

Second Baptist Church
of the
City of Detroit

This is to certify that on Sunday the
Twenty-first day of January 1853 and on Sunday
the Twenty-eighth day of January 1853 during
Divine Services held at the meeting house on
Crosby street in the City of Detroit, State of
Michigan, occupied by the Second Baptist Church
of the City of Detroit public notice was given

to the following persons
for the purpose of settling the dis-
tinction with which said Church was associated.
Said notice was given by William R. Davis
in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said
Church at its regular Church meeting whereby
the said William R. Davis as Moderator of said
meeting was instructed to give such notice. The
notice of said notice is more specifically set
forth in the resolution first herein after men-
tioned and said notice was given at the
meeting held on the second
day of February 1853 being the first of said
said notice said Church held its regular annual
meeting at eight o'clock in the evening in said
meeting house.

A quorum of the members of said Church and
of the Corporation associated therewith was present.
Elder William R. Davis was called to the
pulpit and read the following

City of Detroit and to the Baptists or Religious
Society and to all members thereof connected with
this Church by whatever name such a religious
society may be known, and to the members and
the Church thereof, and to the members thereof for the purpose
of discharging the functions with a view of or-
ganizing as a Baptist Church under the pro-
visions of Act number 225 of the Session Laws of
1877 of this State and Whereas on the opinion of
the majority of all the members here present of
this Church and of the Baptists or Religious Society
by whatever name the same may be known

organization or religious society, and to the members thereof
is connected and is connected by the name
of the Trustees of the Baptist Church of the
City of Detroit. It is expedient that such a re-
formation or religious society be dissolved and that a
Baptist Church be organized in its stead, and
under the provisions of said Act. Therefore it is
resolved that the said organization be dissolved
and that the members thereof be organized as a
Baptist Church in accordance with the provisions of
said Act.

Therefore the members of the Baptist Church of the
City of Detroit do hereby resolve that the said
organization be dissolved and that the members thereof
be organized as a Baptist Church in accordance with the
provisions of said Act.

William H. Smith and Charles W. Thompson have been duly elected Trustees of this Church with the powers and duties and for the purpose contained, stated by Act No. 585 of the Session Laws of 1872, of the State and inasmuch this Church desires to have and possess corporate powers and privileges under said act. They have therefore resolved that the persons above named who have been elected be and they are hereby requested and instructed to act as trustees for this Church and to prepare and execute suitable Articles of Incorporation in accordance with the provisions of said act.

Resolved that the following resolution was adopted. And Thompson said meeting adjourned.

We the undersigned do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution of said Church authorizing the preparation of the articles of Incorporation and that the following is a true copy of vote or resolution of the Church adopting such Articles at its regular Church meeting held March 25th 1873.

Resolved that the undersigned do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution of said Church authorizing the preparation of the articles of Incorporation and that the following is a true copy of vote or resolution of the Church adopting such Articles at its regular Church meeting held March 25th 1873.

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of the Corporation heretofore existing, designated, "The
Trustees of the Second Baptist Church of the City
of Detroit" and this Corporation shall have and
enjoy the full corporate powers, duties and li-
abilities provided by said Act.

Second. This Corporation is organized for the pur-
pose of sustaining divine worship, and the rites
and sacraments of the Christian religion, in ac-
cordance with the usages, customs and doctrines
of the Baptist denomination.

Third. Members of this Corporation shall consist
exclusively of persons who are members of the

Baptist denomination and who are the regular
attendants upon divine worship in the building
occupied by this Church, and such persons only
shall be entitled to vote at any church meeting.

Fourth. The officers of this Church for the trans-
action of its secular business shall consist of three
Trustees, a Treasurer, a Clerk and a Pastor. The first
board of trustees shall consist of the following per-
sons who have been heretofore elected, viz: R. C.
Sanborn, William R. Smith and Charles H. Thompson,
1851, and the said R. C. Sanborn shall hold his
said office until the first of January, 1852.

The said Charles H. Thompson shall be the first
Treasurer in January 1852, and the said William
R. Smith until the first of January in
January 1853. The first Clerk shall be M. A.

Thompson. The first Pastor shall be the Rev. J. H. Thompson.

January next ensuing their election and the
term of office of all trustees who may be hereafter
elected shall expire on the first Wednesday of the
third January after their election. Vacancies
may be filled by election at any meeting of
the Church provided that notice of said election
shall have been given upon the two Sundays
next preceding such election; and in case of the
failure to elect officers or trustees at the regular
annual election, the vacancy or vacancies caused
thereby may be filled in like manner, and
persons elected either as trustees or other officers
shall hold office until the next annual meeting.

