

CHAPTER LXI.

An ACT granting an annuity to John Smith, an old soldier.

SECT. I. BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the state treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to John Smith, or order, forty dollars immediately after the passing of this act, and an annuity of forty dollars, to be paid half yearly, during life, to commence on the first day of January, last.

Gratuity and annuity granted to John Smith.

JOHN TOD, Speaker
of the House of Representatives.

P. C. LANE, Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER LXII.

An ACT to incorporate the trustees of Hughesian Free School, in Buckingham township Bucks county.

WHEREAS Amos Austin Hughes, late of the township of Buckingham, in the county of Bucks, in and by his last will and testament, in writing duly proved in the register's office in the said county, did give and devise to trustees therein named, a certain plantation in the said township of Buckingham, together with a considerable sum of money, and the residue of his personal estate, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining on some part of the said land, a school to be called the "Hughesian Free School," and the said trustees having petitioned the legislature for an act of incorporation: Therefore,

SECT. I. Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That John Ely, Nicholas Austin, John Watson, jun. William Ely, Thomas Bye, John Wilson, M. D. Samuel Johnson, Joseph Shaw, Isaiah Jones, Joshua Anderson, Joseph Watson, and Stephen Wilson, all of the township of Buckingham, in the county of Bucks, being the trustees named in the said will, and their successors to be elected, as hereinafter directed, shall be and they are hereby declared to be, one body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of, the "Trustees and Directors of the Hughesian Free School," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession; and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law or elsewhere; and shall be competent and capable in law and in equity, to take and to hold, to themselves and their successors, for the use of the said

John Ely et alias, and their successors incorporated.

Style of the corporation.

Powers and privileges.

free school, any lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods and chattels, by purchase or otherwise, and the same from time to time to grant, bargain, sell, demise, alien, and dispose of, for the use of the said free school; *provided*, the lands devised by the said Amos Austin Hughes, shall never be sold or aliened, but the same shall remain forever vested in the said corporation.

Proviso that the lands devised by A. A. Hughes shall never be aliened.

Procure a common seal.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said trustees and their successors, shall have power and authority to use one common seal, and the same to alter and renew at their pleasure.

How vacancies are to be filled.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That in case of the death, refusal to serve, resignation, or removal out of the township, of any of the trustees before named, or their successors, the vacancy or vacancies so arising, shall be from time to time filled by other persons, to be chosen by such of the inhabitants of the said township of Buckingham, as are by law qualified to elect members of the legislature of this commonwealth, at such time and place as the said corporation may appoint, giving at least three weeks notice thereof by advertisements set up in four of the most public places in the said township: the number of the members of said corporation shall not at any time exceed twelve, and no person shall be chosen a member thereof who shall not at the time of such choice, be an inhabitant of the said township of Buckingham, according to its present limits, and the actual owner of a freehold estate therein, of the value at least of one thousand pounds, Pennsylvania currency, as directed by the last will and testament of the said Amos Austin Hughes: the members of the said corporation shall be called trustees, seven of whom shall be a quorum, for the transaction of business, and one of them shall be annually chosen president, who shall have a voice only in case of an equality of the votes of the members present.

Qualification of electors.

Notice to be given of the time of election.

Trustees not to exceed twelve. Who eligible.

Seven trustees a quorum.

Trustees to appoint a treasurer and other necessary officers.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said trustees and their successors chosen as aforesaid, or a quorum of them, shall have the power of appointing a treasurer, secretary, or such other officers as they may deem necessary for taking care of the said estate, and managing the concerns of the corporation, and a quorum of them at any annual or other meeting which they may appoint, shall determine all matters and things which may occasionally arise, or be incidentally necessary to be determined and transacted for the well-being of the said school, although the same be not herein particularly mentioned; and also to make ordain and establish such by-laws ordinances and regulations, as shall appear necessary and convenient for the government of the said corporation, not being contrary to the constitution and laws of the United States, or of this commonwealth; and generally to do all the matters and things which to them it shall lawfully appertain to do, for the

