

## Articles of Agreement and Incorporation of the Old Goodland Indian Mission and Industrial School

Know all men by these presents

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That the incorporators hereinafter named have this day, and by these presents formed a Corporation under and in pursuance of an Act of Congress approved February 18<sup>th</sup> 1901 entitled an Act to put in force in the Indian Territory certain provisions of the laws of the State of Arkansas relating to Corporations and to make said provisions applicable to said Territory, which said Act provides for incorporations for manufacturing and other lawful purposes in the Indian Territory, and in evidence thereof do hereby execute the following Articles of Incorporation:-

First:- The name of said Corporation shall be the Old Goodland Indian Mission and Industrial School.

Second:- The Incorporators are, Silas L. Bacon, Joseph Parker, William McLean, William Henry Wilson, Forbes Morley, Liston Notable, Eastman M. Cole, Eli G. Smith, James Roper, Ellis Cusher, Lee Cochran, and Sam Dyer.

Third:- The place of business is to be located at Old Goodland Indian Territory, Central District, and its office for transaction of business shall be at the same place, or at such other place as the Board of Directors may select.

Fourth:- The object and general nature of the business to be transacted by this Corporation, shall be the Education of the young.

Fifth:- The management of this Corporation, shall be under the control and direction of a Board of five (5) Directors elected by the members of this Corporation, according to the prescribed laws of the Indian Territory.

Sixth:- The Board of Directors shall hold and manage all lands, money and property donated for this school.

Seventh:- If any Donor shall make any provision in his gift of lands or money, his wishes shall be strictly observed.

Eighth:- The Endowment Trust of this institution whether consisting of money or lands shall be so managed by the Board of Directors of this Corporation, that nothing but the interest accruing therefrom may at any time be used for the support of the school.

Ninth:- The Board of Directors shall have the right to elect a President and faculty and to dismiss any of the same, provided that no one shall be dismissed without the right of first being a hearing, before the said Board of Directors.

Tenth:- All persons teaching in the school or schools of this Corporation, shall be members of the Presbyterian Church, and graduates of some institution of learning.

Eleventh:- The Bible and Catechism of the Church shall be regularly taught in this institution.

12<sup>th</sup>:- The beneficiaries of the school shall be Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians by blood, except in cases where others have been provided for by special gift.

13<sup>th</sup>:- The first election of Directors shall be held immediately after the organization of the Corporation, and said Directors shall serve for one year and until their successors are elected.

14<sup>th</sup>:- The Board of Directors are empowered to ordain and establish all by laws and regulations necessary to the management and business of said Corporation and also to repeal same at pleasure.

15<sup>th</sup>:- The first meeting of said Corporation or organization shall be held at Old Goodland at the office of said Corporation at 10 o'clock A.M. on the 2 day of May 1901.

The subscribers hereto waive notice of said meeting.

In Testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, on this the 7 day of May 1904.

A. L. Bacon  
Liston <sup>his</sup> + Noctby  
mark  
H. C. Wilson

J. P. Gibbons  
J. M. <sup>his</sup> + Mosley  
mark  
Sam Dyer

W. J. B. Lloyd  
(attest to matters, R. E. Rowells)

Certificate

Whereas, A. L. Bacon, Joseph Parker Gibbons, William J. B. Lloyd, Henry C. Wilson, J. M. Mosley, Liston Noctby, Eastman M. Cole, Eli G. Gofforth, James Dyer, Ellis Cushman, Leu Cochran, and Sam Dyer have associated themselves together as a body politic and corporate, to be known as the Old Louisiana Indian Mission and Industrial School. And,

Whereas, The said corporation, being the subscribers to the capital stock of the said corporation, have waived the fifteen days notice as required by law and called a meeting for organization to be held in Old Louisiana at the office of said corporation at 10 o'clock A.M. on the 7 day of May 1904.

