

strictions as other ferries are or may hereafter be by law in this territory fixing the rates of toll, and prescribing the manner in which licensed ferries shall be kept.

SEC. 2. Duty of company. That the said Guy Wells and James Wilson, their heirs and assigns, shall keep or cause to be kept, at the place aforesaid, a good steam or horse ferry boat, with a sufficient number of hands to work the same, for the transportation of all persons and their property across said river when passable without delay.

SEC. 3. Not to interfere with rights of others. Provided also, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to interfere with the right that any individual may have to the lands on either side of said river.

SEC. 4. Power to repeal reserved. That any future legislature may have a right to alter, amend, or repeal this charter.

SEC. 5. Time of taking effect. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, 6th February, 1844.

[95] CHAPTER 76.

FERRY.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled, "An act to authorize R. M. G. Patterson to establish and keep a ferry across the Mississippi river, at the mouth of Nassau slough."

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

SECTION 1. Act of January 28th, 1844, so amended as to restrain court and commissioners. That the act entitled "An act to authorize Robert M. G. Patterson to establish and keep a ferry across the Mississippi river, at the mouth of Nassua Slough," approved January 28th, 1844, be so amended that no court or board of county commissioners shall authorize any person or persons to keep a ferry at any point between the mouth of said slough and the lower end of the Nassua Island.

SEC. 2. Power of repeal reserved. That any future legislature shall have power to repeal, alter, or amend this charter.

Approved, 6th February, 1844.

CHAPTER 77.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

AN ACT to incorporate the Grandview Literary and Philosophical Society of Louisa county.

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

SECTION 1. Organization of, name and style of, duration of term, general powers, limitation of capital, restriction, may have common seal. That Alexander McCall, Lewis Kinsey, Robert Childers, Spencer Wilson and Abraham McCleary, and their associates, be and they are hereby created a body poli-

tic and corporate, for the term of thirty years, by the name and style of the "Grandview Literary and Philosophical Society of Grandview, Louisa county;" and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer [96] and be answered, and defend suits of whatever nature, in any court having competent jurisdiction in this territory or elsewhere; may acquire and hold property by purchase, gift or devise, either real or personal, not exceeding five thousand dollars; may sell and convey the same in accordance with the provisions of the general laws of this territory, and may have a common seal which they may alter at pleasure.

SEC. 2. Number of officers, how elected; term of office. The officers of the society shall be a president, vice president, treasurer, librarian and secretary, and an executive committee to consist of five persons, who shall be elected separately by ballot, and take precedence in the order in which they are elected; all which officers shall hold their offices for one year and until their successors are chosen.

SEC. 3. Executive committee to levy taxes for certain purposes. The executive committee shall have power to levy a tax not exceeding five dollars in any one year upon each member, for the purchase of books, maps, charts and philosophical apparatus, for the use of the society; and may also levy a tax upon the members sufficient to defray the expenses of the society, and to appoint such agents as may be necessary to advance the interests of the society.

SEC. 4. Meeting of society, for what purpose and when held. The society shall hold annual meetings for the election of officers, on the first Saturday of February in each year, and such other meetings as may be prescribed in the by-laws and ordinances hereinafter provided for.

SEC. 5. Society to make rules and by-laws for government of; to lay and collect fines, how much and how appropriated. The society may, from time to time, enact such by-laws and ordinances for its government as may be necessary and proper, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States and of this territory, or with the provisions of this act; and may assess such fines and penalties against its members for any violation of the provisions of this act, or the by-laws or ordinances under them, not exceeding one dollar, which fines and penalties shall be paid into the general fund of the society.

SEC. 6. Executive committee to prescribe mode of taxation and make annual financial report; power of superintendence. The executive committee shall prescribe the mode of levying taxes, superintend the affairs of the society generally; shall annually report to the society the state of the funds and property, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the by-laws.

SEC. 7. Fines and taxes, how collected. All taxes, fines, and other liabilities, assessed or levied upon the members of the society, may be sued for and collected in conformity with the general laws of this territory applicable to the collection of debts in ordinary cases.

SEC. 8. Power of repeal reserved; saving clause. Any future legislature may alter, amend, or repeal this act: provided, such alteration, amendment or repeal, shall not affect the title to any property acquired or conveyed under its provisions.

Approved, 7th February, 1844.