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## Charter

Third District Missionary Baptist Association of Louisiana.

State of Louisiana,  
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Be it known, That on the ninth day of the month of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and nine, before me, Fred J. Heintz, Jr., a notary public, duly commissioned and sworn and qualified, in and for the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, therein residing, and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the undersigned persons, all of legal age and residents of Louisiana, who declared that for availing themselves of the privilege of the provisions of the statutes of this State, relative to the organizing of corporations for religious, scientific, literary or charitable purposes, with a view of continuing the existence and furthering the usefulness of the christian religion according to the faith and doctrine of the Missionary Baptist Denomination; they do by these presents organize and form themselves, with such persons as are now, or may hereafter join them, into a corporation and body politic in law, for the objects and purposes and under the agreements and stipulations following, to-wit:

Article I.  
The name and title of this corporation shall be The Third District Missionary Baptist Association of Louisiana, composed of the parishes of St. Helena, Livingston, Tangipahoa, Washington and St. Tammany.

Article II.  
The domicile of this corporation shall be Madisonville, St. Tammany Parish, State of Louisiana, the officers of this corporation shall be a president, a vice president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer, a district missionary and an educational missionary and eight male members to be known as the executive board, and members thereof. The officers and executive board of this corporation shall be elected annually, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October of each year, commencing in 1909, by majority of the delegates and pastors representing missionary Baptist churches present at said annual meeting.

Article III.  
There shall be a general meeting of this corporation held commencing on Monday before the fourth Sunday in October of each year commencing in 1909 at such place in the district as may be determined.

Article IV.  
Any orthodox missionary Baptist church can join this Corporation by paying the sum of money provided for in the by-laws of this corporation annually, provided said sum of money be not less than two dollars. There shall be a Sunday school and a woman's home mission department, auxiliary to this corporation and subject to its rules.

Article V.  
Each church of this corporation shall be entitled to representation in its regular annual or other session by its pastor and two male delegates. Each Sunday school shall be entitled to representation by its superintendent and one delegate, either male or female. Each woman's home mission society shall be represented by its president and one female delegate. The pastor, by virtue of his office, is a bona fide representative of either department of this corporation. Fifteen male delegates and representatives from churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and eight members of the Sunday School or Woman's Home Mission Department shall constitute a quorum of business. Five Members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for business. No female shall be eligible to act as a delegate or representative to this Corporation except the Sunday School or Woman's Home Mission Department.

Article 6.  
Any church can be dropped from this Corporation for violating its articles of faith and doctrines, or for violating or failing to pay its annual pro rata as provided in the by-laws of this Corporation. Any officer or member of the Executive Board can be impeached, expelled or removed for incompetency, neglect of official duty, embezzlement or misappropriation of its funds or unsound in its doctrine and faith. The Executive Board shall hold quarterly meetings on Saturday before the second Sunday in January, April, July and October, or as much

often as may be necessary for the success of its business. The President shall have power to call an extra meeting of this Corporation or Executive Board at any time his judgment may deem it necessary for the Corporation's interest. This corporation shall own and operate and conduct a school in the town of Madisonville, St. Tammany Parish, State of Louisiana, for the religious, moral, intellectual and industrial training of negroes, both male and female, for preparing men for the work of the Gospel Ministry. It shall help feeble and needy churches and Sunday Schools of the Missionary Baptist Faith, and maintain a home for old ministers and old feeble males and females and orphans of the Missionary Baptist Faith. This corporation shall have the right of existing under this Charter for a period of Ninety-nine years from the date hereof, with the right to use a corporate seal to break or alter at will, to sue and be sued in its corporate name, to contract, to have, to hold and purchase, convey, mortgage, hypothecate, lease, receive, or pledge property, both real and personal, to lend money on mortgage or otherwise, to have and employ such managers, trustees, officers, agents and employees as the interest of such corporation may require, to make and establish by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper management and control of the affairs of said corporation, not contrary to or inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana.

