

# Charter

and  
Incorporation Of  
The  
Lycening Law Association

## "Petition"

To the Honorable the Judges of  
the Court of Common Pleas of  
Lycening County.

The petition of the  
undersigned applicants, that they are  
citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania associated for literary  
purposes under the title of the "Lycening Law Association" and  
are anxious to acquire and enjoy the powers and immunities of  
a corporation or body politic in law, to be situated and have its  
principal business transacted in the City of Williamsport in Said  
County of Lycening, that they have prepared an instrument in  
writing, therein specifying the objects, articles, conditions and  
name, Style and title under which they have associated, and have  
its copies and papers filed in said Court: They therefore pray the  
Court to peruse and examine the said instrument, and if the objects  
articles and conditions therein set forth and contained shall appear  
lawful and not injurious to the community that the Court will  
make such order with regard to the same as is directed by the  
act of Assembly in such case made and provided and if no sufficient  
reason be shown to the contrary that the Court will decree and declare  
that the petitioners; shall according to the articles and conditions  
in said instrument set forth and contained, become and be a  
corporation or body politic; and have continuance by the name  
Style and title in said instrument provided and declared, and  
they will ever pray se

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Henry G. Parsons  
R. P. Allen  
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W. B. Cummin  
J. F. McCormick  
Charles R. Gaudin  
J. Leroy Case  
J. O. Parker

Lycening County Sd.

J. Leroy Case being duly sworn according to law Saith  
that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are true and  
correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to this  
1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1869  
H. H. Martin Notary

J. Leroy Case

And now to wit the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December A. D. 1869, the Court having  
perused and examined the within instrument find that the objects  
articles and conditions therein set forth and contained are lawful  
and not injurious to the community and do hereby and said  
writing to be filed in the office of the Prothonotary of Lycening  
County, and that notice be inserted in one Newspaper printed in  
Said County at least three weeks, setting forth that an application  
has been made to the Court of Common Pleas of Lycening County  
to grant a charter of incorporation to the Lycening Law  
Association.

per Curiam  
James Gamble P. J.

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Charter of incorporation of the Lycoming Law Association.

- II This Association shall be known and styled as the "Lycoming Law Association"
- III The objects thereof are the mutual benefit of the Court and Bar in having a well selected law library, convenient and accessible to all the members of the association, in promoting among the members thereof, kind and social relations, professional courtesy, and urbanity, and in acquiring legal knowledge and correct practice and its corporate members shall be General Robert Fleming Hon John W Maynard, Honorable Benjamin S. Dentley Hon William H. Armstrong, Henry C. Parsons, Robert P. Allen Benjamin S. Dentley Jr. C. W. Gades, F. Leroy Case, W. H. Cummins J. C. Parker and W. Blay McCormick and Seth E. McCormick
- III The Officers of said Association shall consist of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and an Executive Committee of Seven two of whom shall be the President and Vice President of the association.
- IV It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the association when present, and in his absence the Vice President shall preside. Of the Treasurer to collect all moneys due and payable to the association and to pay out the same on orders to be signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, and of the Secretary to record all proceedings of said association - and of the executive committee to select and purchase books and to do such other things, as shall be provided for in corp by the Bylaws that shall hereafter be made
- V The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified unless removed for misconduct by the vote of at least two thirds of the members of the association at some stated meeting thereof but no such officer shall be so removed unless he have at least thirty days notice in writing from some member of the Association of an intention to submit a resolution to that effect.
- VI The stated meetings of the Association and the time and manner of electing officers shall be provided for in the by laws hereafter to be made by the Association.
- VII No person shall hereafter be admitted to membership unless he be a person of good character and behavior, and a member of the Bar, his application be endorsed and recommended unanimously by the executive committee, and their recommendation be accepted by the vote of a majority of all the members of the association nor then except upon payment to the Treasurer of such sum or sums of money as shall hereafter be provided for in the Bylaws for such admission.
- VIII The Vice President in the absence of the President shall perform all the duties of the President as provided for in the charter or that may be provided for in the

By laws that may hereafter be made and adopted.

**IX** The Association shall have power to make and adopt by a majority of all the members sitting at any meeting of the corporate members of the association, all such By laws, as may be deemed useful and proper for carrying out the objects of the association not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States of the State of Pennsylvania and with the provisions of this charter and such By laws may be altered, amended or added to at any subsequent stated meeting of the association. Provided that no such alteration, amendment or addition shall be made at the meeting at which it is proposed; but such proposed alteration, amendment or addition shall be entered upon the records and the consideration thereof shall lie over till the next stated meeting or to some other meeting that shall be appointed for that purpose, not less than ten days intervening.

**X** No Member shall be expelled except upon the vote of two thirds of the members of the association, but in all other cases, except as hereinbefore provided for all questions shall be determined by a majority present at any regular meeting of the association.

**XI** The first meeting of this association for organization and for election of officers, shall be held in the United States Marshall's Office in the Court House at Williamsport at ten o'clock in the afternoon on the second Monday next succeeding the first day of the Court upon this charter, at which meeting two thirds of the corporate members shall constitute a quorum, and the officers then elected shall hold their offices until others shall be elected under the provisions of the By laws to be made, and every election for officers under this charter shall be by ballot, and no one shall be entitled to vote unless he be a member in full and regular standing, and shall not be in default in the payment of any dues under the By laws that may be hereafter adopted.

**XII** In case of death, resignation, or inability to act of any officer or upon his removal from the County or from Office for any cause a successor shall be elected to fill out his term of Office at such time and in such manner as may hereafter be provided in the By laws.

### Decree of Court

In the Matter of the incorporation  
of the Lycoming Law Association

And now to wit this twenty fifth day of January A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy the articles of incorporation of the "Lycoming Law Association" having been heretofore to wit on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1869, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court, and due notice having been inserted in a newspaper printed in said County in due conformity to law. Therefore on motion of F. L. Case Esq.

it is declared and decreed, that the persons so associated under said articles shall according to the articles and conditions in said instruments set forth and contained, become and be a corporation or body politic in law. And it is further ordered and decreed, that said charter of incorporation shall be recorded in the office for recording of deeds in and for said County. And on said instrument being so recorded, the persons so associated or meaning to associate shall according to the objects articles and conditions in said instruments set forth and contained, become and be a corporation or body politic in law and in fact, to have continuance by the name, style, and title in said instrument provided and declared.

Witness my hand  
 and official Seal  
 of said Court  
 this 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
 January A.D. 1870

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
 my hand and affixed the Seal of said  
 Court this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1870  
 J. C. Martin  
 Notary

Received May 20<sup>th</sup> 1870.

J. D. Stinson Receiver