

BY-LAWS OF THE LAPEER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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ARTICLE I: DESCRIPTION

1.1 Name: The name of the corporation is the Lapeer County Historical Society.

1.2 Place of Business: The Corporation shall have its principal place of business **at the Lapeer County Historical Society Museum**, in Lapeer County, Michigan.

1.3 Purposes: The purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

A. To bring together those people interested in history, and especially in the history of Lapeer, County, since understanding the history of our community is basic to our democratic way of life, gives us a better understanding of our state and nation, and promotes a better appreciation of our American heritage.

B. To acquire, own, dispose of, and deal with real and personal property and interests therein and to apply gifts, grants, bequests, and devices, and the proceeds thereof in furtherance of the purposes of the corporation.

C. To discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of this area; its exploration, settlement, development, and activities in peace and in war; its progress in population, wealth, education, arts, science, agriculture, manufactures, trade and transportation.

D. To provide for the preservation of such material and for its accessibility, as far as may be feasible, to all who wish to examine or study it, to cooperate with officials in insuring the preservation and accessibility of the records and archives of the county and of buildings, monuments and markers.

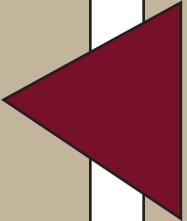
E. To disseminate historical information and arouse interest in the past by publishing historical material in the newspapers and otherwise; by holding meetings **with pageants**, addresses, lectures, papers, and discussion; by marking historic buildings, sites and trails; and by using the media of radio and television to awaken public interest.

F. To cooperate with the State Historical Society and other historical societies to collect and preserve those materials of historical significance so the materials can be made available to students and scholars.

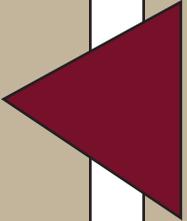
G. To receive and administer funds and to operate exclusively for charitable, literary or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue **of 1986** Code, or comparable provisions of subsequent legislation (the "Code") and to give funds and property, from time to time, to other organizations to be used (or held for use) directly in carrying out one or more such purposes.

H. To do such things and to perform such acts to accomplish its purpose as the Board of Directors may determine to be appropriate and as are not forbidden by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, with all the powers conferred on nonprofit corporations under the laws of the State of Michigan.

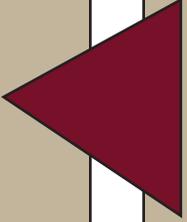
1.4 Nonprofit Operation: The Corporation shall be operated exclusively for charitable, literary, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a nonprofit corporation. No director or member of the corporation shall have any title to or interest in the corporate property or earnings in his or her individual or private capacity and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, member, officer, or any private individual. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of carrying propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the corporation participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.



add the primary place of business to be the physical location of the museum



remove "pageants"



remove year to reflect most current code