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CONSTITUTION
of the
Sussex Society of Archeology and History
(Successor to the Sussex Archeological Association)

NAME

The name of this association shall be THE SUSSEX SOCIETY of ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORY, Successor to The Sussex Archaeological Association.

(The phrase "Successor to the Sussex Archaeological Association" shall be printed on the letterhead of stationery printed in the future by the Society.)

ARTICLE I - Purposes

1. The purpose of this Society shall be to search out, record, and preserve all or any facts, materials, and documents of archaeological or historical significance or interest, especially those pertaining to Sussex County, Delaware, but not necessarily confined thereto, and to preserve such items in such place or places that they will be safe from fire and vandalism, but accessible for study and reference by responsible persons.
2. To advance interest in Archaeological and Historical study and research, and promote good fellowship between persons and organizations of like interest.
3. To do all in our power to prevent the destruction of archaeological and historical sites by unscientific methods of those who will not file detailed, accurate, and complete information and descriptions of their findings with acknowledged and recognized institutions and/or organizations.
4. To discourage and oppose the barter, traffic, or trade in archaeological and historical material, ~~except that which is necessary for the scientific preservation of such material.~~
5. To encourage all persons to search out archaeological and historical facts and material, and legends, and preserve them in the archives of this Society or other reputable societies or museums where they will be available for study.
6. To publish as much of this archaeological and historical material as the Society is able to publish at its own expense, and to encourage the exchange of such material with other societies and organizations of like interest.
7. To cooperate with other archaeological and historical organizations in all matters of archaeological and historical interest.

8. This Society is a non-profit organization and no part of its net income is to inure to the benefit of any private individual.

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ARTICLE II - Membership

Qualification for membership

1. Members must have a real, sincere, and true interest and desire to promote the purposes of this Society, as given in Article One. They must sign an application stating they have read the purposes of the Society and are in agreement with them.
2. Applicants must be acceptable to the majority of members present at the meeting when their names are voted upon.
3. Proposed members presented at one meeting will be voted upon at the next regular meeting of the association.
4. Paid up members of the Sussex Archaeological Association at the time this constitution goes into effect will automatically become members of the Sussex Society of Archaeology and History, provided they agree with the purposes of this Society as set forth in Article I.

Classes of membership.

5. Active members meeting the requirements above. They will have full voting privileges.
6. Subscribing members consisting of libraries, institutions, and other societies. They will have no vote, and will not be sent notices of meetings, but will receive one copy of all publications issued. Their dues will be one dollar a year less than Active membership dues.
7. Honorary members - Honorary membership may be conferred by vote of the Executive Board to persons who have shown continued interest in and valuable service to this Society. They may be voted Honorary Members only for one year at a time. They will not be sent notices of meetings or publications of the Society except when specifically recommended by the Executive Board. They will pay no dues.

ARTICLE III - Dues

1. There will be no initiation fee.
2. Annual dues shall be established by the Executive Board, but must be approved by the Active Members at a regular meeting.

3. Annual Dues shall cover the period of January 1st to December 31st.

4. Annual dues shall be paid in advance, and those delinquent for six months shall not be eligible to receive publications of the Society until such dues are paid, and then the Society will not be responsible for providing any back numbers that delinquents may have missed during their delinquency.

5. A member delinquent for twelve months will be dropped from the membership list.

ARTICLE IV - Meetings

1. The Society will meet once per month whenever practicable, preferably on a previously agreed upon day, such as the ~~third Thursday in each month~~, but the date may be changed by the Executive Board to meet special or peculiar circumstances.

2. Conduct of meetings - Meetings may be informal or formal according to the discretion of the presiding officer, but the presiding officer may, or any member may call for procedure according to The Roberts Rules of Order at any time, and upon such a call the presiding officer shall apply such rules of order for the rest of that meeting, unless the persons calling for that procedure withdraws his/her request for said formal procedure.

3. *notification*

ARTICLE V - Officers

1. The ELECTED officers shall be:-

President	-	term	two	years;	cannot	succeed	himself.	
Vice President	-	"	"	"	"	may	succeed	himself.
Secretary	-	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Treasurer	-	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Custodian	-	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

The duties of these officers will be those usually performed by these offices.

2. The Appointed officers shall be:-

Publication Chairman	-	term	two	years,	may	be	reappointed.
Archaeological Chairman	-	"	"	"	"	reappointed.	"
Historical Chairman	-	"	"	"	"	"	"

The duties of these appointed officers shall be defined to them in writing by the President at the time of appointment. They shall select their own committeemen, with the approval of the President.

3. The Elected officers shall be elected at a regular meeting in time to assume their duties in the next January meeting.

ARTICLE VI - Executive Board

add immediate past President

1. The Elected and Appointed officers listed in Article V shall comprise the Executive Board of this Society. They shall be presided over by the President and shall direct the activities, policies, and business of the Society.

2. They shall meet at the call of the President not less than four times a year, but the President may call as many additional meetings as are necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Society.

3. The President and/or the Executive Board may appoint as many committees and committee chairmen as are necessary for the proper conduct of the Society's business or activities.

4. Any motions, actions, etc. voted upon in regular or special meetings of the Society will be in the nature of recommendations to the Executive Board, and shall not be binding upon the Society until approved by a majority of the Board. If the Board disapproves any such action, they will return it to the members at the next regular meeting with their reasons therefore. If the said action is resubmitted to a vote and is passed by a two-thirds majority of those present, it shall be binding without the approval of the Board.

5. Motions and recommendations of members from the floor or in person will be welcomed by the Executive Board, and will be given careful consideration.

ARTICLE VII - Affiliations.

1. Nothing in this Constitution shall prevent this Society from becoming affiliated with, or associated with other archaeological or historical societies or organizations, provided such affiliation or association does not cause this Society to lose its identity and independence of action.

2. Association and cooperation with other societies of like purpose should be encouraged.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments.

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for the count of votes will be counted and valid. However, a member may not give a proxy to another member to vote for him/her.

2. By-Laws - By-Laws for the conduct of the affairs of the Society may be established by recommendation of the Board and approved by the majority of members at the regular meeting at which such By-Law is presented. They may be canceled or amended by the same process.

TO all voting members of the Sussex Society of ARCHEOLOGY and HISTORY:

In order to conform to the present Internal Revenue regulations, it is necessary that we amend our constitution so as to permit donations and membership dues to our Society to be tax exempt.

We have therefore presented the following amendments and additions to the membership present at our last meeting on Jan. 16, 1964, where these amendments were discussed and approved to be voted upon at our next regular meeting (as required by our constitution). The next meeting is scheduled to be held Feb. 20, 1964 in St. Paul's Parish House in Georgetown, Del. Please cast your vote on these amendments at that time.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

ARTICLE I. PURPOSES.

Item 9. This Society shall not engage in any activities which can be construed as an attempt to influence legislation, by propoganda or otherwise, and shall not, in the name of the Society, participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Item 10. Upon dissolution, the assets of this Society shall be transferred to the Historical Society of Delaware, an organization that qualifies for exemption under Section 501 (c)(3) of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code. If the Historical Society of Delaware is not in existence at the time the Sussex Society of Archeology and History is dissolved, the assets of the Sussex Society shall be transferred to some other organization qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: The Delaware Historical Society has been named as our beneficiary because it is the only similar and appropriate organization in Delaware (that we could find) which at present is listed as qualifying.

If at some later date we wish to change this beneficiary, we can do so by a constitutional amendment, naming some other organization that qualifies under the Internal Revenue Code.

Paul A. Morris,

Secretary, S.S.A. & H.