

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 370

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

AN ACT to incorporate the West Bowdoin Cemetery
Association.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. Alonzo Purinton, N. S. Purinton, J. H. Cox,
2 J. H. Doughty, J. H. Potter, T. T. Whitney, B. F. Tooth-
3 aker, W. S. Cotton, M. H. Williams, S. W. Fisher, C. H.
4 Holbrook, Guy M. Williams, E. T. Tibbetts and A. J. Hol-
5 brook, their associates and successors, are hereby made a
6 corporation by the name of the West Bowdoin Cemetery
7 Association for the purpose of acquiring, holding, control-
8 ling, caring for, and improving ground set apart and used
9 for burial purposes, situate and lying within an inclosure
10 belonging to Alonzo Purinton in West Bowdoin in the town
11 of Bowdoin, and said corporation shall have all the powers

12 and privileges and be subject to all the duties, restrictions
13 and liabilities contained in the general laws existing or which
14 may hereafter be in force relating to such corporation.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to take
2 possession and assume legal control of the burial place afore-
3 said whenever the same shall have been duly conveyed to it
4 by the person holding legal title to the same. And said
5 corporation shall hold the land of, and all other property,
6 rights, and things appertaining to said burial place, for the
7 same uses and purposes for which they are now held; and
8 all rights which any persons have acquired therein shall
9 remain valid to the same extent as if this act had not been
10 passed.

Sect. 3. Said corporation may acquire by purchase, gift
2 or devise, and hold in fee additional land to the extent of
3 five acres for the purposes of enlarging said cemetery from
4 time to time, and may hold such personal property as may
5 be necessary for the purposes of the corporation; and said
6 corporation is hereby authorized to take and hold any grant,
7 donation or bequest of property upon trust, and to apply
8 the same or its income to the improvement and beautifying
9 of said cemetery, or for the construction, repair, preserva-
10 tion or renewal of any monument, fence or other structure,
11 in the planting and cultivation of trees, shrubs or plants in
12 or around any lot, or the improving of said premises in any
13 other manner or form consistent with the purposes for which
14 said cemetery is established, and in accordance with the
15 terms of said grant, donation or bequest.

Sect. 4. Said corporation may have a corporate seal to
2 be used in its conveyances and for any of the usual purposes
3 of such a seal, and may make and establish such by-laws for
4 the government of its concerns as may be necessary, not
5 conflicting with the laws of this state, and may issue stock.

Sect. 5. Said corporation, by its board of directors, shall
2 have the care, control and general management, for pur-
3 poses of preservation of the lands and grounds of said ceme-
4 tery, and shall have power to institute legal proceedings for
5 the punishment for any and all offences committed therein.

Sect. 6. Any person who now is or may hereafter become
2 a proprietor of a lot, by deed or otherwise, in the land men-
3 tioned in section one of this act, or in land hereafter acquired
4 by said corporation, shall become a member of said corpo-
5 ration; and when any person shall cease to be a proprietor
6 of a lot in the lands of said corporation he shall cease to be
7 a member thereof.

Sect. 7. Deeds of lots in said cemetery shall be recorded
2 in the county registry of deeds of said county on payment of
3 the usual registry fee to the register of said county.

Sect. 8. The officers of this corporation shall be a board
2 of seven trustees, a clerk, a treasurer, and such other officers
3 as its by-laws may prescribe, who shall hold office for such
4 time and be elected in such manner as may be required by
5 the by-laws of the corporation.

Sect. 9. The board of directors shall choose by ballot at
2 their annual meeting a superintendent of burials.

Sect. 10. The treasurer of said corporation shall be
2 required to give bond with sureties in such sum as the board
3 of directors may deem sufficient.

Sect. 11. The annual and special meetings of this corpo-
2 ration shall be holden at such time and place and such
3 notices thereof shall be given as the by-laws direct.

Sect. 12. Any three of the corporators are hereby author-
2 ized to call the first meeting of this corporation by posting
3 notices thereof in three public places in the vicinity, seven
4 days at least before said meeting.

Sect. 13. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 1, 1907.

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E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*