

No. 175.

A N A C T

To incorporate the Reformed Evangelical congregation of Shaefferstown, Lebanon county.

SECTION 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 German Reformed congregation of Shaefferstown, in the township of Heidelberg, in the county of Lebanon, and state of Pennsylvania, is hereby erected in deed and in law, into a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title, of the "Reformed Evangelical 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 or quality, real, personal or mixed, which are now, or shall hereafter become the property of the said corporation by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise, bequest or otherwise, from any person or persons whomsoever capable of making the same, and the same to grant, bargain, sell or dispose of: *Provided,* The yearly value or income of said real estate, shall not at any time, exceed three thousand dollars. Name.
Powers, &c.
Proviso.

SECTION 2. That the affairs of the said corporation shall be managed and superintended by four trustees, four elders, and four church wardens, with and by the consent of a majority of the members present, of the said congregation; that the trustees, elders and church wardens, for the time being, shall consist of the following named persons, until other persons shall be duly elected in their place, to wit: Peter Wolfersberger, Henry Miller, Michael Mace and Benjamin Mace, trustees; Michael Moyer, John Heterick, Jacob Borkey and Peter Sheetz, elders; David Miller, Jacob Gockley, Samuel Miller and John Becker, church wardens. Officers, trustees, &c.

SECTION 3. That the two first named trustees, elders and church wardens, shall continue in their respective offices until the Whitsuntide Monday, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and no longer; and the remaining two of the said trustees, elders and church wardens, shall continue in office until the same day, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and no longer. Classification.

SECTION 4. That on the Whitsuntide Monday, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and on the same day yearly thereafter, the members of said congregation shall, at a general meeting for that purpose, elect by ballot seven persons from the said congregation—two to serve as trustees, two to serve as elders, two to serve as church wardens, and one to serve as treasurer—all of whom shall continue in office for the period of two years, except the treasurer, who shall be elected annually on the same day; and in case any vacancy by death or otherwise, shall happen in the office of trustee, elder, church warden or treasurer, the remaining trustees, elders and church wardens, may elect another one to supply such vacancy, until the annual election of said congregation, at which time the members of the same shall supply such vacancy. Annual election.
Vacancy.

- Treasurer.** SECTION 5. That George F. Miller, for the time being, shall be treasurer until the first election of trustees, elders, church wardens and treasurer, by members of said congregation, at which time another shall be elected, or the same re-elected from time to time, who shall, if required, give sufficient security for the trust reposed in him; and the said treasurer shall, at the ensuing annual meeting of the congregation for the election of officers, after he shall have been elected, lay before the said congregation, a full statement of all the moneys received and paid out for the use of the said congregation, during the year that he so acted as treasurer.
- Security.**
- President and secretary.** SECTION 6. That the trustees, elders and church wardens, shall, annually on the last Saturday in July, hold a meeting, at which time they shall appoint from among their number, a president and secretary, who shall perform the duties of the said offices for the ensuing year, and shall preside at all meetings, and hold all elections which may take place in said congregation; and in case of neglect or refusal so to do, any two members present at such meeting or election, may be appointed to perform that duty.
- Membership.** SECTION 7. That no person shall be deemed a member of said congregation, so as to be entitled to vote at any election, unless he is of good moral conduct or reputation, and shall have first been admitted as a member of the German Reformed church, through the rite of confirmation, and shall have been a member of the said congregation for at least one year immediately preceding the election at which he so offers to vote, and shall have paid not less than twenty-five cents towards the church or pastor, during the year preceding as aforesaid; nor shall any other than a male member, be eligible to any office in the said congregation, or to a vote at any election.
- Seal.** SECTION 8. That the said trustees, elders and church wardens, and their successors, shall have full power to make and to use one common seal, with such device and descriptions as they shall think proper, and the same at pleasure to alter and to enact, and enforce such by-laws and ordinances as they shall think proper, for the regulation and transaction of business of the said congregation, and to alter the same at pleasure:
- By-laws.** *Provided*, That said by-laws and ordinances shall not be inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state or of the United States: *And provided further*, That before such by-laws and ordinances shall be enforced, they shall receive the sanction of a majority of the members present at a meeting of the congregation called for that purpose, of which, at least four weeks' notice shall be given from the pulpit of said congregation.
- Proviso.**
- Notice of election.** SECTION 9. That the trustees, elders and church wardens, shall give notice, through the pastor from the pulpit of said congregation, of any and every election or meeting that may be held in the said congregation, either for pastor, officers, or any other purposes, at least four weeks before such election or meeting shall be held.
- Voting.** SECTION 10. That any person who is a member, or hereafter becomes a member of the said congregation, who shall afterwards connect himself, or become a member of any other religious denomination, shall be excluded from voting at any and every election that may be held by said congregation, although he may have paid towards the church or pastor of said congregation as aforesaid.
- Pastor.** SECTION 11. That a majority of the members of said congregation, may at any time request the trustees, elders and church wardens, to call an election for pastor of said congregation, who must be a person of reformed and evangelical principles, and of a christian and moral conduct, by giving four weeks' notice of such election from the pulpit.

SECTION 12. That it shall require an application of two-thirds of the members of said congregation, to alter or amend this constitution. Amendment to constitution.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 176.

A N A C T

To authorize Frederick Nase, Jesse B. Nase and Charles Nase, and others, to change their surnames.

SECTION 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 Frederick Nase, Jesse B. Nase and Charles Nase, of the county of Lehigh, be and they are hereby authorized to change their surnames respectively from Nase to Nehs; and they shall henceforth be called and known by the names of Frederick Nehs, Jesse B. Nehs and Charles Nehs, and by those names they shall severally be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, to grant and receive property, and to do all other legal acts as effectually, to all intents and purposes, as they could have done severally under their former names, if no change had been made therein. Names of Fred'k, Jesse and Chas. Nase, changed.

SECTION 2. That William Robinson, of the city of Philadelphia, (gunsmith,) is hereby authorized to change his name to William Robinson, (that being originally his name,) and by that name he shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, grant and receive property, and do all other legal acts as effectually, to all intents and purposes, as he could have done by his former name, if no change had been made therein. Name of William Robinson changed.

SECTION 3. That Lewis Gudkin, of Williamsport, Lycoming county, the adopted son of Samuel Titus, of the same place, both of whom request this enactment, shall henceforth be called by the name of Lewis Gudkin Titus; and by this name shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, to receive and to grant any estate, in the same manner as if no change had been made therein; and shall further be deemed and taken in law to be the legitimate son of the said Samuel Titus; and shall be able to inherit and transmit any estate of the said Samuel Titus, with the same effect as if he were the child of the said Samuel Titus, born in lawful wedlock. Name of Lewis Gudkin changed.