

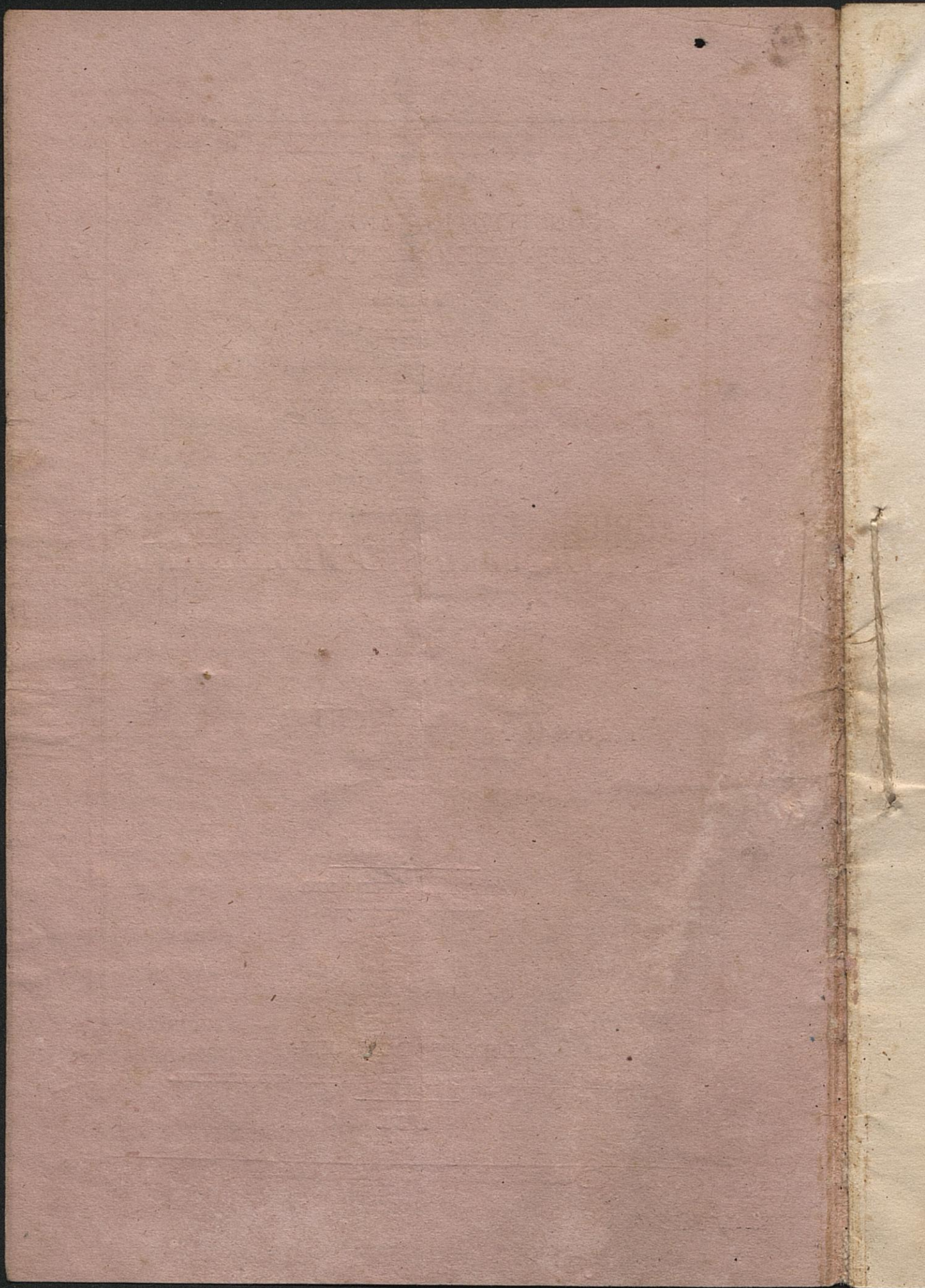
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called "THE KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL ASSOCIATION."