Power to make by-laws.

well-being of the said corporation, and the due management and ordering the affairs thereof.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said trustees shall, whenever the same may become proper and convenient, erect on some convenient part of the aforesaid lands, a suitable school house, and such other buildings as may be necessary for the establishment of the said school, and employ the interest of the funds in their hands for the support of the said school, as a free school forever; and for teaching therein the common and useful parts of an English education all such poor children and other persons inhabitants of the said township of Buckingham, as may stand most in need thereof; and also for the boarding and clothing such of the said children as from their circumstances and situation may in the opinion of the said trustees require such assistance: and further that any of the blood-kindred of the said Amos Austin Hughes, residing within the said township of Buckingham, shall at all times have the privilege of sending their children to the said school when the same may be established.

Trustees may erect buildings, &c.

Interest and funds how to be appropriated.

Children of the blood-kindred of the deviser to enjoy the benefits of the institution.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That immediately on the establishment of the said school, it shall be the duty of the said trustees, to appoint three of their number to be directors thereof, and according to seniority, the same directors shall continue in that office, one, two and three years, and in each succeeding year one director shall be appointed to supply the place of the director whose time may expire, and every director chosen after the first year, shall continue in that office three years, so that one director shall be elected annually, but any member whose term of service may have expired, may be re-elected.

Three directors to be appointed.

Rotation in their office.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the said directors to employ a suitable teacher or teachers for the said school, to agree with them for their salaries, and at pleasure to remove them and to visit the said school at least once in every three months, and examine the state thereof, and provide whatever may be necessary therefor, to superintend the conduct of the teacher or teachers thereof, and to make a report in writing to the said trustees, at least once in every year, of the state of the said school and funds appertaining thereto.

To employ teachers, fix salaries, &c.

Directors to make report to trustees annually.

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all by-laws, ordinances and proceedings of the said corporation, shall be fairly and regularly entered in a book or books to be kept for that purpose; and no misnomer of the said corporation shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, devise or bequest to the said corporation: *providea,* the intent of the parties shall sufficiently appear on the face of the gift, grant, will or other writing, whcreby any estate or other interest shall have been in-

By-laws to be recorded &c.

Misnomer not to defeat any Grant, &c.

Proviso.

Non-user not to work a forfeiture.

tended to pass to the same corporation ; nor shall any non-user of the rights, liberties, privileges, jurisdictions and authorities, hereby granted to the said corporation, create or in any wise cause a forfeiture thereof.

Time of first meeting of trustees.

SECT. IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the first meeting of the said trustees, shall be on the first Monday in May, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, at the late dwelling house of the said Amos Austin Hughes, and afterwards, until the said school house shall be erected, at such time and place as they or a majority of them may appoint.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.
P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER LXIII.

An ACT enabling Ralph Ewart and Archibald Ewart, of Greene county, aliens, to convey a certain tract of land therein mentioned, to George Reynolds.

Certain aliens authorized to convey lands.

SECT. I. *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That Ralph Ewart, and Archibald Ewart, of Greene county, aliens, are hereby authorized and empowered by deed, to make a conveyance in fee simple to George Reynolds, his heirs and assigns, of and for a certain plantation or tract of land called "Mountjoy," situate in Cumberland township, Greene county, containing about one hundred and eighty-six acres, with allowance, adjoining lands of James Seaton, Thomas Wright, Paul Dowlan and Robert Whitehill, jun. which, when so conveyed, and the purchase money paid in full to the said Ralph Ewart and Archibald Ewart, and the conveyance acknowledged and recorded according to law, shall be good and sufficient in law and in equity to vest the title to the said land in the said George Reynolds, his heirs and assigns, as fully and effectually, as if the said Ralph Ewart and Archibald Ewart, had at the time of purchasing and selling the said land both been naturalized citizens of the United States of America : *provided always,* that nothing in this act contained shall be understood to injure or prejudice the private right of any individual.

Proviso.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.
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