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# Sons of Revolutionary Sires

ITS ORIGIN,

NAMES OF OFFICERS,

*CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS,*

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION,

NAMES OF MEMBERS,

AND

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF AUXILIARIES

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ORGANIZED IN SAN FRANCISCO,

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

JULY 4, 1876.

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All honor to the brave,  
Who in the cause of freedom fought.  
Who would not be a tory knave,  
Or by the British bought.

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# Sons of Revolutionary Sires.

## ORIGIN OF THE SOCIETY.

Among the local items in the *Alta California* of June 29th, 1876, there appeared a call for the descendants of revolutionary fathers, to meet at 212 Kearny street. That evening they assembled at 8 o'clock; when on motion of James P. Dameron, Esq., General A. M. Winn was called to the chair, and Dr. E. L. Willard chosen secretary. The chairman said he did not know who called the meeting, but supposed it was intended to celebrate the 4th of July. Mr. Dameron replied that he was one of those who called it, and their object was to join in celebrating the centennial anniversary.

At the suggestion of the chairman those present were enrolled and recognised as members of an association for the purpose of celebrating the hundredth anniversary of American Independence.

The chairman and secretary were directed to make the necessary arrangements. Joseph Sharon suggested that we might meet at the Palace

Hotel on Saturday evening next, which was agreed to.

#### MEETING JULY 1ST.

The society met at the Palace Hotel; the same officers were in their places. Quite a number of new members were added to the list, and the society adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

#### MEETING JULY 4TH

The society met at the Palace Hotel; several members were added to the list. The line was formed by Wm. S. Moses, Marshal. Thirteen of them carried a shield, each representing one of the original thirteen states, and marched in line until dismissed by order of the grand marshal.

On returning to the Palace Hotel, Marshal Moses called the meeting to order, when James P. Dameron, Esq., delivered an address which was published in the *Alta California* of July 7th.

The society dates its organization from the 4th of July, 1876.

#### MEETING JULY 11TH.

The Chairman gave notice in the daily papers, and the society assembled at Dashaway Hall. The meeting was well attended, about fifty being present. The Chairman called the meeting to order and delivered an address, giving his views at length.

On motion of Colonel Caleb T. Fay, the Chairman was chosen President, by acclamation, and the other officers were elected. They will appear in their proper place. The remarks of the Chairman and Secretary were published in the *Alta* on Sunday, July 16th, 1876. The Constitution and By-Laws were referred to the officers, and the society adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

#### MEETING AUGUST 2D.

The society met at the Palace hotel. President, A. M. Winn, in the chair, and Wm. B. Eastin, Secretary. The President read the following report, which, with the Constitution, By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation were unanimously adopted.

#### REPORT.

GENTLEMEN: In the Revolutionary war, as in all others, when a battle is fought or some great deed of patriotism is accomplished, the commander or leader, is recorded by name, while those of the rank and file are merely incidental. Perhaps their names are found on the Sergeant's roll, for the convenience of knowing whether they were present or absent; the roll wears out, the Sergeant is killed, or something else prevents the handing down of even the names of those who bared their breasts to storms of shot and shell, and lost their lives for their country's good.

A hundred years have passed since our grandfathers left their offices, fields and shops to win for posterity this glorious country ; they are called patriotic revolutionary fathers, without a seeming thought that they had some other name like Washington, of which their descendants are just as proud as if they were titled heroes embalmed in the hearts of their countrymen.

In the very nature of things it could not be otherwise, the newspapers could not herald all the men by name, and if they did so the generals and leading officers were all the great mass of the people wanted to know about. But the mother knew her son fought and was killed ; the wife knew that her husband had gone to the bloody field and did not return ; she told it to her children, they told the same story to theirs, and so the deeds of private soldiers and officers of interior rank have been handed down from mouth to ear for one hundred years.

It is natural that we should be proud of such ancestry ; it is right that we should collect tradition and make history speak of the glorious deeds, sealed with the seal of patriotic blood. It is for this purpose we have organized the " Sons of Revolutionary Sires."

