

Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Titles.

\$7,500.00 appropriated.

College, and shall be used for such purposes as may be determined by the Board of Trustees of said college. The deeds of conveyance shall be deposited with the Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Section 3. The said lands shall not be acquired until the titles thereto have been approved by the Department of Justice.

Section 4. The sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Property and Supplies for the payment of the purchase price of said tracts of land and the expenses incidental thereto, including title searches.

APPROVED—The 2d day of July, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 551

AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to acquire, by purchase or gift or lease or condemnation on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the property of the Seventh Day Baptists of Ephrata, in whole or in part; to provide for the control, management, and supervision of the property when acquired by the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, authorizing the commission to maintain the same and make and enforce rules and regulations for its preservation and visitation thereof; and making an appropriation for such acquisition and maintenance.

Acquisition of lands of the Ephrata Cloister.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Department of Property and Supplies be, and it hereby is, authorized to acquire, by purchase or gift or lease or condemnation in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in whole or in part, the real estate sometime owned by the Society of Seventh Day Baptists of Ephrata, located in Ephrata Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, commonly known as the Ephrata Cloister, now in the custody and control of a liquidating trustee appointed by the Commonwealth Court, or common pleas court of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

Ephrata Cloisters Park.

Section 2. The real estate so acquired shall be preserved and maintained as an historical place and park, to be known as the Ephrata Cloisters Park.

Section 3. All powers now exercised or heretofore conferred by law upon the Pennsylvania Historical Commission may be exercised by the commission for the purpose of this act; and the commission shall have power to make and enforce rules and regulations for the preservation, maintenance, and protection of the property and the visitation thereof by the public.

Section 4. In the event of condemnation, the Department of Property and Supplies shall follow the procedure prescribed by law for the condemnation of lands by said department.

Condemnation.

Section 5. After the real estate shall have been acquired, in whole or in part, by purchase or gift or lease or condemnation by the Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania Historical Commission shall have control, management, and supervision thereof, and shall be charged with its maintenance.

Pennsylvania
Historical
Commission.

Section 6. As partial consideration for the said acquisition by purchase or gift or lease or condemnation, authority is herewith specifically given, subject to approval by the Department of Justice, to grant leaseholds for life for a nominal consideration to such surviving members of the Society of Seventh Day Baptists as may have been occupying any of the structures on the said real estate other than the cloister itself.

Section 7. After the property shall have been acquired by the Commonwealth, the Pennsylvania Historical Commission shall have full control, management, and supervision thereof, and shall have power to adopt and carry into effect plans for its restoration, improvement, and maintenance, using therefor any funds at the disposal of the said commission not otherwise specifically appropriated or allocated.

Section 8. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Property and Supplies to pay for the lands acquired under the provisions of this act, and any costs and expenses in connection therewith.

\$15,000. appropriated for the acquisition.

Section 9. The further sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction, for the use of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, to maintain the lands or structures acquired under the provisions of this act for the biennium beginning the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.

\$10,000. appropriated for maintenance for biennium.

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