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company of Philadelphia, the Weccacoe Fire company of Philadelphia, and the Northumberland Fire company, shall be and are hereby created into corporations and bodies politic, in law, under the names, styles and titles respectively, of The Columbia Fire Engine and Hose company of Germantown, The Perseverance Hose company of Philadelphia, The Columbia Hose company of Philadelphia, The Weccacoe Fire company of Philadelphia, and The Northumberland Fire company, with the powers, privileges and restrictions hereby conferred and imposed by the two foregoing sections of this act upon the Muncy Fire company.

SAM'L. ANDERSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

THO'S. RINGLAND,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The eighth day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

GEO. WOLF.

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No. 122.

AN ACT

To incorporate the society known by the name of the Norristown Baptist church, in the county of Montgomery.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the society known by the name of the Norristown Baptist church, in the county of Montgomery, is hereby erected into one body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style, and title of the "Norristown Baptist church," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued in all courts of law and elsewhere, and shall be able and capable in law and equity to take and hold lands and tenements, goods and chattels, of whatsoever kind, nature and quality, real, personal or mixed, which are now, or hereafter shall become the property of the said congregation, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise, bequest, or otherwise, by any person or persons capable of making the same, and the same to grant, bargain, sell, mortgage or dispose of, and the yearly value or income of the real and personal estate

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Privileges  
& liabilities.

of said corporation shall not at any time exceed two thousand dollars, nor shall more than one hundred and fifty acres of land be at any time held or enjoyed by said association, incorporated by this act, nor shall it be lawful for said corporation to appropriate any of its surplus funds to any other than a charitable or religious purpose.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the affairs of said corporation shall be managed and superintended by seven trustees, five of whom shall be a quorum to transact business, to be chosen from among the members of said congregation, who shall choose by ballot from among their number, a president and secretary, and shall also choose a treasurer from among the members of the congregation who is not a trustee, and who shall, if required by the trustees of said corporation, give sufficient security for the trust reposed in him, and shall account to such trustees for all sums of money received by him, or remaining in his hands at any time; and in case of the removal of the president, or any of the trustees, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the vacancies or vacancies shall be supplied by the board of trustees till the next annual election, and the following named persons shall be trustees, until others shall be elected in the manner hereafter prescribed, viz: Phineas Phillips, John Whitehead, Samuel D. Phillips, D. Sower, jr. George Eve, Jerome Walnut, and B. F. Hancock, to continue in office until the first Thursday in January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, on which day the members of said congregation shall elect seven trustees, to continue in office for one year, or until others shall be elected to fill their places, and the annual election of trustees shall be on the first Thursday in January in each year: *Provided always,* That the same trustees or any of them may be re-elected.

Affairs to be managed by 7 trustees.

President, secretary and treasurer.

Vacancies how filled.

Provisional trustees appointed.

Of the annual elections. Proviso.

SECT 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all elections to be held in pursuance of this act shall be conducted by three members of the corporation, who shall be appointed inspectors at the same place where the trustees are to be elected as aforesaid, by the electors then assembled, in such manner as may be agreed on by said electors, and the inspectors so chosen shall appoint one or more persons as their clerk or clerks, to perform such duties as the nature of the case may require; and any person not a member of said corporation, contributing yearly a sum not less than two dollars to the support of the said church, shall be entitled to vote at the elections of said corporation, and shall be eligible as a trustee, and each election so had as aforesaid shall be closed, and the number of votes for each person shall be ascertained; the inspectors of said election, or a majority of them, shall thereupon make out, under their respective hands, a return thereof, with the names of the trustees elect, and shall deliver the said return to the secretary of the cor-

Manner of conducting elections.

poration, who shall within three days thereafter give notice in writing to each of the trustees elect, of their respective election.

*Of the admission and withdrawal of members.*  
 SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That any person who shall hereafter be a member of said congregation shall be entitled to all the privileges, and subject to the same regulations as other members, and every member shall be at liberty at any time to withdraw from said corporation.

*Of the corporate seal.*  
 SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said corporation shall have a right to make and use a common seal, with such device and inscription as to them shall seem meet, and to alter and revise the same at pleasure.

*General powers of trustees.*  
 SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said trustees and their successors shall have power to enact and enforce such by-laws and ordinances as may be proper and necessary for the regulation and transaction of the business of the said corporation, to establish and change the time and place of the annual election of trustees from time to time, as the same may be found convenient, or if said congregation neglect to elect on the day of the annual meeting, appoint any subsequent time on which said election shall be held: *Provided,* That public notice shall be given on Lord's day, immediately before or after divine service, and in such other manner as a majority of the trustees may direct, at least one week previous to the time and place of holding such elections: *And provided also,* That said by-laws and ordinances shall not be inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state or of the United States, and that the same be approved of by a majority of the members of the congregation, qualified as aforesaid to vote at any special meeting called by the trustees for that purpose, on notice given as aforesaid, and the by-laws and ordinances of the said corporation shall be fairly entered and registered by the secretary, which book, and other records of the corporation, shall be open to the inspection of any member of the corporation at all reasonable hours, on application to the secretary, and in case an election of trustees shall not be held at the time or times appointed, the corporation shall not thereby be dissolved: *And moreover,* The Legislature reserve the right to repeal, alter, or amend this act, or any part thereof, at any time hereafter.

*Proviso. Notice of elections.*

*2d proviso. Of the by-laws.*

*Right to repeal, &c.*

SAM'L. ANDERSON,

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APPROVED—The eighth day of April, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and thirty-three.

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