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CONSTITUTIONAL AND BYLAWS
OF
THE FRESNO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of the Society shall be "The Fresno Genealogical Society."

ARTICLE II
NON-PROFIT CHARACTER

The Society shall be operated as a non-profit organization; no part of the net earnings of which shall inure to the benefit of any private individual.

This association is organized and operated exclusively for genealogical purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

No substantial part of the activities of this Association shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III
OBJECTS

The objects of this Society shall be:

- Section 1. To create and foster an interest in genealogy.
- Section 2. To preserve genealogical and historical data, particularly of our ancestors and the founders of our country.
- Section 3. To aid individual members in compiling family genealogies.
- Section 4. To establish, through contributions of members, a genealogical library which will be the private property of this Society.
- Section 5. To publish a periodical magazine and a newsletter containing helpful information for family research.

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- Section 6. The Librarian shall solicit and collect genealogical material for the Society Library and shall catalogue and keep accurate records of all materials placed in the librarian's care. The librarian shall be a member of the Publications Committee.
- Section 7. The Editor shall prepare and edit the periodical published by the Society, and shall be Chairperson of the Publications Committee.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

- Section 1. Meetings of the Society shall be held on the second Tuesday night of each month. The February meeting shall be deemed the Annual Meeting. At this meeting all officers and committee chairpersons shall submit a concise report of their activities in the Society for the past year and turn over to their successors all monies, records and files in their possession.
- Section 2. The annual election of officers shall be held at this Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall present the names of the candidates for each Office. All candidates must have agreed to serve. Nominations may also be made from the floor and a majority vote shall elect. Only paid-up members are eligible to vote.
- Section 3. Additional meetings may be called by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.
- Section 4. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the paid-up members of the Society present at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE VIII BOARD AND COMMITTEES

- Section 1. The Executive Board shall conduct the business of the Society between regular meetings. It shall have authority to fill any vacancies which may occur during an unexpired term of office.
- Section 2. A nominating committee shall be appointed at the first regular January meeting of the Society. The list of nominees shall be submitted to the following Annual Meeting.
- Section 3. The Publications Committee, consisting of the Editor as chairperson, the Librarian, the Recording Secretary

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this association shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the Association, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this Association shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for educational and genealogical purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE XIV
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The latest revision of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Society in all cases not provided for in this Constitution and By-Laws.