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C H A R T E R  
of the  
FREE LIBRARY OF THE BETHLEHEMS.

Be it known that the subscribers having associated themselves together for the purpose of establishing a free library in the borough of Bethlehem, and being desirous of becoming incorporated agreeably to the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled, "An Act to provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of certain Corporations" approved the Twenty-ninth day of April, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and its supplements, do hereby declare, set forth and certify that the following are the purposes, objects, articles and conditions of their said Association for and upon which they desire to be incorporated.

I. The name of the corporation shall be

The Free Library of the Bethlehems.

II. The purpose for which the Corporation is formed is to maintain and administer a Free Library and Reading Room for the use and benefit of the People of the Bethlehems and vicinity.

III. The place where the business of the said Corporation is to be transacted is the Borough of Bethlehem, in the County of Northampton, in the state of Pennsylvania.

IV. The Corporation is to exist perpetually.

V. The Names and Residences of the signers are as follows:-

Mr. John Fritz	Bethlehem
Mr. C. A. Wolle	Bethlehem
Mr. H. J. Myers	Bethlehem
Mr. R. P. Linderman	South Bethlehem
Mr. E. M. McIlvain	South Bethlehem

Mr. R. H. Sayre	South Bethlehem
Mr. H. S. Snyder	Bethlehem
Mrs. G. B. Linderman	South Bethlehem
Miss Grace A. Wolle	Bethlehem
Mr. Chas. M. Dodson	Bethlehem
Miss Jane W. Dodson	Bethlehem

The Corporation has no capital stock.

VI. The Corporation is to be managed by a Board of Trustees consisting of not less than seven nor more than twelve members, and the names and residences of those chosen Trustees for the first year are as follows:-

Mrs. Chas. M. Dodson	Bethlehem
Mrs. T. M. Drown	South Bethlehem
Mrs. N. M. Mattes	Bethlehem
Mrs. B. W. Frazier	South Bethlehem
Mrs. J. F. Meigs	South Bethlehem
Mrs. W. W. Coleman	South Bethlehem
Mrs. Warren A. Wilbur	South Bethlehem
Mrs. G. B. Linderman	South Bethlehem
Miss Grace A. Wolle	Bethlehem
Miss Jane W. Dodson	Bethlehem
Mrs. J. Davis Brodhead	South Bethlehem

Representative from the Council of the Borough of  
Bethlehem:- Mr. Harry J. Meyers.

VII. The members of the Corporation shall consist of the subscribers and such others as shall be elected members in conformity with the by-laws.

VII. The yearly income of the Corporation, other than that derived from real estate, will not exceed the sum of thirty thousand (\$30,000) Dollars.

WITNESS our hands and seals this Tenth day of January  
A. D. 1902.

<u>J. FRITZ</u>	(Seal)
<u>CLARENCE A. WOLLE</u>	(Seal)
<u>HARRY J. MEYERS</u>	(Seal)
<u>ROBT. P. LINDERMAN</u>	(Seal)
<u>E. M. McILVAINE</u>	(Seal)
<u>ROBERT H. SAYRE</u>	(Seal)
<u>JENNIE S. LINDERMAN</u>	(Seal)
<u>H. S. SNYDER</u>	(Seal)
<u>GRACE A. WOLLE</u>	(Seal)
<u>CHAS. M. DODSON</u>	(Seal)
<u>JANE W. DODSON</u>	(Seal)

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DATE OF AFFIDAVIT - Tenth day of January Anno Domini 1902  
CHARTER NOTICE - February 10th, 1902  
DECREE - February 10th, 1902.