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ORGANIZED 1876. INCORPORATED 1879.

WORCESTER:
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1890.

CHARTER.

[CHAPTER 144.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, IN THE
YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
SEVENTY-NINE.

An Act to incorporate the Worcester Continentals.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

SECTION 1. WILLIAM S. B. HOPKINS, JOSEPH A. TITUS, EDWARD J. RUSSELL, EDWIN A. WOOD, WILLARD F. POND, FRANK H. KELLEY, GEORGE A. BATES, C. M. LAMSON, WILLIAM G. STRONG, GEORGE H. HARLOW, M. E. WALKER, NATHANIEL PAINE, W. F. EWELL, CHARLES D. HOLMES, GEO. F. VERRY, A. P. POND, A. M. BIGELOW, CHAS. H. BOWKER, and such other persons as may so elect, who are now associated as the Worcester Continentals of the city of Worcester, or may be hereafter associated with them, are hereby made a body corporate to be located at said city of Worcester, and to have the name of the Worcester Continentals, and as such body corporate, shall have the privileges and be subject to the duties and liabilities set forth in all general laws now or hereafter enacted relating to such corporations.

SEC. 2. The objects of this corporation shall be military organization, drill, discipline and parade, and the preservation of military associations and spirit.

SEC. 3. The said corporation shall have power to make and adopt by-laws, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of this Commonwealth, for the admission, withdrawal, suspension and expulsion of members, and their government, the election of officers and prescribing their duties, and for the safe keeping of its property and funds, and from time to time, to alter or repeal such by-laws, rules and regulations.

SEC. 4. The said corporation shall have the power to hold property, real and personal, to an amount not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars.

SEC. 5. The members of said corporation may parade in public with side arms.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 19, 1879. }

Passed to be enacted.

LEVI C. WADE, *Speaker*.

IN SENATE, March 21, 1879.

Passed to be enacted.

JNO. B. D. COGGSWELL, *Pres.*

March 21, 1879. Approved.

THOMAS TALBOT.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT, }
BOSTON, April 14th, 1879. }

A true copy, witness the seal of the Commonwealth.

[L. s.]

HENRY B. PIERCE, *Sec'y.*

BY-LAWS.

*As re-enacted with amendments inserted,
January 2, 1890.*

Pursuant to the authority contained in their Charter, the Worcester Continentals establish the following By-Laws for their government as a military organization of gentlemen of good and honorable citizenship, originally associated and subsequently chosen to membership.

ARTICLE I.

ELECTION AND DISCHARGE OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. Any person desirous of becoming a member of this organization, shall be required to fill out and sign a blank application, as follows :

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Worcester Continentals :

I, being desirous of becoming a member of your organization, do hereby represent that my age is over twenty-five years. Residence I agree, if elected, to provide myself within three months from this date with the uniform and equipments adopted by said organization, and that I will obey and abide by all by-laws,

rules and regulations which are or may be adopted by the Company for their government.

Fee enclosed, \$7.00.

Dated, Worcester 189 .

Signed.....

A fee of seven dollars shall accompany said application, and if the candidate be rejected, it shall be returned to him with his application properly endorsed by the clerk.

The application of any person once rejected by this organization shall not again be received within six months from the date of his rejection. The admission fee shall be deemed a payment of his annual dues for the corporate year in which a successful applicant is elected, and if his election is within two months before the annual meeting, shall be in lieu of the annual dues for the year commencing at that meeting.

SEC. 2. There shall be a committee of five members appointed annually by the Board of Officers hereinafter named, to which shall be referred for report all applications and proposals for membership, and upon the report of the committee any person of the age of twenty-five years may be elected a member by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting, but no person shall be elected a member at a special meeting, unless he shall have been previously publicly proposed, without unanimous consent.

SEC. 3. Any member may be honorably dis-

charged at his own request by a vote of the corps, for any cause; and any member may be dismissed for conduct either ungentlemanly, unmilitary or in any way casting discredit on the corps, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any meeting called for the purpose, or when previous notice has been given, but only after due hearing. No member shall receive an honorable discharge from the corps until his dues are paid in full.

Any active member may be discharged by a vote of the Corps, for the non-payment of annual dues, assessments or fines, where such dues, assessments or fines, or the one of earliest date remains unpaid more than one year, of which dues, assessments or fines he has had due notice.

SEC. 4. There shall be kept a roll-book in which shall be written the charter and by-laws of the organization to be subscribed, and every member of the Continentals shall subscribe the same on being received into membership.

ARTICLE II.

ORGANIZATION AND OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. This corps in its corporate capacity and for business purposes shall always remain a single organization, and the military officers of the corps hereinafter named shall be also the civil officers of the corporation, and no sub-division of the corps shall have any power to inaugurate, consider, or

pass upon any business except as to its own meetings for drill.

SEC. 2. For all purposes of drill and parade members of the corps shall be assigned by the Board of Officers, into four companies, which companies shall be designated by the letters A, B, C, D, and shall be permanent sub-divisions of the corps, it being the duty of the Board of Officers to assign recruits as may be best for the advantage of the corps, and in their discretion to make desirable transfers from company to company.

SEC. 3. The positions of companies in line shall be determined by the rank of their commanding officers according to tactics.

SEC. 4. The officers of the corporation and the military organization shall be a lieutenant-colonel, four captains and four first lieutenants, a clerk and a treasurer, and a staff for the commanding lieutenant-colonel, to be appointed by himself, and to consist of one first lieutenant and adjutant, one first lieutenant and quartermaster, one first lieutenant and commissary, a surgeon with the rank of major, an assistant surgeon with the rank of first lieutenant, and a judge advocate and a chaplain, each with the rank of captain, a sergeant-major and a quartermaster-sergeant, a commissary-sergeant and a hospital steward. The captains and lieutenants shall rank in the order of their election, calculating from the earliest election in continuous service in the same grade. The clerk and treasurer shall rank as first lieutenants and shall serve on the staff.