

No. 137.

An Act

To incorporate the Middletown School Association, in the county of Bucks.

SECTION 1. *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 all and every the persons who shall at the time of the passing of this act be members of the association called the "Attleborough School Association," and all who may hereafter become associated with them, shall be and they are hereby created and declared to be one body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of the "Attleborough School Association," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and hereby made able and capable in law, to have, purchase, receive, take, hold, possess, enjoy and retain to them and to their successors lands, rents, tenements, hereditaments, stock, goods, chattels and effects, of what kind, nature, quantity or condition soever, whether real or personal, by gift, grant, demise, bargain and sale, devise, bequest, testament, legacy or by any other mode of conveyance or transfer whatever, or which at any time or times heretofore have been granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, released, devised, subscribed as stock or otherwise conveyed or given, or intended so to be: *Provided,* That the yearly income arising from the same and subject to the annual dispositions of the said association, shall not exceed the sum of six thousand dollars money of these United States; and the same to give, grant, bargain and demise, convey, assure, transfer, alien and dispose of to others for the whole or any less estate that they have in the same, and also to improve and augment the same in such manner and form as the said association by their by-laws and regulations shall order and direct, and shall and may apply the same with the rents, issues and profits, incomes and interests of such estate, and the moneys arising from the sales or alienation of any part thereof, to the use, ends, intents and purposes of the institution, according to the rules, orders, regulations and constitution of the said association, as fully and effectually as any natural person or body politic and corporate within this State, by the laws and constitution of the Commonwealth, can do and perform, and the said association, by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all courts of law and equity within this Commonwealth or elsewhere, and also to make, have and use a common seal and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure, and also to ordain, establish and put in execution such by-laws, ordinances

Style & title.

Privileges.

Proviso.

Yearly income not to exceed \$6000

Privileges & liabilities.

and regulations as to them shall seem meet, not being contrary to the laws and constitution of this Commonwealth, and generally to do and execute all and singular the acts, matters and things which to them it shall lawfully appertain to do for the well being of the said association, and the due management and ordering the affairs thereof.

SECTION 2. The capital stock of said association shall consist of two hundred shares of one hundred dollars each, and the school may go into operation whenever the sum of eight thousand dollars shall be subscribed; and the stock shall be transferable in conformity with the rules and by-laws of the corporation, and at any time the said association may deem it necessary they may connect manual labor in agriculture and the mechanical arts, to the various branches taught or to be taught in the said institution.

Capital stock
to consist of
200 shares.

SECTION 3. The present officers of the said association shall continue to act as such until the third Thursday in October next ensuing the date and passage hereof, at which time and annually thereafter, or at any other time agreed upon by said association, the said corporation shall elect a president, six managers and a treasurer and such other officers as may be required by the constitution and by-laws of said association, for the proper management thereof; but in case of failure to elect at the stated time those in office shall continue until others are chosen; the government and direction of the school, the appointment and employment of teachers and other officers concerned therewith, and the general management of the affairs of the association, shall be intrusted to the president and managers, who shall have power to enact such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the by-laws and regulations of the association, as they shall deem meet and proper: special meetings may be called by the managers at their discretion, and notice shall be given of all the meetings of the association at least ten days previous to the time at which they are to be held.

Annual
elections.

Government
of school.

Special
meetings.

SECTION 4. No misnomer of the aforesaid corporation shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, devise or bequest to or for the use of the said corporation: *Provided*, The intent of the party or parties shall sufficiently appear on the face of the gift, grant, will or writing whereby any estate or other interest was intended to pass to said corporation.

Proviso.

SECTION 5. The Legislature hereby reserves the right, and may at any time amend, alter, modify or repeal this act.

Legislative
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SECTION 6. Martin Kendig, Mercer Brown and John Croll, are hereby appointed trustees for the brick school house in the borough of Middletown, in the county of Dauphin, to hold their places until the first Monday in March next, with authority to appoint teachers, buy and hold such real estate and mathematical and philosophical apparatus as they may deem necessary for the convenient accommodation and proper instruction of youths, not to exceed in value two thousand dollars.

Trustees
appointed for
school house.
Middletown,
Dauphin co.

- Annual elections.** SECTION 7. The persons who have subscribed to the erection of said brick school house, or their successors, shall assemble hereafter on the first Monday in February in each year, and elect by ballot, three trustees who shall have the same powers as those above named, each share of five dollars entitling the holder to a vote for trustees.
- Joint stock company.** SECTION 8. A joint stock company for the promotion of virtue and knowledge be formed by William Elliott and others, having the power to sue and being liable to be sued at law, under the following conditions and regulations, viz :
- Capital stock \$50,000.** SECTION 9. A joint stock of not more than fifty thousand dollars be formed and divided into shares of fifty dollars each and subscribed for by individuals, no one to subscribe for more than ten shares.
- 7 directors, their duties.** SECTION 10. After the stock is subscribed for, seven directors shall be chosen by the stockholders, at a meeting to be held for that purpose, who shall choose a president out of their number, the president and directors to purchase the lands, erect the necessary buildings, employ the teachers, and manage all the concerns of the society ; the elections after the first year to be annual.
- Annual elections.** SECTION 11. That proper teachers in mathematics, moral and natural philosophy, languages, music, drawing, etc., also a scientific mechanic and farmer, with a suitable matron, be employed to instruct the pupils in all kinds of useful knowledge.
- Proper teachers to be employed.** SECTION 12. The expense shall not in any case exceed fifty dollars per annum for education and board for each pupil male or female.
- Not to exceed \$50 for each pupil.** SECTION 13. To induce stockholders to visit their pupils in the summer, houses and other accommodations will be provided and the charge for each person shall not exceed one dollar per week ; there will not be any vacations unless decided otherwise by the directors.
- Stockholders visiting, provisions made. Charge not to exceed \$1.** SECTION 14. That the charter be granted for fifty years, and the society never to be dissolved except at the request of three-fourths of all the stockholders, at a meeting called for the purpose.
- Charter for fifty years.** SECTION 15. That the school go into operation when one hundred shares are subscribed for.
- Operation.** SECTION 16. No pupil shall be expelled except after a fair trial before the directors, four to be considered a quorum to do business.
- Expulsion.** SECTION 17. None but stockholders shall be allowed to send pupils, one for each share.
- Send pupils.** SECTION 18. Shares may be sold and transferred at pleasure.
- Transfer.**

JAMES THOMPSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS S. CUNNINGHAM,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fourteenth day of April, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and thirty-five.

GEO: WOLF.