Each of the members will tell us what they can about their ancestral line, and we will write it

down, perhaps to bring forth the oft-repeated traditional stories of individual patriotism. We will find the parent stock of revolutionary fame, and trace it down to the youngest of the line, making a record from which our descendants may start and follow up to the end of time.

Of our number, we now have enrolled some noble, well-preserved, venerable men; from whom we expect to get much valuable information.

J. P. H. Davison has passed his 87th year, General John Wilson his 87th, Samuel Graves his 82d, Samuel Stevens his 82d, Col. Jonathan D. Stevenson his 77th, Andrew Dunlap his 73d, Joseph Sumner his 71st, and Dr. P. W. Randall his 70th year. There are about thirty young men, like your President, between the ages of 50 and 70 years, who have seen much of the hardships of Western life, and heard from the lips of their fathers and grandfathers many revolutionary incidents worthy of a page in the history of that age that tried men's bodies as well as their souls.

Gentlemen, you have commenced a glorious work, you have formed an association that will spread throughout the land like the Good Templars and Grangers--organizations that owe their success, in a great measure, to their lady membership, where whole families unite and help each other in every good work. Your committee of

officers have considered well the help needed in the progress of our labors ; they have provided for a " Historic Council," to make history of tradition ; a ladies' auxiliary from which we expect valuable assistance, and a young men's auxiliary, that we may have them trained for the work we propose to commence, and will soon leave them for management and control. We have thought well of the subject-matter, and are directed to report a Constitution By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation, which we now present for your consideration. Respectfully submitted.

A. M. WINN, President,

CALEB T. FAY, 1st Vice President.

SAMUEL GRAVES, 2d Vice President.

IRA C. ROOT, 3d Vice President.

✓ WM. B. EASTIN, Recording Secretary.

WM. H. MEAD, Financial Secretary.

J. P. DAMERON, Treasurer.

WM. S. MOSES, Marshal.

AUGUSTUS C. TAYLOR,	} Ex. Com.
JAMES N. MAKINS,	
J. S. IREDALE.	

# CONTSITUTION.

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## ARTICLE I.

### *Name and Objects.*

SECTION 1. The name of this Society shall be "SONS OF REVOLUTIONARY SIRES."

SEC. 2. Its objects are, to unite the descendants of revolutionary patriots; perpetuate the memory of those who took part in the American revolution and maintained the independence of the United States of America; to promote social intercourse, mental improvement and mutual benefit of its members; to organise auxiliaries, co-equal branches and representative bodies, at such time and place as the Directors may determine.

## ARTICLE II.

### *Historic Council.*

SEC. 1. Not less than thirteen members, each over forty years of age, shall constitute an auxiliary of the society, to be known as "Historic Council," who shall be nominated by the Board of Directors and confirmed by the society. They shall organise by passing by-laws for their own government, and elect such officers as they deem

proper. To that body all matters of biography, history and relics shall be referred for arrangement, record and preservation ; and it shall recommend from time to time such measures as they may deem necessary and proper for the good of the association and its members.

### ARTICLE III.

#### *Membership.*

SECTION 1. To be a member, the applicant must be a person of fair repute in society, and the regular descendant of a patriot who took part in the revolution against England, which resulted in the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, October 19th, 1781, and the final establishment of the United States of America as a Republic. Honorary members may be elected as the society may determine.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### *Officers.*

SECTION 1. The Officers shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Marshal, and three members of an Executive Committee, who shall be elected annually by ballot, hold office until their successors are qualified, and be a Board of Directors to manage the affairs of the society as may be required by the State laws and company by-laws.

SEC. 2. The Officers shall each perform the duties incident to their respective positions, which may be defined in by-laws, and in the absence of such definition, as the President may from time to time direct.

## ARTICLE V.

### *By-Laws.*

SECTION 1. To carry out the objects of the association, as set forth in the Constitution, by-laws may be passed, by majority vote, at a regular meeting of the society, which may be altered, amended or suspended, by a two-third vote of those present. Provided, however, that suspensions shall only last for one evening.

SEC. 2. "Order of Business" and "Rules of Order" shall not be deemed by-laws, and may be adopted and changed as the society shall determine, at any regular meeting, by a majority vote.

