

## **Preamble**

The undersigned hereby associate together to be a corporation under chapter 151 of the general laws of the state of New Hampshire, to be known as The New Hampshire Society of the Sons of the Revolution, the purpose of which society shall be to keep alive among ourselves and our descendants, and in the community, the patriotic spirit of the men who, in military or naval service, contributed to the achievement of American independence ; to collect and secure for preservation manuscript rolls, records, letters, papers ( whether public or private), relating to the war of the Revolution; and to promote social intercourse and good feeling among its own members and those of like societies in other states ; and, in furtherance of said objects, we hereby adopt the following constitution and by-laws:

## **CONSTITUTION.**

Article 1. . The name and objects of this society shall be as hereinbefore stated.

Article 2. Any person shall be eligible for membership in this society, who is of the age of twenty-one years, and who is descended from an ancestor who performed military or naval service in the Revolutionary war.

Article 3. The officers of this society shall be a President, VicePresidents (in number at the option of the society from time to time). a Secretary and Treasurer, a Board of Managers of five\* members, besides the President and Secretary, ex officio.

Article 4. This constitution shall be altered only by a vote of three fourths of the members present and voting at a regular meeting of the society, or at a special meeting called for the purpose.

## **BY-LAWS**

Section 1 . Candidates for membership may send their names, with evidence of qualification, to the Secretary, and, upon a favorable report from the Board of Managers and payment of one dollar, shall become members.

Section 2. Each member shall pay annually, after the first year, the sum of one dollar ; and the payment of twenty dollars shall constitute any member a life member, who shall thereafter be exempt from annual dues.

Section 3. The annual meeting shall be held on the seventeenth of June, at which a general election of officers by ballot shall take place, except when such date shall fall on Sunday, in which

event the meeting shall be held on the following day. A major vote shall be requisite to the choice. Old officers shall hold until the election and acceptance of new.

Section 4. The annual meeting and all special meetings shall be held at the State House in Concord until otherwise ordered, and shall be called by notice given, in two or more papers, at least one week prior to the day of meeting.

Section 5. The Board of Managers shall call special meetings, through the Secretary, upon written request of five members, and at such other times as they may deem expedient. They shall recommend plans for promoting the objects of the society, shall digest and prepare business, shall direct and superintend its finances, and have charge of its interests generally.

Section 6. These by-laws may be amended conformably to the provision for the amendment of the constitution.

Section 7. The first meeting of this society, shall, without further notice, be held at the Senate chamber of the State House, April 24, 1889, at 12 o'clock noon.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>*Proceedings of the New Hampshire Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, 1889-1897* (Concord, NH: New Hampshire Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, 1898), 5-6, Internet Archive, <https://archive.org/details/proceedings01sons/page/5/mode/1up>.