Article 7.  
The President shall have power to appoint or remove all employees or agents of this corporation, provided such appointment or removal are made in the interest of the Corporation. The Executive Board shall have power to create Committees or do anything necessary to promote the interest of this corporation. The business and financial affairs of this corporation shall be controlled and transacted by the Executive Board. This corporation accepts Edward C. Hisscox Baptist Church Directory as its guide in all matters of faith and parliamentary rules and usages. The President shall preside at all meetings of this corporation or the Executive Board, sign or reject all order Bills, contracts, agreements or vouchers on the Treasurer, none of which shall be valid without his signature, appoint all employees or agents and any or all things necessarily incumbent upon his office. In case of death, removal, expulsion, incompetency or resignation of the President, the Vice-president shall act in his stead.

The recording secretary shall keep a correct record of all transactions of business and of all receipts and disbursements, of all the employees and agents, and issue all orders or vouchers for the disbursement of money.

The corresponding secretary shall do all of the churches and ordained ministers of the district.

The treasurer shall hold all money values of the Corporation, except receipts and valuables of the school, and give a school bond of One Thousand Dollars or more as the Executive Board may determine for the faithful discharge of his duty.

The District Missionary shall visit all churches of the District, assist all Pastors in revivals, organize churches or Sunday Schools in needy places, collect assessments from delinquent churches, get the statistics of the churches, assist the pastorless churches in getting a good pastor and make reports to each meeting of Executive Board, and to the annual meeting.

The Educational Missionary shall travel over the District and elsewhere in the interest of the Educational work, and make both quarterly and annual reports. The two secretaries and treasurers shall make both quarterly and annual reports. The President shall hold the corporate seal until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

The following officers and Executive Board have been elected: Roby Vernon, president; A. P. Orlage, vice-president; I. H. Perkins, Secretary, S. J. Jackson, corresponding secretary; Henry Williams, treasurer; P. W. Baldwin, District Missionary, J. S. Barrow, Educational Missionary.

The following members of the Executive Board: J. W. Daniels, Henry Tucker, M. M. Warren, L. Lewis, James Vernon, L. B. Houston, Ira Young.

Thus done and recorded in my notarial office in the town of Covington, St. Tammany Parish, State of Louisiana, on this ninth day of January in the year 1909, in the presence of Chas. Galouye and A. Mareau two competent witnesses, who sign these presents with said contracting parties and me Notary after due reading of same.

Witnesses  
Chas. Galouye,  
A. Mareau.

Fred. J. Heintz, Jr.,  
Notary Public.

State of Louisiana,  
Parish of St. Tammany.

I, Louis Lovering Morgan, District Attorney for the 25th Judicial District of Louisiana, do hereby certify that I have carefully examined the Charter of the Third District Missionary Baptist Association, of Louisiana, and find nothing therein contrary to the laws of the State of Louisiana, and I do hereby approve the same.

Signed this eleventh day of January, 1909, A. D. at Covington, La.

LOUIS L. MORGAN,  
District Attorney 25th Judicial District of Louisiana

State of Louisiana,  
Parish of St. Tammany.

I, the undersigned Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of the Third District Missionary Baptist Association of Louisiana, and the Certificate of the District Attorney were this day recorded in my office, in Book P folio.

W. E. BLOSSMAN,  
Recorder of Mortgages,  
St. Tammany Parish, La.  
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## School Board.

Covington, La., February 27, 1909.

School Board met with Mr. C. A. David in the chair, and W. G. Evans Secretary. On roll call, the following members answered present: John Englehart, T. J. O'Keefe, Dr. J. F. Pigott, Chas. David, H. Q. Parker, John Davis, T. P. Crawford, H. E. Gause, W. H. Kahl.

After accepting the resignation of Mr. J. B. Lancaster, it was moved and seconded that the board elect a superintendent, carried. The name of A. B. Peters was put in nomination and he was elected by acclamation. Upon motion of Mr. Gause, seconded by Mr. Parker, the superintendent's salary was fixed at \$1400, the superintendent to pay his traveling expenses. The Board passed resolutions instructing the President and Secretary to pay all bills when they are endorsed by the member of the School Board from that ward, provided there are funds to the credit of said ward. The board ordered that the interest on warrants be paid after being checked and found correct. To be checked by the new superintendent and the retiring superintendent. Moved and seconded that the bill rendered by the Ozone Lumber and Building Supply Co., be laid over until itemized account is rendered. A finance committee was appointed by the chairman, consisting of H. E. Gause, Dr. J. F. Pigott, and H. Q. Parker.

