

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1850.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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estates of the inhabitants of said town according to the provisions of existing laws for the assessment of taxes; and also requiring the said sums to be collected and paid into the state treasury, on or before the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, in the same manner that the state tax is required to be paid by other towns; the said sum being the amount for which the said town of Perkins ought to be chargeable for the year eighteen hundred and forty-eight, in consequence of the incorporation of said town by an act approved June twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, from a portion of the town of Dresden.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved May 29, 1850.]

Chapter 301.

An act to incorporate the Portland Widows' Wood Society.

Whereas sundry citizens of Portland, in the county of Cumberland, have been many years associated for the purpose of furnishing, from charitable contributions, fuel to destitute widows, poor females and orphans during the winter months; and the better to invest and manage the donations and to carry out the benevolent intentions of donors, have applied for an act of incorporation; therefore,

Preamble.

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

SECT. 1. John Anderson, James H. Baker, John Chute, Josiah Black, Lemuel Gooding, James Rackleff, Eben Steele, John Purinton, A. M. Baker, William Evans, Nathaniel Elsworth, Martin Gore, Charles Baker, T. C. Hersey, Byron Greenough and Henry B. Hart, together with such persons as may hereafter be associated with them, are hereby incorporated into a society by the name of the Portland Widows' Wood Society, to be and remain by that name a body corporate forever, for the purpose of receiving donations and furnishing fuel, gratuitously, to destitute women and orphans of said city.

Incorporators.

Corporate name.

SECT. 2. Said corporation shall have a seal, may sue and be sued in their corporate capacity, and appoint an agent or attorney to prosecute and defend suits, with the power of substitution.

Powers.

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authority.

SECT. 3. Said society shall be capable of receiving, and may receive from any person disposed to aid its object, any grant or devise of land or tenement, and any gift or bequest of other property, to an amount not exceeding forty thousand dollars to be held and used for the purposes aforesaid.

Officers may
annually be
chosen.

SECT. 4. Said society may annually choose a president, vice president and treasurer, which last officer shall also be secretary, with such number of directors as they may deem expedient, to be selected from the different religious societies in said Portland, not exceeding two from each parish; and shall make such by-laws and regulations for the government of said society, and for the distribution of so much of its income and donations received, in charities aforesaid as to them shall seem best: *provided* they are not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state.

By-laws, &c.

Power to transfer
property.

SECT. 5. Said society shall have power to sell, and by deed of the president, under the seal of the society, accompanied by a certified copy of a vote of said society authorizing said sale, to convey any real estate given to, or purchased by said society, the sale of which may not be prohibited by the doner or grantor, and all money arising from such sale shall be safely invested in some productive property and its income applied in the charities aforesaid.

Salary.

SECT. 6. No salary or pecuniary allowance shall be given or made to any officer or member of said society for his services, excepting to the treasurer and distributors of fuel.

Bond of treas-
urer.

SECT. 7. The treasurer shall give bond in double the amount of the personal property of said society, for its safe keeping, with at least two such sureties as shall by the president and mayor of the city be deemed and by them certified to be sufficient security for said fund or property.

First meeting,
how called.

SECT. 8. Said John Anderson, James H. Baker and John Chute, or any two of them, are hereby authorized, by notice in any two newspapers published in said Portland, to call the first meeting of this society, at such time and place as they shall designate, at which meeting the method of calling future meetings shall be adopted.

[Approved May 30, 1850.]