## ARTICLE VI.

### *Amendments.*

SECTION 1. The Constitution may be amended at a regular meeting by a two-third vote; after the amendment has been proposed in writing and voted for, at three separate, distinct meetings, by a majority of those present. The proceedings of the society, on each separate vote, shall fully appear on

the minutes, and on the final vote the roll shall be called, and the ayes and nays recorded.

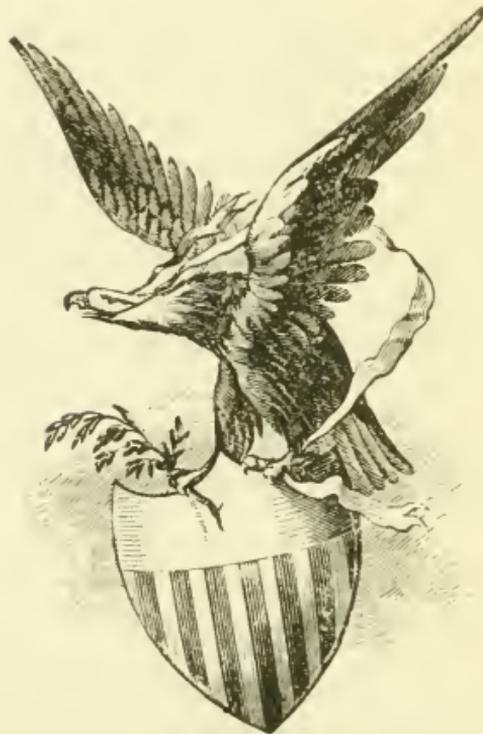
Approved by the Society, August 2d, 1876.

A. M. WINN,

*President.*

✓ Wm. B. EASTIN,

*Secretary.*



## BY-LAWS.

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### ARTICLE I.

#### *Membership.*

SECTION 1. Application for membership must be made in writing, stating the name, age, place of residence, and from what patriot descended ; which shall be referred to the Board of Directors ; if they do not report favorably the candidate is rejected ; if favorable, to be reported to the society as members ; where they must be confirmed by a *viva voce* vote, and sign the roll ; if then rejected the name shall not be presented again for six months.

### ARTICLE II.

#### *Trials.*

SECTION 1. A member may be tried, fined, suspended or expelled, on conviction of crime or any conduct unbecoming a gentleman. In all cases charges must be preferred in writing, stating the specific cause of complaint, on which the President shall appoint a committee of five to inquire into it, who shall have power to admit council on each side, summon witnesses and take down relevant testimony ; which they shall report to the society

in writing, signed by a majority of the committee; whereupon the society shall try the case and determine the mode and measure of punishment. The decision, when spread upon the minutes shall be final; but may be re-opened for good cause shown in writing.

### ARTICLE III.

#### *Honorary Members.*

SECTION 1. Honorary membership may be conferred upon distinguished individuals for services rendered in the Army or Navy of the United States, or for contributions to the society, who shall not be subject to dues or entitled to vote or hold office, but may take part in debate and be entitled to the honors of re-unions and celebrations.

SEC. 2. Members may resign if their dues are paid and they are not under charges of any kind, or subject to charges under the second Article of the By-Laws.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### *Meetings.*

SECTION 1. The regular meetings shall be on the first Wednesday evening of each month. The annual meeting, the first Wednesday after the 4th of July. The re-union meeting on the 19th of October. The celebrations on the 4th of July and the 22d of February, at such time and place as the

Directors may determine. The President may call special meetings at pleasure, and shall do so when ten members demand it, in writing, or when required, by a vote of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 2. Thirteen members, in good standing, and entitled to all the rights, privileges and benefits of the association, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 3. In the absence of special parliamentary rules, approved by the society, the "Manual of Parliamentary Practice," embracing the rules of proceedings and debate in deliberative assemblies, by Luther S. Cushing, shall be controlling authority in all proceedings of the association or its auxiliaries.

## ARTICLE V.

### *Elections.*

SECTION 1. At the election of officers, the President shall appoint three tellers to receive and count the ballots, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. If only one candidate is in nomination the vote may be taken *viva voce*.

SEC. 2. No person shall be eligible to an office unless he has been a member more than six months, and his dues paid up, nor shall a member be allowed to vote who is in arrears for three months, or under fourteen years of age.

