargent, John
 Dalzell, J. M. Wetherway, C. C. Parry, Henry B.
 Hoffman, Strong Bunnell, William H. Hildreth,
 Joseph Lambrite, Hiram Price, A. H. Barrow,
 John M. Cannon, John L. Davies, and William
 H. F. Gurley, all of the City of Davenport, in the
 county of Scott, and State of Iowa, whose
 names are hereto subscribed have associated our
 selves together for the purpose of providing main-
 taining and improving a suitable place for
 the burial of the dead, in or near the City of
 Davenport aforesaid, under and by virtue of
 the forty fourth Chapter of the Code of Iowa
 entitled "Corporations other than those for pecuniary
 profit" Approved February 5th A.D. 1838, and have
 adopted the following Articles of Association -

Article 1st The name of this Association shall be
 The Oakdale Cemetery Company and said Company
 assumes to itself as a corporation all the powers
 specified in the aforesaid Chapter forty fourth of
 the Code of Iowa, and also all powers given and
 granted to corporate bodies by Chapter forty third
 of said code, which by the provisions of Chapter
 forty fourth of said Code have been made applicable
 to Corporations "other than those for pecuniary profit."

Article 2^d The business of this Corporation shall be
 to provide, maintain, and improve a suitable place
 for the burial of the dead, in or near the City of
 Davenport, in Scott County, Iowa.

Article 3^d Any person may become a member of
 this Corporation by becoming the owner of one or

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Oakdale Cemetery Company.

more Cemetery lots, as the same shall be laid off by the Board of Directors and the ownership of a lot shall entitle the owner or owners thereof to one vote at all meetings, but no member shall have more than one vote.

Article 4th The affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by a board of Directors, consisting of nine persons, members of the Corporation, to be elected by ballot, and receive a majority of the votes. — The first election shall be held at a time and place to be designated by the persons above specifically named as incorporators, of which election the same notice shall be given as is herein provided for other elections, and every person who shall have subscribed and paid for a lot, shall be entitled to a vote, at this election, immediately after the first election, the Board — shall be divided by lot into three classes consisting of three each. The first class shall hold their office until the next annual election thereafter, the second class a year longer than the first, and the third class a year longer than the second, so that at each annual meeting after the first election, there shall be three Directors chosen, to serve for three years, and all vacancies previously existing shall be supplied, but in case of failure to elect those Directors previously in office shall hold over until their successors are elected, and in case of a vacancy occurring between any two annual meetings the Board, shall have power to fill such vacancy until the next annual meeting. A quorum of the Board for all purposes shall be five persons

Article 5th The annual meeting for the election of Directors shall be held on the first Monday of January in each year, but special meetings may be called by the President at the request in writing

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of eight members; of which as well as of the annual meetings, five days notice shall be given by advertisement in at least one of the daily papers published in the City of Davenport.

Article 6th The Board of Directors shall at their first meeting after each annual meeting, elect by ballot a President, from their own body, and also a Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified, and the Treasurer shall give bond with surety to be approved by the Board, in such sum as the by-laws shall direct, for the faithful performance of his duties.

Article 7th All the receipts of this corporation whether from the sale of lots, from donations or otherwise, shall be applied exclusively under the direction of the Board to laying out, preserving, protecting, and embellishing the grounds of, and the avenues leading to the Cemetery, and to paying the necessary expenses of the Corporation. No debts shall be contracted in anticipation of future receipts, except for the original purchase, laying out, enclosing, and embellishing the grounds and avenues, for which a debt or debts may be contracted, not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars in the whole, to be paid out of future receipts; and no lots shall be sold by the corporation on credit, but the Board of Directors shall have power to appropriate lots for the interment of such meritorious persons not members as they may see proper.

Article 8th The original conveyance of lots, from the Corporation to individuals, shall be by a deed signed by the President, and sealed with the seal of the

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Corporation, and such deed shall vest in the proprietor, his heirs, and assigns, a right in fee simple to such lot, for the sole purpose of interment, under the regulations of the Corporation, but no original deed shall be granted to any person who does not produce a receipt from the Treasurer, that he has paid for his lot in full, nor shall any person be the proprietor of more than three lots at the same time unless by the unanimous consent of the Directors, and no individual proprietor, shall make a transfer of his lot except by the consent of the Directors.

Article 9th For the purpose of convenient selection and description, the Board of Directors shall cause a plat to be made of the lots to be disposed of for interment, designating such lots by consecutive numbers, which plat shall be recorded in the Records Office for Scott County, Iowa. The original choice of lots between those who shall have subscribed and paid for them prior to the time of making the selection, shall be determined by lot, in such manner as the board of Directors shall prescribe.

Article 10th The Board of Directors shall have power, to enclose, improve and adorn the grounds and avenues, and to erect buildings for the general use of the Corporation, and to prescribe rules for enclosing, adorning, and erecting monuments in the Cemetery lots, and to prohibit any use, division, improvement or adornment of a lot which they may deem improper, and they shall make report of their doings to each annual meeting of the Corporation.

Article 11th The private property of members of this

corporation shall not be holden for the corporate debts.

Article 12th This Corporation shall continue for the term of Twenty Years from the Fourteenth (14th) day of May in the Year one Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty six (1856) the day of the adoption of these articles of Incorporation.

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