Whereas, At the time and place above set out, a meeting of the subscribers aforesaid was held to organize said corporation and that seven directors, and, whereas, at said meeting the following gentlemen were elected Directors to wit - A. L. Bacon, W. J. B. Lloyd, H. C. Wilson, J. P. Gibbons, Sam Dyer, and,

Whereas, at a meeting of the said Board of Directors A. L. Bacon was elected President, and W. J. B. Lloyd was elected Vice President, and H. C. Wilson was elected Secretary, and J. P. Gibbons was elected Treasurer. Now, Therefore, The said A. L. Bacon as president, and the said W. J. B. Lloyd, H. C. Wilson, J. P. Gibbons, and Sam Dyer, as Directors, do in pursuance of law issue this, their certificate, verified by their oaths and do hereby certify as follows:

- First - Said Corporation is formed for the purposes of the Education of the young.
- Second - Its Capital Stock is at present about Five Hundred Dollars, consisting of lands and improvements thereon.
- Third - That the Capital Stock aforesaid consisting of lands and improvements to the amount of Five Hundred Dollars, has been actually paid in by the subscribers hereto.
- Fourth - The names of the Stockholders and subscribers thereto are respectively as follows:

A. L. Bacon, Joseph Parker Gibbons, William J. B. Lloyd, Henry C. Wilson, J. M. Mosley, Liston Noctby, Eastman M. Cole, Eli G. Gofforth, James Dyer, Ellis Cushman, Leu Cochran, and Sam Dyer.

In Testimony whereof The said A. L. Bacon President of the said Corporation, and W. J. B. Lloyd, H. C. Wilson, J. P. Gibbons, Sam Dyer a majority of the Board of Directors of said Corporation have hereunto set their hands on this 7 day of May 1904.

A. L. Bacon, President

Sam Dyer  
H. C. Wilson  
Director

J. P. Gibbons  
W. J. B. Lloyd  
Director

United States of America  
Indian Territory Central District

A. L. Bacon, J. P. Gibbons, W. J. B. Lloyd, Sam Dyer and H. C. Wilson in their oaths say that the matters

and things in the foregoing certificate set out are true to the best of their knowledge and belief  
A. L. Bacon  
W. J. B. Lloyd  
J. P. Gibbons  
Sam Dyer  
H. C. Wilson  
J. M. Mosley  
Liston Noctby  
attest R. E. Rowells

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7 day of May, 1908. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office.

(Seal)

R. E. Russell

Notary Public, Central District

Constitution and By-laws, of the Old Goodland, Indian Mission and Industrial School.

Art-1. This Board shall be known as the Old Goodland Presbyterian Indian Mission and Industrial School Board of Trustees.

Art-2. The object is that this board may receive donations, husband and manage the same in such a way as to secure the greatest permanent school benefit for the Choctaw and Chickasaw children.

Art-3. This Board shall under no circumstances incur a debt by which the donations that may be received on the property now on hand may be jeopardized.

Art-4. Any donations in lands shall be held as an endowment fund, the rents or profits accruing from said land only to be used.

Art-5. Lands so situated that the school cannot derive a benefit from it may be exchanged for other land more advantageous or suitable for said school.

Art-6. The officers of this board shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and Financial Agent, whose term of office shall correspond to the time for which they were elected as Trustees by the Presbytery.

Art-7. The duties of the President shall be to take the oversight of all the business of the Board, call the board together when he thinks best, deliver his message, presiding over the session, directing the work so as to accomplish the greatest good.

Art-8. The Vice President shall assist the President in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence preside over the sessions of the board.

Art-9. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all the actions of the board, make an annual report to the Presbytery and correspond with those interested in our work.

Art-10. The Treasurer shall receive all monies contributed for the aid of the school and disburse the same by order of the board and report the same to the Secretary in time for him to insert it in his report.

Art-11. The Financial Agent shall receive all donations in lands or other property care for and control same until the board shall determine what disposition shall be made of it.

Art-12. This Board shall meet annually in connection with the Spring meeting of the Presbytery at which time it shall make its report. It may also meet as often as deemed best at the call of the President.

Art-13. The officers of this Board shall be the Executive Committee of this Board.

Art-14. These Articles of Constitution and By-laws can be amended or it be found necessary, by the approval of the Presbytery.

By-laws.

Art-1. This Board shall open and close its sessions with prayer.

Art-2. The President shall rebuke any sarcastic or uncivil remarks of any member.

Art-3. The members of the Board shall render due respect to each officer.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees at Old Goodland, I. T. Irregular meeting this 7th day of May, 1908.

A. L. Bacon, President.

Filed in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals in the Indian Territory this 28th day of September, 1909.

W. H. Thomas, Clerk.

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