SEC. 3. The officers may be installed, as the society shall direct, either in public or private. When public installation is ordered it shall be opened with religious ceremony, and an oration by some member, under the superintendence of the President, as the Directors may determine, when the wives and children of the members shall be invited, and assigned seats distinct from the balance of the audience.

## ARTICLE VI.

### *Duties of Officers.*

SECTION 1. THE PRESIDENT shall preside, preserve order, sign warrants drawn on the treasury for the payment of audited accounts, and all other papers ordered by the society; have general powers of supervision over the association; see that the officers perform their duty, enforce the Constitution, By-Laws, rules and regulations of the society; appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; give the casting vote when a tie occurs; examine and announce all ballotings; direct the Secretary to call special meetings, and make full report with recommendations at the monthly meetings and at the end of his term of office.

SEC. 2. THE VICE PRESIDENTS, in the order of their rank, shall perform the duties of President in his absence or inability. They shall be the Auditing Committee; examine and act upon

all accounts referred to them, and keep a regular account thereof, showing when presented, by whom, the amount, what for, and the amounts by them allowed. They shall be ready, at every meeting, to show their books, which shall be open at all times for the inspection of members.

SEC. 3. THE RECORDING SECRETARY shall keep a regular account of the proceedings of the Society and Board of Directors, in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall draw all warrants on the Treasury for the payment of accounts, when allowed by the Auditing Committee, present them to the President for his signature and have accounts receipted before delivering the warrants to the owner or agent. He shall sign and affix the seal to all documents ordered by the society, keep the papers properly backed and filed, ready for inspection at any time; notify members of special meetings when ordered by the President; at the end of his term to make a report showing the number of members elected, rejected, initiated, suspended, reinstated, expelled, withdrawn, resigned, and died, with dates and occupations; the number of contributing members, the amount of receipts, amount expended, amount on hand; and within one week after his term expires, deliver to his successor all books and papers, together with all other property of the society, and take a detailed receipt for the same.

SEC. 4. THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY shall keep a record book, showing the names of members, when admitted, when born, and their place of residence; collect dues, keep a regular account thereof; at each meeting pay the same to the Treasurer, take his receipts, and return them as vouchers in settlement; to notify all members when three months in arrears, and at the end of his term to make a full report, and deliver to his successor in office within one week after his term expires, all the books and other property belonging to the society.

SEC. 5. THE TREASURER shall receive, receipt for and disburse all money belonging to the society, and keep a regular account thereof. He shall deposit the money in such banks as the Directors may determine, and never keep in his hands more than twenty dollars at one time. When a warrant is presented to him properly signed, he shall endorse it, on which the bank will pay, and not otherwise. No bond shall be required of the Treasurer, but for defalcation or violation of the Constitution or By-Laws he may be expelled. He shall make a report of receipts and disbursements at every regular meeting of the society.

SEC. 6. THE MARSHAL shall be the commander of processions, with power to appoint his assistants; call the roll at every parade, note the

absentees, and report them to the society. He shall have charge of the meeting room and furniture, keep it in order; secure meetings from intrusion, carry messages, introduce candidates for membership, obey the orders of the society, the President and Board of Directors, and generally perform the duty of Sergeant at Arms.

SEC. 7. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall examine and report upon the books of the officers at least once in six months, or as often as the President may direct, compare the vouchers and records, see that they correspond with collections and disbursements, and make a plain, intelligible report to the society at the next regular meeting after the examination. All resolutions or questions of doubt referred to them, they shall examine carefully and report thereon at the next meeting after reference, being subject at all times to the orders of the President.

## ARTICLE VII.

### *Corporation.*

SECTION 1. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS is the legal corporate body of the society, subject to its By-Laws and laws of the State. The officers of the society shall be the officers of the Board of Directors and known as "Directors of the Sons of Revolutionary Sires."

SEC. 2. The Board of Directors has power to fix the duties of officers not otherwise determined; provide them with necessary books, stationery etc.; fill vacancies in the society offices; appoint messengers or other subordinate officers as they may deem necessary, and remove them at pleasure.