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Society are, the development of agriculture, including, not only the great staples of industry and trade, but also fruits, vegetables, and ornamental gardening; the promotion of the mechanic arts, in all their branches; the improvement of the races of all useful and domestic animals; the general advancement of rural economy, and household manufactures, and the dissemination of useful information on those subjects.

ARTICLE III.

The ordinary method of accomplishing these objects, at present, and until the further order of the Society, shall be, by fairs for the exhibition and sale of all such articles as receive the attention of the Society; by the periodical award of premiums to such, as upon fair and public competition, shall appear worthy to

receive them; and the bestowal of prizes on such original essays on subjects connected with any department of the labors of the Society, as shall be judged worthy of such distinction.

ARTICLE IV.

Regular membership in the Society shall be obtained by the payment of two dollars per year, for five years; life membership by the payment of twenty-five dollars at one time. Honorary membership shall be conferred by a vote of the Society, or a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V.

There shall be an annual meeting of the Society, on the first Saturday of May, 1851, and annually thereafter, on the first Saturday in May, and called meetings may be held, by order of the Board of Directors, upon due public notice, for reasonable and specified objects. At the annual meetings, the power of the Society is absolute over all its affairs. At called meetings, nothing shall be done, except in relation to the matters specified in the call.

ARTICLE VI.

The entire management of the affairs of the Society, except during the sessions of the Society itself, shall be confided to a Board of ten Directors, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, by the members of the Society, each member present having one vote.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Society shall, at their annual meetings, elect from among the members of the Society, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; each to serve till the next election of the Board of Directors; vacancies to be filled in these offices, and that of Director, by the Board of Directors; and these officers, so elected, to perform the duties incident to the offices they hold, and such as shall be specified, from time to time, by the Society, or the Board of Directors. They shall be officers, respectively, both of the Society, and the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII.

Every member of the Society shall have the right, without additional contribution of money, to compete at all the fairs, and exhibitions of the Society, with articles of which he may be the real owner. Others, not members of the Society, may have this privilege on payment of five dollars, at every fair or exhibition. No one but the real owner, shall exhibit anything for competition. All fairs and exhibitions shall be held in, or convenient to the city of Lexington; and shall be under the absolute and exclusive direction of the Society and its Board of Directors.

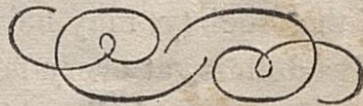
ARTICLE IX.

At all the fairs and exhibitions of the Society, all premiums and prizes shall be awarded by committees appointed by the Board of Directors. They shall be given only for such objects and articles as have been

previously and sufficiently advertised. And the award of every committee, when made public by it, shall be final.

ARTICLE X.

The Directors shall have power to make any by-laws, for the regulation of the Society, or its management that they may deem necessary and proper, not inconsistent with this constitution.



BY-LAWS.

PRESIDENT.

SEC. 1. The President of the Association shall preside at all meetings of the Board; in his absence, the Vice-President shall preside, and in the absence of both, a Chairman shall be appointed.

SECRETARY.

SEC. 1. The Secretary shall attend the meetings of the Board, and keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Board, and of the Association, and shall, upon request of the Board, or of the presiding officer, furnish copies of any portion thereof.

SEC. 2. All the records, documents, reports and other papers of the Society, except such as belong to the office of Treasurer, shall be securely kept by him, and shall at all times be open to the inspection of any member of the board.

SEC. 3. He shall register, in a book to be kept for that purpose, the name of every member of the Society.

SEC. 4. He shall give timely notice of the time and

place of the meetings of the Society, and also of the Board, whenever called meetings of the Board are ordered.

SEC. 5. He shall, at every fair, enroll, under its appropriate department, the name of every person competing for a premium, and the kind of article exhibited therefor, and shall, in the same book, record the decision of the judges.

SEC. 6. He may be removed at any time by vote of a majority of the Board.

SEC. 7. He shall deliver to his successor all the records, documents, reports, and other papers and property of the Society in his possession.

