

CONSTITUTION OF THE SHELBY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SHELBYNA, MISSOURI

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Shelby County Historical Society, Inc.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Society shall be to bring together all citizens of the county interested in the history, legends and landmarks of Shelby County, MO to discover and to collect material to establish or illustrate the exploration, settlement, development and progress of the county; to collect material such as histories, genealogies, biographies, descriptions, directories, newspapers, pamphlets, catalogs, programs, posters, manuscripts, charts, surveys, letters, diaries, journals, pictures, photographs, scenes, and relics, illustrative of life, conditions, events, and activities of the past and present. The Society will provide for the preservation of such material in a Shelby County Museum, and will undertake the preservation of historic buildings, monuments and markers. The Society will disseminate historical information and arouse interest in the past by using the media of newspapers, radio and television to awaken public interest. The Society will cooperate with the Missouri State Historical Society to collect and preserve materials of state wide interest.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Any present or former resident of Shelby County shall be eligible to membership in the Society. Founder members shall consist of those who attend either the Organization meeting on August 8, 1963, or the Founders meeting on August 22, 1963 and who have paid their dues on or before August 22, 1963. Other members shall consist of those who affiliate with the Society at a subsequent time. All members shall be entitled to equal rights and privileges.

Membership shall be terminated by resignation or by failure to pay the annual dues.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the Society shall be held during the month of October each year, and regular meetings shall be held quarterly at such time and place as may be prescribed by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

The officers shall be a president, one or more vice-presidents as provided in the By-Laws, a secretary, a treasurer, a historian and three directors. These officers and directors shall constitute the Board of Directors and Shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast at the annual meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution shall be in writing and may be proposed by any member at any regular meeting. To pass, said proposal must carry by a two-thirds vote of those voting.

BY - LAWS - SHELBY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- Section I Any person interested in the history of Shelby County who applies for membership and tenders the annual dues shall thereby become a member.
- Section II - The annual dues of the Society shall be \$5.00, payable in advance, and shall be due at the annual meeting in October. Members in arrears more than one year shall be dropped from the membership list; however, they shall be welcome to all meetings but will forfeit thier voting rights. In payment of the annual dues, they may again become an active member.

ARTICLE II - MEETINGS

- Section I Regular meetings of the Society shall be held quarterly of each year at such hour and place as the Board of Directors shall designate. Proper notice of such meetings as well as special meetings called by the President shall be given in all county newspapers.
- Section II The October meeting shall be the annual meeting.
- Section III A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of those members who assemble at the place and time designated, but no business may be transacted by fewer than seven members.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section I Duties of all officers shall be those commonly appertaining to such offices.
- Section II All officers shall be elected at an October meeting and shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors have been duly elected. They may be re-elected for their office. They shall be namely: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian.
- Section III The Directors (three in number) shall be elected at an October meeting and shall serve for a term of six years on a rotating basis. One member shall be elected every two years along with the election of the officers. Thus on the rotating basis the newly elected director would serve for a term of six year, the two remaining directors moving up to a term of four years and two years respectively. The director moving up to the two year post would be the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.
- Section IV The Board of Directors of the Society shall consist of the elected officers and directors and shall have voting privileges.
- Section V The Board of Directors may propose at any regular meeting of the Society the names of members to serve as additional Vice Presidents if deemed necessary to secure the most equable representation of the County.

ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES

- Section I The Society shall have the following committees to be appointed by the President:
- A. Membership Committee: Shall be responsible for securing members. The Vice-President shall be the chairperson.
 - B. Program Committee: Shall be responsible for arranging a suitable place and program for each meeting.
 - C. Museum Committee: Responsible for creation of a county museum, and the care of upkeep of museum quarters. The Museum Committee shall issue a receipt containing the description of any article loaned or donated to the Society as well as the owner's or donor's name, and the date it is received by the Society. A permanent file containing these references shall also be maintained by the Museum Committee.
 - D. Other committees may be appointed by the President as directed by the Society or by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V - LIABILITIES

- Section I Any liability which may be created when money of the same is not in the hands of the Treasurer shall become the personal liability of the person or persons creating the same and not the liability of the Society.
- Section II The Society shall not be liable for the loss or damage of or to any item offered to or used by the Society for any purpose.
- Section III The Society shall not be liable for physical injury to any person attending or participating in the Society's meetings or business.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those voting, such amendment to become effective at the next regular meeting.

(This revision submitted April 13, 1982) approved