SEC. 3. The Board shall appoint an Assistant Secretary on the recommendation of the Secretary, and two Sentinels on the recommendation of the Marshal, who shall perform such duties as their respective chiefs may require

SEC. 4. The Board shall appoint an Invitation Committee of thirteen, whose duty it shall be to find out who are eligible to membership and report their names and residences to the Secretary, who will present them to the board of Directors for further action.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### *Auxiliaries and Branches.*

SECTION 1. A LADIES' AUXILIARY shall be organised by the Board, under such By-Laws, rules, regulations and officers as they may deem necessary and proper. The ladies having the right to elect their own officers, under the direction of the President or other members of the Board.

SEC. 2. THE HISTORIC COUNCIL shall be

called together and organised by the Board, in accordance with article second of the Constitution. The members appointed by the Directors shall be and remain in office, until rejected by the society, and their council labors shall extend to all branches of the association.

SEC. 3. The Board may organise AUXILIARIES COMPOSED OF YOUNG MEN, between fourteen and forty years of age under such rules and regulations, and at such time as in their opinion may be necessary and proper, giving to members the right to elect their own officers and pass such by-laws, as may be necessary for their good government. The principal object shall be to concentrate the youth in societies for social intercourse, mental improvement, and necessary instruction in rules of etiquette and the principles of gentlemen.

SEC. 4. The officers of a branch shall be known as a Board of Trustees, and the officers of an auxiliary shall be known as a Board of Managers. Such societies may be chartered by the President and Secretary, when ordered by the Board of Directors. The Constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of the society shall apply with equal force to all its branches and auxiliaries, except as may be otherwise provided by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 5. The Board may establish a LIBRARY AND MUSEUM under such rules and regulations as they shall adopt. They shall receive, receipt for and return thanks to persons who may contribute books, maps, money or other property, and provide a well bound book in which the names of contributors shall be entered, with the character and value of donations made, and preserve it as a permanent record.

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### *The Rolls.*

SECTION 1. A book shall be kept by the Recording Secretary, in which the members shall, as they join, write their names, their age and name of the revolutionary patriot from whom decended. Also a roll with the places of residence opposite their names so as to know where to find them. Also a Roll of Honor so lined as to show when each member was present or absent, from which the society will determine awards for prompt attendance.

#### ARTICLE X.

##### *Dues and Fines.*

SECTION 1. The admission fee shall be one dollar. Monthly dues, fifty cents payable in advance, and those who fail to pay for six months shall stand suspended from all the rights and privileges

of the association ; but the dues may be remitted by the society for inability to pay, or a member may reinstate himself by paying his back dues.

SEC. 2. Members of committees shall, for neglect of duty, be subject to fine, in a sum not exceeding five dollars, for each offence, but may be excused for good cause.

SEC. 3. All fines shall be assessed by the President and entered by the Financial Secretary, which shall stand as dues against the member, unless excused by a vote of the society.

## ARTICLE XI.

### *Genealogical Record.*

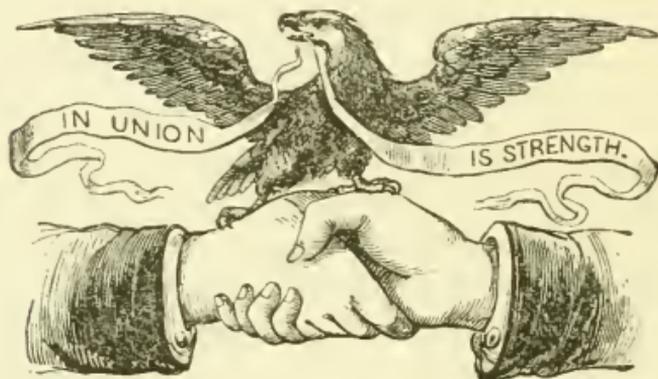
SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall provide a well bound book as a family record, in which the name of each revolutionary patriot shall be entered, and the family line traced briefly to the member claiming him as an ancestor, after which the names, date and place of birth of the member's children shall be briefly entered, together with their places of residence, and all other historical particulars that may be necessary to keep a record reference for future generations.

