

CHAPTER 61.

FERRY AT KEOKUK.

AN ACT to authorize John O'Hara, his heirs and assigns, to establish and keep a ferry across the Mississippi river at the town of Keokuk, in the county of Lee.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Ferry, where established; extent of privilege, duration of term. That John O'Hara, of the county of Lee, his heirs and assigns, be and they are hereby authorized to establish and keep a ferry across the Mississippi river, at the town of Keokuk, in said county, with exclusive privilege from the lower part of Marine street, below Field's wharf, up to the foot of the lower chain or last descent of the rapids, for the term of ten years: provided, said ferry, when so established, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as other licensed ferries are or may hereafter be by law fixing the rate of toll, etc.

SEC. 2. Kind of boat to be procured, and within when; until procured ferry to be kept with flat boats. It shall be the duty of the said John O'Hara, his heirs and assigns, to procure a good and sufficient horse or steam boat, within eighteen months from the passage of this act, for the use of said ferry; and until said horse or steam boat shall be procured, it shall be the duty of the said John O'Hara, his heirs and assigns, to keep constantly on hand a sufficient number of flat boats, or other water craft, and hands to work the same, for the purpose of transporting all persons and their property across said river, when practicable, without delay.

SEC. 3. Power to repeal reserved. That any future legislature may repeal, alter or amend, this act.

SEC. 4. Time of taking effect. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, 29th January, 1844.

[79] CHAPTER 62.

MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION.

AN ACT donating certain property in Iowa City to the Mechanics' Mutual Aid Association of Iowa City.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Part of school reserve donated to. That the north half of the west half of block No. sixty in Iowa City, being a portion of the school reserve in said city, be and the same is hereby donated to the Mechanics' Mutual Aid Association of Iowa City, for literary purposes.

SEC. 2. Deed, by whom to be made; contents of, for what purpose property to be used, where to revert. That it shall be the duty of the secretary of the territory to make out and deliver to said association a deed of conveyance of the premises aforesaid, which deed shall be executed in the same manner as other deeds for lots sold in Iowa City, and be of equal force and validity: provided, that said deed shall contain a clause that said premises shall be occupied and used for literary purposes alone; and that the said deed shall

be void, and said premises revert back to the territory of Iowa, whenever said premises shall be occupied or used by said association, or their successors or assigns, in any other way or manner than that of literary purposes.

SEC. 3. Time of taking effect. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, 29th January, 1844.

CHAPTER 63.

FARMINGTON ACADEMY.

AN ACT to incorporate the Farmington Academy and high school.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Where established, name and style of, general powers of. That there shall be established in the town of Farmington, in Van Buren county, an institution of learning to be known and designated as the "Farmington Academy and High School," and by that name may sue and be sued, contract and be contracted [80] with, use a common seal, purchase, receive by gift or devise, hold, control, enjoy, sell and convey, any property, real, personal or mixed, for the use and benefit of said institution.

SEC. 2. Object of incorporation. The design of the institution hereby created is declared to be for the instruction of youth in the arts and sciences, and to advance learning and sound morals, by the establishment of good schools, procuring competent teachers, a library, scientific instruments and apparatus, and the collection of cabinets of mineral, plants, etc.

SEC. 3. Trustees of, quorum, their powers and duties. Festus Dunning, Russell Smith, Jonas Houghton, O. Town and H. G. Stewart, are constituted trustees of said academy and high school, a majority of whom shall be a quorum, open books, and receive subscriptions to the stock of said institution, elect their successors, and make and ordain all needful by-laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. Stock, how divided; shares \$5 each. The trustees may divide the capital stock into as many shares as they deem fit, setting out the ownership of each share upon the books of the trustees and stockholders, each share being five dollars.

SEC. 5. Certain articles of property exempt from taxation. All books, maps, medals, scientific apparatus, cabinets of minerals, plants and curiosities, belonging to said corporation, shall be forever free and exempt from taxation by the laws of this territory.

SEC. 6. Repeal power reserved. That any future legislature may amend, alter or repeal, this act.

SEC. 7. Time of taking effect. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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