Section 10. The said trustees shall have the power
and duties and shall be subject to the limitations
and restrictions provided by said Act and the
other officers above mentioned shall perform the
usual duties of such officers under the sanction
of the Church and in conformity with such rules
and regulations as may be adopted.

Section 11. The Church may at any meeting adopt
such rules and regulations for its government as may
be deemed proper and such rules shall be the law of the Church and
the same may be amended from time to time; but
no such rule or by-law shall be adopted or amended
unless on the two Sundays next preceding,
written notice, signed by at least seven members
of the Church, has been given of the intention to propose
such rule or by-law, and if the

Church shall have adopted such rule or by-law, it shall be the duty of the
trustees to see that the same is duly carried out, and if the
Church shall have adopted such rule or by-law, it shall be the duty of the
trustees to see that the same is duly carried out, and if the

Smith and Charles W. Chapman, trustees, were requested and instructed to prepare Articles of Incorporation, and to submit the same to the next or some subsequent annual or regular Church meeting of this Church; and whereas at this present meeting, said trustees in accordance with said resolutions have submitted to this meeting Articles of Incorporation previously prepared by them, and said articles have been read in the presence of this meeting, it is resolved that the Articles of Incorporation as submitted be and they are hereby adopted; and the members here present do consent thereto, and do consent and request that the same be

the certificate provided for by the constitution of said Church of the annual house of 1879.

Whereupon on motion said resolution was adopted.

We, William R. Davis, presiding officer and M. R. Johnson, Secretary, of the meeting held as above said on the 2nd day of February, 1880 at which the proceedings for dissolving the original Corporation were taken do certify that the foregoing contains a true copy account of such dissolution and are the said A. B. Sanderson, William R. Smith and Clark Wells, trustees elected as aforesaid do certify -

First. That the corporate name of the Church organized as the successor of the said original Corporation is The Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit.

Said Church is located in the City of Detroit, Michigan.



In presence of
 A. H. Wilkinson
 C. M. Wilkinson

William R. ...
 Moderator
 • Mansfield C. Johnson
 Clerk
 (Charles Williamson
 Trustee Nelson C. Saunders
 William A. ...)

State of Michigan
 County of Wayne

On this 16th day of May
 1873 before me a Notary Public in and for
 the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, the following
 persons, to-wit: Charles Williamson, Secretary
 and Clerk of the several meetings mentioned in
 the foregoing certificate and also Charles Williamson
 and Nelson C. Saunders and William A. ...
 the trustees named therein and severally acknowl-
 edged that they executed the foregoing certificate
 for the purposes contemplated by Act No. 100
 of the Laws of the State of Michigan and that
 the same is true, free and clear.

Charles M. Williamson
 Notary Public
 Wayne County
 Michigan

filed
 May 18/73

No. A 262971

STATE OF MICHIGAN
 County of Wayne

1-314-12 (Rev. 1871)

CERTIFIED COPY--"LAW"

I, CASPAR J. LINGEMAN, Clerk of Wayne County, and Clerk of the
 Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, do hereby certify, that the above and the
 foregoing are true and correct copies of

Certificate of Resolution

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entered in the above entitled cause in said court, as appears of record in my office. That
 I have compared the same with the original, and it is a true and correct copy of the same,
 of the whole thereof.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said
 Court and County, at Detroit this _____ day of _____ A. D. 1873

CASPAR J. LINGEMAN, Clerk

Deputy Clerk

Edward M. Jones

CERTIFICATE OF THE DISSOLUTION
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
OF THE CITY OF DETROIT
AND THE
INCORPORATION
OF THE
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
OF THE
CITY OF DETROIT

This is to certify that on Sunday the Twenty first day of January 1883 and on Sunday the Twenty-eighth day of January 1883 during Devine Services held at the meeting house on Croghan Street in the City of Detroit, State of Michigan, occupied by the Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit public notice was given to the Church and Society to meet with said Church for the purpose of dissolving the corporation with which said Church was connected. Said Notice was given by William R. Davis in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Church at its regular Church meeting whereby the said William R. Davis as Moderator of said meeting was instructed to give such notice. The nature of said notice is more specifically set forth in the resolution first herein after mentioned and said notice was given strictly as set forth in said resolution. Thereafter, on the second day of February 1883 being the time specified in said notice said church held its regular covenant meeting at eight o'clock in the evening in said meeting house.