## ARTICLE XII.

### *The Seal.*

SECTION 1. The Seal shall be two inches and a quarter in diameter ; around the edge a border of

thirty-eight stars, representing the States now in the Union ; next circle, " Sons of Revolutionary Sires, organised July 4th, 1876 " ; inside of that, the segment of the globe with *thirteen stars*, representing the thirteen original States ; on top of that a *coiled rattlesnake* with thirteen rattles, ready to strike ; over that " *One Hundred Years of Freedom,*" and beneath it, " *Don't Tread on Me,*" at the bottom of the globe segment, " United States of America ;" to be engraved on brass and set in a strong seal press.



## HISTORIC COUNCIL.

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### BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. This auxiliary of the "Sons of Revolutionary Sires," deriving its power from the second article of the constitution, declares its organization for the purposes therein named.

SEC. 2. The officers shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-arms, to be elected annually on the first Thursday in August of each year, and hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 4. The officers shall perform duties defined, in the By-Laws of the Society, for similar officers, as far as they will apply. The three Vice-Presidents being the auditing committee and the Assistant Secretary, *ex-officio* Financial Secretary.

SEC. 4. Each member of the Society shall write out, or have written, the history of his family, including his revolutionary ancestor, from whom he claims to descend, and file it with the Secretary of the Society, who shall make a note of it in the minute book and hand it to the Secretary of the Council.

SEC. 5. A member presenting his genealogical statement with the Secretary of the society shall pay the Financial Secretary ten dollars before filing, and        cents per follio after the manuscript has been prepared for the press, which money shall be paid into the Treasury and deposited in bank as the "Historic fund," and kept to pay the expenses of the Historic Council. All bills are to be first allowed by the Council, then by the Board of Directors of the Society, after which they will take the course of other bills.

SEC. 6. When a sufficient amount of manuscript has been prepared, to make a volume of about three hundred and fifty pages, the council shall have it published with the photographic likeness of each member at the beginning of his family record; and furnish two copies to each recorded member if his dues are paid up. Preference shall be given to publishers on the Pacific Coast where there is evident fairness in quality and cost of material and workmanship.

SEC. 7. The electrotype pages of each volume shall be preserved, that extra copies may be printed at pleasure, and sold to the members at a reasonable price; or to the public at such prices as may be agreed upon.

SEC. 8. The profits arising from the sale of books or other printed matter shall go into the

Treasury of the Society and be kept as the Historic Fund, and used only for the payment of expenses in that department, as provided by section five of these By-Laws.

SEC. 9. When any relic, biography or historic matter comes before the council, the President shall refer it to a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to thoroughly examine it, report upon its validity and prepare it for the press.

SEC. 10. Room is to be procured, where relics of all kinds shall, upon approval of the council, be filed away in such manner as may be deemed right, for safety and public information, having always in view perpetual security of the articles.

SEC. 11. Whenever a member, by dissipation or other objectionable conduct, shall become annoying to the council, it may, by a majority vote, drop him from the roll and ask the Directors to appoint another to fill the vacancy.

SEC. 12. Frequent neglect of duty shall be deemed good cause for dropping the name of a member. and we declare it a duty of a member who cannot attend to present his resignation, which he may do at any time without reproach, or inquiry into his reasons.

SEC. 13. Resolutions or motions, adopted at any meeting where a quorum of seven members are present, shall have the force and effect of By-Laws.

Your committee to whom was referred the foregoing By-Laws recommend their adoption.

JOSEPH SHARON,  
GEORGE E. SCHENCK,  
C. E. BLAKE, SEN.

Approved by the Historic Council, Sept. 15, 1876.

AMOS ADAMS, *President H. C.*

C. M. BLAKE, *Secretary.*

Approved by the Board of Directors, Sept. 20th,  
1876.

A. M. WINN, *President S. R. S.*

WM. B. EASTIN, *Secretary.*



## RULES OF ORDER.

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A quorum of the Society, its Branches and Auxiliaries shall be thirteen after the membership has reached 50, when a less number, they fix their own quorum. Directors, Managers and Trustees must have a majority of the Board present to transact business.