SEC. 8. The Secretary shall receive an annual salary of one hundred dollars.

TREASURER.

SEC. 1. All the money of the Society shall be committed to his safe keeping, and all money due to the Society shall be collected and accounted for by him, and shall be paid out upon, and according to the orders of the Board or presiding officer.

SEC. 2. He shall keep an accurate account of all receipts, and disbursements, and shall, at least once a year, and oftener if required, settle his accounts with the Board; this settlement to be submitted to the Society, at its annual meetings.

SEC. 3. He shall deliver to his successor in office all the books, moneys, or papers of the Society, in his possession, and may be removed at the pleasure of the Board.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SEC. 1. No member, except by consent of the Board, shall withdraw from the Society until all arrearages are paid, and no one in arrears shall compete for a premium.

SEC. 2. The Board may expel any member from the Society for rude or disorderly, or ungentlemanly behavior at any of its fairs or meetings.

SEC. 3. Spirituous liquor shall not be sold or drank upon the grounds of the fair.

SEC. 4. The Board shall appoint such subordinate officers as may, in its judgement, during a fair, be necessary to preserve order, and to promote the general interest of the Society.

SEC. 5. The Board shall by resolution regulate and fix the terms of admission to any of its fairs.

SEC. 6. Every article or animal upon the grounds of the fair shall, during the continuance of the fair, be under the control of the Board.

SEC. 7. No loose animal shall be admitted into, or remain upon the open grounds of the Society, during a fair, except by consent of the committee of arrangements.

SEC. 8. No article or animal shall compete for a premium, unless the fact be made known to the Secretary before ten o'clock, A. M., on the day of its exhibition.

SEC. 9. No aged animal that has taken a premium from this Society, shall afterwards compete for a premium.

SEC. 10. No barren animal shall compete for a premium with one that breeds.

SEC. 11. No premium shall be awarded where but one animal, or but one article is exhibited, unless the judges shall be of opinion that the animal, or article, as the case may be, is worthy of a premium.

SEC. 12. Pedigrees, with the ages and names of the stock exhibited for premiums, shall be handed to the Secretary before the exhibition, but shall not be made known to others until after the premium is awarded.

SEC. 13. No one shall act as judge if related to a person competing for a premium.

SEC. 14. Judges shall be appointed at least two months prior to the annual fair, and shall immediately thereafter be notified thereof by the Secretary. Vacancies to be filled at any time by the Board.

SEC. 15. The decision of the judges shall be in writing, signed by them, and shall be delivered to the Secretary, and preserved by him.

SEC. 16. Public proclamation, at the close of each day's exhibition, shall be made of the premiums awarded.

SEC. 17. The President shall after each fair make to the Board a report in full of the premiums awarded, which report, with such other matters as the Board may order, shall be published.

SEC. 18. The Board shall annually appoint some person to deliver, at some time during the fair an address connected with the objects of the Society.

SEC. 19. Articles exhibited for premiums shall be

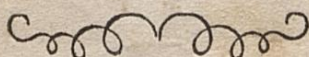
exhibited by numbers, of which the Secretary shall keep a register.

SEC. 20. The owner of the stock shall hand to the groom of any animal a memorandum of the age of such animal, to be delivered to the judges when offered for exhibition.

OCCASIONAL FAIRS.

SEC. 1. Fairs, in addition to the annual one, shall be held at such times and places, in Lexington, as the Presiding Officer may designate, for the exhibition and sale of fruits, flowers, garden vegetables, and articles manufactured for household use, and shall be subject to the same rules as the annual fair, so far as the same are applicable, until otherwise directed by the Board, except that the expenses incident to these occasional fairs shall not be paid out of the general fund, and as a means of creating a fund for such occasions, every person, except ladies, shall pay such sum for admission thereto, as may be determined on by the Board.

SEC. 2. The Board shall, by resolution, fix the terms and conditions upon which articles may be exhibited and sold at these occasional fairs, and, until otherwise ordered, all fruits, cut flowers, and vegetables exhibited, shall belong to the Board, and shall in all respects be under their control.



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