

stated contributions belonging to the said church, which said moneys shall be received by the trustees and disposed of by them in the manner hereinbefore directed.

Passed August 26, 1786. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 145, etc.

CHAPTER MCCXXXIII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF BRANDYWINE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WESTNANTMEL IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTER.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas divers members of the Presbyterian congregation of Brandywine, in the township of Westnantmel in the county of Chester, above humbly petitioned the general assembly [praying] that the said congregation may be incorporated, and thereby enabled to recover, receive and hold bequests, legacies and donations, which may be made to the use of the same congregation, and that Samuel Cunningham, John Culbertson, Nathaniel Porter, Robert Smith, David Denny, Robert Lockhart, James Dunwoody, James McClure and William Anderson, members of the aforesaid congregation may be constituted the first trustees by act of general assembly to be passed for that purpose.

And whereas this general assembly hath consented that the same congregation be incorporated and vested with such powers and privileges as have been heretofore granted to other religious societies which have been incorporated by acts of the legislature:

Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section II. P. L.) Be it enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and by the authority of the same, That the said Samuel Cunningham, John Culbertson, Nathaniel Porter, Robert Smith, Daniel Denny, Robert Lockhart, James Dunwoody, James McClure and William Anderson and their successors to be nine in number and to be duly elected as hereinafter is directed, be and

they are hereby made and constituted one body politic and corporate in law and in fact to have continuance forever by the name, style and title of "The Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation of Brandywine in the township of Westnantmel in the County of Chester."

[Section II.] (Section III. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said trustees and their successors by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall forever hereafter be capable in law as well to take, receive and hold all and all manner of lands and other real and personal estate which have at any time or times heretofore been granted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, released, devised or otherwise given, granted or bequeathed to the said religious society and congregation of Brandywine in the county of Chester or to any person or persons in trust for the said society or congregation. And the said trustees and their successors are hereby declared to be seized of such estate therein and for the same uses and intents as in and by the respective, grant, devise or other instrument is set forth and limited. And moreover the said trustees and their successors at all times hereafter shall be able and capable to purchase, take, hold and enjoy for the use of the said congregation any real estate in fee simple or less estate, by gift, grant, alienation, devise, or other act or instrument, of and from any person capable to make the same. And further the same trustees and their successors, shall apply the rent, profits and yearly income of the said congregation for the time being for repairing and enlarging if need be, the house of public worship and the inclosure of the burying ground of the same and to erect and repair the school house and for such other pious and charitable purposes as shall be directed by the major vote of the regular members of the said society and congregation duly assembled upon public notice thereof the Sunday preceding from the pulpit or desk of the said house of worship.

[Section III.] (Section IV. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and singular the powers, privileges, regulations, provisions and directions subject to the limitations and restrictions contained in an act of General Assembly, entitled "An act for incorporating the Presbyterian

congregation of Pequea in the county of Lancaster,"¹ enacted on the fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, mutatis mutandis, shall be, and the same are hereby extended and applied to the said congregation of Brandywine and to the nine trustees hereinbefore mentioned and their successors.

[Section IV.] (Section V. P. L.) Provided nevertheless, That no sale or alienation of the real estate of the said corporation made by the said trustees or their successors bona fide, and for valuable consideration in case the possession thereof pass immediately to the purchaser thereof and continue in him or his assigns, shall be impeached or called in question for want of the consent of the majority of the regular members of the said society and congregation given as required by the act aforesaid, unless the same be done within seven years from and after the sale and delivery of possession to the said purchaser.

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CHAPTER MCCXXXIV.

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW BRITAIN AND COUNTY OF BUCKS.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas the minister, deacons and members of the Baptist church in the township of New Britain, in the county of Bucks have prayed that their said church may be incorporated and by law enabled as a body corporate and politic to receive and hold such charitable donations and bequests as have been or may from time to time be made to their society, and vested with such powers and privileges as are enjoyed by the religious societies who are incorporated in the state of Pennsylvania.

¹ Chapter 1124.