A quorum of the members of said Church and of the Corporation connected therewith was present. Elder William R. Davis was elected Moderator and M. A. Johnson Clerk and Secretary. After prayer by the Moderator the following resolution was offered by M. A. Johnson

"Whereas this present meeting is a regular covenant meeting of the Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit, and due public notice was given on the last two Sundays preceeding the holding of

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this present meeting to the Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit and to the Trustees of the Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit and to the Corporation or Religious Society and to all members thereof connected with this Church by whatever name such Corporation or religious Society is legally designated, to meet with the Church at the present meeting for the purpose of dissolving the Corporation with a view of organizing as a Baptist Church under the provisions of Act number 225 of the Session Laws of 1879 of this State and Whereas in the opinion of the majority of all the members here present of this Church and of the Corporation or Religious Society by whatever name the same is designated connected with this Church and which is the only corporation or religious Society with which said Church is connected and is commonly known by the name of the Trustees of the Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit. It is expedient that such corporation or religious Society be dissolved and that a Baptist Church be organized as its legal successor under the provisions of said Act. Therefore it is resolved that the said corporation or religious Society be and the same is hereby dissolved and the members here present do hereby consent to such dissolution". Said resolution was on motion unanimously adopted.

Thereupon the said The Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit then and there assembled in Covenant meeting did proceed by ballot in accordance with the usage and custom of said Church to the election of three Trustees with the powers and duties and purposes contemplated by Act No. 225 of the Session Laws of 1879 of this State. The following persons, to-wit:

N. C. Saunders, William R. Smith and Charles W. Thompson were duly elected by the Church as such trustees and their election was declared by the Moderator. Thereupon Brother R. H. Warner offered the following resolution, to wit: "Whereas the following persons, to wit:

N. C. Saunders, William R. Smith, and Charles W. Thompson have been duly elected Trustees of this Church with the powers and duties and for the purposes contemplated by Act No. 225 of the Session Laws of 1879 of this State and whereas this Church desires to become incorporated and to have and possess corporate powers and privileges under said Act. Therefore Resolved that the persons above named who have been elected be and they are hereby requested and instructed to act as trustees for this Church and to prepare and execute suitable Articles of Corporation in accordance with the provisions of said Act, and to submit the same to the next or some subsequent Covenant or Regular Church meeting of this Church." On motion said resolution was adopted and whereupon said meeting adjourned.

We the undersigned do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution of said Church authorizing the preparation of the Articles of Corporation and that the following is a true copy of vote or resolution of the Church adopting such Articles at its regular Church meeting held March 28th, 1883, to wit: "The Church held its regular Church meeting at the meeting house this evening at twenty minutes past eight o'clock. Elder W. R. Davis was made Moderator; a quorum was present. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator; the minutes of the last regular church meeting were read and approved. The trustees submitted Articles of Corporation which they were heretofore directed to prepare said Articles of Corporation were read and adopted article by article without a dissenting vote. Said Articles of incorporation read as follows:

"Articles of Incorporation of the Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit.

First. This Corporation shall be known and designated as the Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit and is organized under the provisions of Act number 225 of the session Laws of 1879 of the State of Michigan, as the legal successor of the Corporation heretofore existing, designated, "The Trustees of the Second Baptist

Church of the City of Detroit" and this corporation shall have and possess the full corporate powers, duties and liabilities prescribed by said Act.

Second. This corporation is organized for the purposes of sustaining divine worship and the rites and Sacraments of the Christian religion, in accordance with the usages, customs and doctrines of the Baptist denomination.

Third. Members of this corporation shall consist exclusively of persons who are communicants in accordance with the customs and doctrines of the Baptist denomination and who are also regular attendants upon divine worship in the building occupied by this Church; and such persons only shall be entitled to vote at any church meeting.

Fourth. The officers of this Church for the transaction of its secular business shall consist of three Trustees, a Treasurer, a Clerk and a Sexton. The first board of trustees shall consist of the following persons who have been heretofore elected, viz: N. C. Saunders, William R. Smith and Charles W. Thompson; and the said N. C. Saunders shall hold his said office until the first Wednesday in January 1884; the said Charles W. Thompson until the first Wednesday in January 1885; and the said William William R. Smith until the first Wednesday in January 1886; The first Clerk shall be M. A. Johnson. The first Treasurer shall be Samuel Gibbs and the first Sexton shall be William Johnson said persons having been heretofore duly elected; and they shall hold their respective offices until the first Wednesday in January 1884.

