

No. 16.

An Act

To incorporate the Laurel Hill Cemetery company, in Penn township, Philadelphia county.

WHEREAS, The practice of burying in populous cities is becoming more objectionable, and more burdensome and expensive to the community, by reason whereof it is thought expedient to make some other provision for the decent respect which is due to the dead, free from the inconveniences above mentioned: *And whereas*, several citizens of this Commonwealth hereinafter named, have associated for the purpose of establishing a cemetery at Laurel Hill, in the neighborhood of the city of Philadelphia, intending that so much of the tract known by that name, containing in the whole about thirty-two acres, as lies westwardly of the ridge turnpike road, shall be used only for the purposes of interment, and the part lying eastwardly of said road, to be cultivated as a garden, with convenient buildings, and have desired that they and their successors may be incorporated for establishing such cemetery, with such powers as are necessary for that object: *And whereas*, it seems reasonable and necessary to provide for the permanence of the establishment, so that those who bury there may be assured of continued protection to the remains of relatives and friends who have been committed to the earth, and of the decent preservation of the ground; Therefore,

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 Nathan Dunn, Benjamin W. Richards, John J. Smith, jr., Frederick Brown, William M. Meredith, Edward Coleman, George N. Baker, Henry Toland and Nicholas Biddle, and their successors, be, and they hereby are made a body politic and corporate in law, under the name, style, and title of the "Laurel Hill Cemetery company," and by that name shall be able and capable in law to have and to use a common seal, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and do all such other things as are incident to a corporation.

SECTION 2. That the first four persons named above, shall be managers of the said Laurel Hill Cemetery company, and shall have power (first having the consent of the owners thereof) to lay out and ornament the grounds, to remove or

alter the old buildings and erect new ones, to dispose of and arrange burial lots, and to make such by-laws, rules and regulations relative to election and duties of managers and their successors, the appointment of suitable officers and agents, and their several duties and compensations, and to make such rules and regulations from time to time, for the government of lot holders and visitors to the cemetery, as they may deem necessary: *Provided*, That the extent of said ground to be appropriated under this act, shall in no case exceed sixty acres: *And provided further*, That so much of the ground as lies westwardly of the ridge turnpike road, shall be kept and devoted to the purposes of a public cemetery alone.

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SECTION 3. That the said Laurel Hill Cemetery company shall be able and capable in law, if it shall seem to them expedient, to purchase and hold the said land, and to sell and dispose of the same, and also to have and to hold so much personal estate, and no more, as may be necessary for the purposes of this incorporation, or with the consent of those who now are or hereafter may be proprietors of the ground not granted for burial lots, to assume the management, direction and disposal of the same, according to the powers hereinbefore given: *Provided*, That the land westwardly of the ridge turnpike road, as aforesaid, shall never be granted but for burial lots, and that the burial lots so granted shall be subject to the powers of this act.

SECTION 4. That the act for the establishment of Laurel Hill College, in Penn township, county of Philadelphia, passed the thirteenth day of April, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. That no streets or roads shall hereafter be opened through the lands of the said corporation occupied as a burial ground, except by and with the consent of this corporation.

LEWIS DEWART,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS S. CUNNINGHAM,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The ninth day of February, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven.

JOS: RITNER.