

[No. 124.]

A N A C T

To incorporate the Free-Will Baptist and Congregational Church of Jackson township, Susquehanna county.

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 Free-Will Baptist Church, and the members of the Congregational Church and their respective societies in the township of Jackson, Susquehanna county, shall be and are hereby created into one body politic, by the name of the Free-Will Baptist and Congregational society of Jackson, and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and elsewhere, and shall be able and capable in law and equity to take and hold to them and their successors for the use of said society one house and lot, and to enlarge and improve the same as may be directed by a majority of the society that may be present at any meeting which may be held for that purpose, of which meeting at least two weeks notice shall be given from the pulpit or in any other way that a majority of the trustees may direct, and to finish and complete any building as aforesaid, that may be commenced, or for the erection of which any contract or contracts may be made, and generally to do all and singular the matters and things which may be lawful for them to do for the well-being and management of the affairs thereof; *Provided*, That the clear yearly value or income of said estate shall not exceed five hundred dollars. The trustees of said society shall be six in number, and, until others shall be appointed or chosen, they shall choose from their number a president and secretary, and they shall also choose a treasurer from among the society who is not a trustee, and who shall, if required by the trustees of said corporation, give sufficient security for the trust reposed in him, and shall account to said trustees for all sums of money received by him or remaining in his hands at any time; and in case of the removal of the president or any of the trustees by death, resignation or otherwise, the vacancy

Church in-
corporated.

Name.

Privileges &
franchises.

Proviso.

Yearly in-
come limited.

Number of
Trustees.

Officers.

Treasurer to
give security.

Vacancies.

or vacancies shall be supplied by the remaining trustees or trustee till the next annual election, and the following named persons shall be trustees, viz: Nathaniel Norris, Stephen Mann, Sebra Briant, William H. Bartlett, Merrit Coughlan, and Nelson French, to continue in office till the first Monday in January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, on which day the members of said society shall elect six trustees, to continue in office one year, or until others shall be elected or appointed to fill their places. 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 society, and to make, have and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure. If the society neglect on the day of annual meeting to hold their election the society shall not be dissolved, but the majority of the trustees may appoint any subsequent time on which the election may be held; *Provided*, That notice thereof be given from the pulpit, or in such other manner that a majority of the trustees may think proper to direct, at least two weeks before said election; *And provided also*, That the said by-laws and ordinances shall not be inconsistent with the constitution of this State or of the United States; *Provided, also*, That the seal of the corporation shall not be affixed to the sale of the house and lot unless such sale be approved of at a meeting of the society, 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 the society to the conveyance of the said real estate, and the same shall be valid in law; *Provided*, That any person that is not a church member may become a member of said society and eligible as a trustee, shall pay to the treasurer for the benefit of the society a sum not less than one-dollar annually.

Names of Trustees.

Continuance in office.

By-laws.

Seal.

Proviso.

2d Proviso.

WM. HOPKINS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

W. T. ROGERS,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eighth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty,

DAVID R. PORTER.