Fifth. At each regular election to be hereafter held there shall be elected one trustee, also a treasurer, Clerk and Sexton; and the term of office of all such officers other than trustees who may be hereafter elected shall expire on the first Wednesday in January next ensuing their election and the term of office of all trustees who may be hereafter elected shall expire on the first Wednesday of the third January after their election. Vacancies in office may be filled by election at any meeting of the Church provided that notice of said election shall have been given upon the two Sundays next preceeding

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such election; and in case of the failure to elect officers or trustees at the regular annual election, the vacancy or vacancies caused thereby may be filled in like manner; and persons elected either as trustees or other officers to fill vacancies, from whatever cause arising shall continue in office during the unexpired ~~terms~~ portion of the term.

Sixth. The said trustees shall have the powers and duties and shall be subject to the liabilities and restrictions provided by said Act and the other officers above mentioned shall perform the usual duties of such officers under the direction of the Church and in conformity with such rules and regulations as may be adopted.

Seventh. The Church may at any meeting adopt rules and by-laws for its government not inconsistent with these Articles or the law of the land, and the same may be amended from time to time; but no such rules or by-laws shall be adopted or amended unless on the two Sundays next preceeding, public notice, signed by at least seven members, shall have been given of the intention to propose such rules, by-laws, or amendments, and of the time and place when and where they will be offered for adoption.

Eighth. All business meetings of the Church shall, when possible, be held in the regular Church building."

Thereupon M. A. Johnson offered the following resolution
"Whereas at a regular covenant meeting of this Church held on the second day of February 1883, N. C. Saunders, William R. Smith, and Charles W. Thompson, trustees, were requested and instructed to prepare Articles of Corporation, and to submit the same to the next or some subsequent covenant or regular Church meeting of this Church; and whereas at this present meeting, said trustees in accordance with said resolution have submitted to this meeting Articles of Corporation previously prepared by them, and said Articles have been read in the presence of this meeting, it is resolved that the Articles of Corporation so submitted be and they are hereby adopted; and the members here present do consent thereto; and do consent and request that the said trustees execute and acknowledge the Certificate provided for by

Section one of Act number 225 of the session Laws of 1879."

Thereupon on Motion said resolution was adopted.

We, William R. Davis; presiding officer and M. A. Johnson, Secretary, of the meeting held as aforesaid on the 2nd day of February 1883 at which the proceedings for dissolving the original corporation were taken, do certify that the foregoing contains a true account of such dissolution and we the said N. C. Saunders, William R. Smith and Elijah Willis, trustees elected as aforesaid do certify -

First. That the corporate name of the Church organized as the successor of the said original Corporation is "The Second Baptist Church of the City of Detroit".

Second. Said Church is located in the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.

Third. That the foregoing contains a copy of the record of the resolution of the Church authorizing the preparation of the Articles of Corporation and a copy of the resolution of the Church adopting such Articles and

Fourth. That the foregoing contains a true copy of the Articles of Corporation so adopted.

In presence of

A. H. Wilkinson }
C. M. Wilkinson }

William R. Davis
Moderator
Mansfield A. Johnson
Clerk

Trustees (Charles W. Thompson
(Nelson C. Saunders
(William R. Smith

See attached ①

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF WAYNE) SS

On this 16th day of May 1883 before me a Notary Public in and for said County personally came William R. Davis presiding officer and M. A. Johnson Secretary and Clerk of the several meetings mentioned in the foregoing certificate, and also Charles W. Thompson Nelson C. Saunders and William R. Smith the trustees named therein and severally acknowledged that they executed the foregoing Certificate for the purposes contemplated by Act number 225 of the Session Laws of 1879 of this State and that the same is their free act and deed.

Charles M. Wilkinson
Notary Public Wayne County
Michigan

Filed May 18th/83

Filed Mar. 31, 1942 (Corporation & Securities Commission)

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No. A 262971

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STATE OF MICHIGAN) ss.
COUNTY OF WAYNE)

(SEAL)

I, CASPAR J. LINGEMAN, Clerk of Wayne County, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, do hereby certify, that the above and the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Certificate of Dissolution etc #65 as appears of record in my office. That I have compared the same with the original, and it is a true transcript therefrom, and of the whole thereof.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court and County, at Detroit, this 5th day of Feby A. D. 1942

Fee, \$ 25/-

CASPAR J. LINGEMAN, Clerk

Hugo Stratmann, Deputy Clerk