

TOWN OF
CANAAN, NH

LIBRARY
INCORPORATION
1804

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State of New Hampshire

In the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and four —

An Act to incorporate certain persons by the name of the proprietors of *Canaan Social Library* —

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, That John Hoit, James Daten, ^{Caleb Welch, Timothy Johnson & Ebenezer Clark} Caleb Welch Junr, Micah Porter, ^{Jahua Pillsbury & Levi George} Hubbard Stanis, ^{Joshua Harris} Richard Otis, Elias Porter, John Cumer, Ezekiel Wells, Jacob Druffell, Thaddeus Lathrop Junr, Jacob Dow, Nathaniel Duker, Nathaniel Bartlett, Moses Dole, Robert Wilson, Richard Clark 3^d, Caleb Pince, Micajah Moore and Nathaniel Barber, Proprietors of said Library and all such as are or may hereafter become proprietors of the same, be and they hereby are incorporated into a body politic and corporate by the name of the proprietors of *Canaan Social Library* with continuation and succession forever, and in that name may sue and be sued, may plead and be impleaded in all personal actions, and may prosecute and defend the same to final Judgment and Execution — and they hereby are vested with all the powers and privileges incident to corporations of a similar nature and may enjoy penalties of disfranchisement or fine not exceeding four dollars for each offence to be recovered

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by said society in an action of debt or otherwise in any Court proper to try the same, and they may purchase and receive subscriptions, grants and donations of personal estate not exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars, for the purpose and use of their association —

And be it further enacted That said Proprietors be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to assemble at Canaan aforesaid, on the first Monday of September annually to choose all such Officers as may be found necessary for the orderly conducting the affairs of said Corporation who shall continue in office until others are chosen in their room, and the said Corporation may assemble as often as may be found necessary for the filling up any vacancies that may happen in said Offices, and for transacting all other business for the good of said Corporation, excepting the raising of money which shall always be done at their annual meeting and at no other time, at which annual meeting they shall vote all such sums as shall be necessary for defraying the annual expence of preserving said Library and for enlarging the same, and shall make and establish such Rules and by-laws for the Government of said Corporation as may from time to time by them be found necessary, provided the same be not repugnant to the Constitution and Laws of this State —

And be it further enacted That Jacob Trufell be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to call the first meeting of said Proprietors at such time and place as he may judge proper by posting up a notification for the same at the meeting house in said Canaan at least fifteen days before the time of holding said meeting, and to preside in said meeting until a moderator is chosen — and the said proprietors at said meeting

shall

shall have all the power and authority to establish all such by-laws, and choose all such officers as they may or can do by virtue of this act at their annual meetings. —

State of New Hampshire

In the House of Representatives

June 18th 1804

The foregoing Bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted
Sent up for Concurrence

John Langdon Speaker

In Senate the same day this Bill having been read a third time, was enacted

Nich Gilman President

Approved June 19th 1804
J. P. Gilman Gov

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