

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be Great Falls Genealogy Society.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

The Great Falls Genealogy Society is organized exclusively for educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.) The Society shall have the following objectives:

1. To promote and encourage active interest in genealogy, compile accurate and complete genealogies and collect and preserve genealogical records.
2. Further objectives will be defined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

1. Any person of good character, willing to contribute time and effort to further the objectives listed in Article II, shall be eligible for membership in the organization upon payment of dues.
2. Classes of membership will be defined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

1. The Great Falls Genealogy Society shall have regular meetings and workshops for approximately eight months of the year.
2. The meeting place and date may be changed temporarily by the President. All members must be notified.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

1. Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Trustees.
2. All officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. The terms of office shall be one year, except for Trustees. The officers may be re-elected.
3. Duties of the officers shall be defined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles,

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the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.)

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. This Constitution may be amended only at the Annual Meeting in November by a two-thirds vote of those voting, using the following procedures:
 - a. Proposals may be submitted in writing by any members to the Executive Board at least four months prior to the Annual Meeting.
 - b. All such proposed amendments, together with the recommendations of the Executive Board shall be presented in writing to the membership at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the organization, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the organization, dispose of all of the assets of the organization exclusively for the purposes of the organization in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Executive Board shall determine.

1. This transfer of assets shall be decided at the last General Membership Meeting of the full membership, as recommended by the Executive Board, provided such action passes in due process by a three-fourths vote of the active membership.
2. Further information defined in the Bylaws.