

[No. 71.]

A N A C T

To confer on Samuel Keiper, the rights and benefits of a child born in lawful wedlock.

Saml. Keiper
legitimated.

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 Samuel Keiper of Hanover township, son of Abraham and Catharine Keiper, in the county of Lehigh, shall have and enjoy all the rights, benefits and advantages of a child born in lawful wedlock, and shall be able and capable in law to inherit and transmit any estate whatsoever, as fully and completely to all intents and purposes as if he had been born in lawful wedlock.

WM. HOPKINS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

W. T. ROGERS,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eighteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty.

DAVID R. PORTER.

[No. 72.]

A N A C T

To incorporate the Presbyterian Congregation of Cross Roads, in the township of Pine, in the county of Allegheny.

Church incor-
porated.

Name and
style.

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 the members of the Presbyterian church and congregation of Cross Roads, in the township of Pine, in the county of Allegheny, shall be, and they are hereby erected

into a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style, and title of the Presbyterian church of Cross Roads, in the township of Pine, and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of law and elsewhere; and the trustees of the said corporation shall be able and capable in law and equity, to take and hold to them and their successors, for the use of said church and congregation, lands, tenements, goods and chattels, of whatever kind, nature or quality, real, personal or mixed, which are now or shall hereafter become the property of said church and congregation, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise or bequest, from any person or persons whoinsoever capable of making the same, and the same to grant, bargain, sell, mortgage or dispose of, for the use of the said church and congregation; and to erect any building for the purpose of worship, in such manner as may be directed by a majority of the congregation that may be present, at a meeting to be held for that purpose, of which said meeting at least two weeks notice shall be given from the pulpit or clerk's desk, or in any other way a majority of the trustees may direct, and shall indemnify and save harmless all persons who have become responsible for debts incurred on account of the erection or incidental expenses of maintaining said church, and be liable to make good to such persons all moneys actually expended by them on account of said church as aforesaid, and generally to do all and singular the matters and things which shall be lawful for them to do for the well being and due management of the affairs thereof: *Provided*, That the clear yearly value or income of said estates shall not for any time exceed two thousand dollars: *And* *Yearly in-* *provided also*, That the seal of the corporation shall not be *come limited*. affixed to any conveyance of its real estate, unless such sale or transfer be approved of at a meeting of the congregation, held after two weeks notice of the same shall have been given as aforesaid, and upon two-thirds of the members present at such meeting approving of the sale and conveyance as aforesaid, the said trustees shall affix the corporate seal of said church to a conveyance of the said real estate, and the same shall be valid in law.

Powers and franchises.

Trustees.

Vacancies.

SECTION 2. The trustees of said church and congregation shall be five in number, and until others shall be elected, shall consist of the following named persons, viz: William Cochran, John Graham, George Whitsell, James A. Gibson, and Thomas Gibson, Esquire, to continue in office until the first Monday in January, eighteen hundred and forty-one, when, and on the same day annually thereafter, the members of said congregation may at any general meeting thereof elect by ballot, five persons to serve as trustees for the ensuing year; if vacancies by death or otherwise shall happen in the office of

trustee, the remaining trustee or trustees may appoint others to supply such vacancy or vacancies, until the next general meeting of the congregation, at which meeting the congregation may elect another trustee or trustees to fill the said vacancies, who shall serve until the next annual election: *Provided*, That any three of the trustees aforesaid shall be a quorum to transact business.

Proviso.

SECTION 3. The said trustees, and their successors, shall have full power to enact and enforce such by-laws and ordinances as they shall think proper, for the regulation and transaction of the business of the congregation, and to make, have and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter, and renew at their pleasure; and if said corporation should neglect on the day of the annual meeting to hold their election, the corporation shall not be dissolved, but a majority of the trustees shall appoint any subsequent time on which the election may be held: *Provided*, That notice thereof be given from the pulpit or clerk's desk, or in such other manner as a majority of the trustees may think proper to direct, at least two weeks before said election: *Provided also*, That the said by-laws and ordinances be framed, enacted and promulgated, and all the acts of the said incorporation be in conformity with the rules and principles of the orthodox general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of North America, existing and established at the time of the enactment thereof, and not inconsistent with the constitution or laws of this state, or of the United States.

By-laws.

Seal.

Notice.

2d Proviso.

WM. HOPKINS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
W. T. ROGERS,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—Nineteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty,

DAVID R. PORTER.