

rights of any person or persons other than those of the minors herein mentioned.

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CHAPTER MDLI.

AN ACT TO VEST IN TRUSTEES, FOR THE USE OF THE SOCIETY OF PEOPLE CALLED QUAKERS, CERTAIN LOTS OF GROUND THEREIN MENTIONED.

Whereas John Songhurst, Samuel Richardson and Anthony Morris, being seized in their demesne, as of fee, of and in a certain lot of ground, with the appurtenances situate on the west side of Front street, northward of Mulberry street, whereon was erected a brick building commonly called the Bank meeting house, did, by indenture, dated the twentieth day of the second month in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and two, grant, bargain, sell, convey, and assure the same to Samuel Carpenter, John Kinsey, John Parsons, William Hudson, Pentecost Teague and Isaac Norris and their heirs as joint tenants in fee. And whereas the said Samuel Carpenter, John Kinsey, William Hudson, Pentecost Teague and Isaac Norris, by deed, under their hands and seals, duly executed, dated the twenty-second day of the month and year aforesaid, did confess, acknowledge and declare, that the said Bank meeting house and lot with the appurtenances was so conveyed to them, as trustees, in trust for the use of the monthly meeting of Philadelphia of the religious society of people called Quakers, and did covenant and promise that they and the survivors of them and his heirs should and would hold and dispose thereof for the use aforesaid, and in such manner as the said monthly meeting, from time to time, should order, direct and appoint. And whereas the monthly meeting of Philadelphia has since been divided into three districts, called the monthly meeting of Philadelphia, the monthly meeting of Philadelphia for the

northern district, and the monthly meeting of Philadelphia for the southern district, and the real estate belonging to the said monthly meeting or meetings is, for the most part, vested in twelve trustees, appointed by the said meetings, who manage and dispose of the same, under the direction of the same monthly meetings, but the said Samuel Carpenter, John Kinsey, John Parsons, William Hudson, Pentecost Teague and Isaac Norris are all long since deceased, without having conveyed the said bank meeting house and lot to new trustees, and the said Samuel Carpenter having died beyond the sea, it is uncertain whether he or the said William Hudson, were the longest liver of the said trustees, and if he were the longest liver, his heirs reside beyond sea, and are not members of the said society: And whereas the said society have lately purchased a lot of ground in the northern part of the city of Philadelphia, and have thereon erected a more commodious meeting-house for the use of the inhabitants of the northern district, and are desirous to sell and dispose of the said Bank meeting house and lot: And whereas William Penn, the first proprietary of Pennsylvania, by his patent, under the great seal of the late province, bearing date the eighteenth day of October, 1701, did grant and convey two certain lots of ground, situate on the southeast corner of Mulberry and Fourth streets, with the appurtenances, to Edward Shippen and the said Samuel Carpenter, as joint tenants, in fee, in trust to the use and behoof of the people called Quakers in Philadelphia, for a burying place, and upon this further trust and confidence that the said Edward Shippen and Samuel Carpenter, and their heirs, should, from time to time, forever thereafter, transfer and make over the said two lots or pieces of ground or any part or parcel thereof, to such uses, intents and purposes, as the monthly meeting of the said people at Philadelphia should, at any time thereafter, direct and appoint as by the said patent, recorded in the rolls-office at Philadelphia, in patent book A. volume II., page 196, &c., fully appears; but the said Edward Shippen and Samuel Carpenter both died without conveying the said lots to new trustees, and it is not certainly known which of them survived the other, and the same have always hitherto been used by the said society as

a place for burying their dead, and are commonly called the Quakers' burial ground: And the said society having requested the aid of the legislature to vest the said lots in their present trustees. Therefore:

[Section 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 said lot of ground, commonly called and known by the name of the Bank meeting house lot, and the said lots of ground, commonly called the Quakers' burial ground, and each of them and every part thereof, as the same are respectively butted, bounded and described in the conveyances and assurances aforesaid, with the appurtenances, be, and the same are, by force of this act, vested in Samuel Sansom, John Field, Joshua Cresson and John Drinker, trustees, appointed by the monthly meeting of Philadelphia, Henry Drinker, Samuel Hopkins, Isaac Cathrall, and Thomas Scattergood, trustees appointed by the monthly meeting of Philadelphia, for the northern district, and Nicholas Waln, James Bringhurst, Thomas Fisher and Samuel Coates, trustees, appointed by the monthly meeting of Philadelphia for the southern district, and the survivors and survivor of them and the heirs and assigns of them, and the survivors and survivor of them forever; in trust, nevertheless, to and for the use of the religious society of people called Quakers, belonging to the three monthly meetings of Philadelphia, aforesaid, and to be disposed of in such manner and form, for such estate and estates, and to such person and persons as the said three monthly meetings of the said people held in Philadelphia, by minutes of their said meetings certified by their clerks, shall order, direct and appoint; and in the meantime, until such disposition shall be ordered, the said lots and premises shall be held by the said trustees, and the survivors and survivor of them and his heirs, for the same uses, and in the same manner and form as the said recited former trustees held the same.

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