2. When a motion is made and seconded it must be stated by the chair before debate.

3. If demanded by a member, a resolution must be written out before it can be entertained by the chair.

4. Special rules have precedence; Cushing's Manual governs the rest of parliamentary proceedings.

5. A motion to raise a Committee, entitles the mover to be chairman thereof.

6. On all questions the mover opens the debate, explains the objects intended, and has the right to close.

7. Speeches must be confined to five minutes unless specially permitted by the Society.

8. No member is to speak twice on the same subject until all have spoken who wish.

9. On appeal from the chair, he, or she, shall,

put the question "shall the decision of the chair stand as the opinion of the house?"

10. On call for the previous question, the chair shall say: "shall the main question now be put?" If decided in the affirmative, the amendments and main question must then be decided without debate. If in the negative the subject is still before the Society.

11. All questions will be taken *viva voce*, and when in doubt about the result, the vote will be taken by a show of hands, counted by the chair or the secretary.

12. Those voting in the majority are the only members entitled to move for a reconsideration.

13. Persons absent must not be appointed on committees, and committees must confine themselves to the subject matter referred to them.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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- 1st. Calling the Society to Order.
- 2d. Calling the Roll and Marking Absentees.
- 3d. Reading and Approving Minutes.
- 4th. Proposition for Membership.
- 5th. Report of Investigating Committees.
- 6th. Electing Candidates for Membership.
- 7th. Report of any Committees.
- 8th. Report of Sick or Disabled Members.
- 9th. Reading and Considering Communications
- 10th. Unfinished Business.
- 11th. New Business.
- 12th. Good of the Association.
- 13th. Closing and adjournment.

# Sons of Revolutionary Sires,

ORGANISED IN SAN FRANCISCO, JULY 4th, 1876.

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

**K**NOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS :  
That we, the undersigned, have associated ourselves together for the purpose of incorporating, under the laws of the State of California, an association to be known by the corporate name of "SONS OF REVOLUTIONARY SIRES." Its objects are to unite the descendants of revolutionary patriots; perpetuate the memory of those who took part in the American Revolution, and maintained the independence of the United States; to promote social intercourse, mental improvement and mutual benefit of its members; to organise auxiliaries, co-equal branches and representatives bodies, at such time and places as the Directors may determine; to buy, sell, rent, lease, improve and otherwise dispose of real, personal and mixed estate, and do all other acts that may be legally done under and by virtue of the laws of California. Its existence shall be perpetual. Principal place of business in the City and County of San Francisco

State of California. The number of Directors or Trustees is eleven, and the names of those who are to manage the affairs of the society until their successors are elected and qualified, are A. M. Winn, Caleb T. Fay, Samuel Graves, Ira C. Root, William B. Eastin, Wm. H. Mead, James P. Dameron, W. S. Moses, James N. Makins, Augustus C. Taylor, and A. S. Iredale.

It has no capital stock.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this *August 7th* A. D. 1876.

A. M. WINN, [L. S.]

C. T. FAY, [L. S.]

SAMUEL GRAVES, [L. S.]

IRA C. ROOT, [L. S.]

WM. B. EASTIN, [L. S.]

NOTE.—The incorporation not being complete, the articles are published here to show what they embrace.

## LIST OF NAMES WITH AGES AND ANCESTOR.

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MEMBERS.	AGE.	DEGREE.	ANCESTORS.
1 A. M. Winn,	63;	G. S. of	Wm. Winn of Maryland.
2 Emory L. Willard,	56;	G. S. of	Abraham Willard, Massachusetts.
3 Caleb T. Fay,	55;	G. S. of	Francis Fay, Mass.
4 Charles Siskron.			
5 J. Doolittle,	20;	G. G. S. of	Col. Doolittle, Mass.
6 John P. J. Davison,	87;	son of	George W. Davison, Connecticut.
7 Joseph Sharon,	54;	G. S. of	Joseph Eaton, Pennsylvania.
8 Samuel Graves,	82;	son of	Recompense Graves, New Hampshire.
9 Dallas A. Kneass,	60;	G. S. of	John Hart, N. J.
10 R. R. Strain.			
11 J. B. Worden,	41;	G. S. of	Isaac Graham, Surgeon, New York.
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33. Charles D. Wallace, 49; G. S. of Major Uriah Wallace, N. Y.
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