

# **BY-LAWS OF THE SPENCER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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## **Article I**

### **Name**

The name of this organization shall be The Spencer County Historical Society and shall be referred to as the Society. The Society shall be a non-profit organization.

## **Article II**

### **Purposes**

Section 1. To further the study of genealogy, assisting beginners and others who desire help in family research, abstracting and copying of records of benefit to researchers in the field of Historical Families, and engaging in various other activities that would be in accordance with these purposes, including exchange of information with other societies or groups.

Section 2. To shed light on the development and history of Spencer County by the collection and preservation of historical and genealogical material as well as the promotion of useful knowledge to the public.

Section 3. To publish, from time to time, books and/or pamphlets containing genealogical and historical information, which are to be sold to the general public for the purpose of preserving the information so published and for the purpose of raising funds for the Society.

## **Article III**

### **Officers**

Section 1. The Society shall have the following elected officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The elected officers shall be elected in July of each year, to take office at the following August meeting, for a one-year term. They may succeed themselves if re-elected. In case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall succeed to that office. In case of a vacancy in any other elected office, the Board shall nominate a candidate to fill that office for the unexpired term who will be voted upon at the next regular meeting of the membership.

Section 3. Officers will serve without remuneration.

## **Article IV Executive Board**

- Section 1. The elected officers, together with such advisors and committee chairmen as they may appoint, shall constitute the Executive Board to carry on the business of the Society between meetings of the general membership.
- Section 2. The Executive Board shall hold meetings from time to time at the discretion of the President. Only the elected officers may vote on questions before the Board. Three elected officers shall constitute a quorum for Board meetings.

## **Article V Meetings**

- Section 1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month unless otherwise announced or due to adverse weather conditions. Questions coming before these meetings may be decided by a majority of those members present and voting.
- Section 2. The business of the Society shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- Section 3. The usual place of meeting will be the Spencer County Public Library, Rockport Branch.

## **Article VI Membership**

- Section 1. The membership year shall be from August 1 to July 31.
- Section 2. Annual membership dues shall be payable yearly on or before the August meeting.
- Section 3. The annual dues for the Society shall be \$20.00 per member.

## **Article VII Society Property and Excess Funds**

- Section 1. Books, periodicals, pamphlets, and other publications and records of genealogical interest acquired by the Society by gift, purchase, or exchange, and one copy of all publications produced by the Society, shall be stored in the name of the Society at the Spencer County Public Library, Rockport Branch, where members of the Society and the public at large will have access to them in accordance with Library regulations.

Section 2. Should the Spencer County Public Library, by resolution of its Board of Trustees, request the Society to cease using the Library as its usual place of meeting, ownership and control of any materials, donated to, or in possession of the Library, shall revert to the Society. Any such materials withdrawn by the Library from its collection shall be returned to the Society.

Section 3. Should the Society, by resolution of membership, decide to cease using Rockport Library as its usual place of meeting, ownership and control of Society materials shall remain with the Society.

Section 4. Excess funds not necessary for the general conduct of the Society shall be expended in the acquisition of genealogical or historical materials, such as books or journals which are to be deposited in the Spencer County Public Library, Rockport Branch.

In addition to the above materials, excess funds shall be expended for markers or plaques at historical sites throughout the county.

### **Article VIII Dissolution**

Section 1. In the event of the dissolution of the Society, all material owned by the Spencer County Historical Society, known as the Society's "Collection", shall remain intact and grouped together at the Spencer County Public Library, Rockport Branch, after the Society ceases to exist.

Section 2. Any assets remaining after payment of all debts of the Society may be donated for use in accordance with the purposes of the Society.

### **Article IX Charges**

Section 1. Charges made for any services rendered in the name of the Society shall be set by the Board.

### **Article X Amendments**

Section 1. Amendments to these by-laws will be permitted by a simple majority vote of the membership and voting at the regular meetings of the Society. Amendments will be voted upon at three (3) successive meetings, and must be approved by a majority of those present and voting at two (2) such meetings.