Mr. Gause introduced the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Parish Board of School Directors turn over to the town of Slidell the lots of ground, with the school building thereon situated and owned by them, for the purpose of erecting a new school house as provided by the special tax voted by the people of the town of Slidell. Mr. H. Q. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. T. P. Crawford, that the question of the School Board turning over the property owned by them in Slidell to the town of Slidell, be referred to the attorney of the School Board for action. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. H. E. Gause and seconded by H. Q. Parker, that Mr. J. B. Lancaster be elected attorney for the School Board. Carried. The salary of the Attorney was fixed at \$125 per annum, payable quarterly. The incidental expenses of Supt. Evans for the last quarter of 1908 was ordered paid. The board then took up the matter of allowing the teachers three days for attending the Louisiana State Teachers' Association and it was agreed to allow them full time. The association meets on the 1st, 2d, and 3d of April, 1909.

Mr. Gause offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the people of the town of Slidell have, at an election duly held, voted a special tax of five mills for ten years, for the purpose of erecting a public school building within the corporate limits of the town of Slidell, and for the purpose of maintaining said Slidell school.

Be it resolved by the Board of School Directors of the Parish of St. Tammany, in regular session convened,

that a committee of six citizens of said town be selected to act as a Board of Trustees, three of whom shall be members of the Board of Aldermen of said town of Slidell, who shall act with the member of the Parish Board of School Directors of that ward, who shall be ex-officio chairman of said Board of Trustees.

Be it further resolved, etc., That said Board of Trustees shall have specially in charge the supervision of the erection and construction of said school building, as well as the furnishing and equipping of said schoolhouse. It shall be their duty to approve all bills, and in general represent the Board of School Directors in the matter and from time to time make report to said Parish Board.

Be it further resolved etc., That said Board of Trustees shall make such rules and regulations to govern them in the discharge of their duties as they deem fit, provided same be not contrary to the laws of the State.

Upon motion of Dr. Pigott, seconded by Mr. Englehart that the above resolutions be adopted.

Carried.  
The following named persons were elected to compose the Board of Trustees of the Slidell High School: W. E. Gause, ex-officio chairman, Albert Salmen, James Currie and Oscar J. Brugier, Aldermen; E. F. Ferrilloux, Dr. J. F. Polk and Henry Cornibe, citizens.

The Board adjourned to meet Saturday, March 13, 1909.

CHAS. A. DAVID, President.  
A. B. PETERS, Sec'y and Supt.

## 'Possum Trot Farm.

'Possum Trot Farm is soon to be realized, and the work of Miss Mary Theresa Elder, which has extended over a period of twenty years, will win its crowning achievement.

'Possum Trot Farm is to be in the heart of the piney woods, in beautiful St. Tammany Parish, and close to it will be Fellowship Farm. The two institutions, founded on sound economic principles and conducted on entirely practical lines, will do much in the way of agricultural development and laying the groundwork for a campaign of education in farming that may spread over the entire State.

It is Miss Elder's plan to instruct boys in practical farming, the science of tilling the soil and getting the best out of the rich lap of nature. Miss Elder appreciates that sometimes theory should go before practice, but it is her intention to reverse this accepted order and introduce the pupils to practical farming, bringing in the theoretical side later.

Miss Elder is the promoter of 'Possum Trot Farm, and she is inspired to strenuous effort by the success gained by Miss Berry, in Georgia. Miss Berry began six years ago on what seemed most unpromising land, and she had as her material only raw, unmanageable country boys of no education and of rebellious spirit. To-day Miss Berry's institution is valued at \$100,000 and her work is steadily reaching out and its results multiplying.

Miss Elder intends to instruct all boys who come to her institution, but she prefers country boys, deeming them better adapted for farming than city boys and of stronger constitution.

The has already secured ten prospective pupils, and the land which she will use has been offered rent free for five years. At the expiration of the five years she will be allowed to purchase the seventy-five acres for \$1,000, which proposition she considers nothing less than a generous gift. On the land there is a house and several out-buildings which only need a little repairing to put them in fit condition for immediate use.

Miss Elder has received a number of offers of assistance. A young lawyer and notary of this city has volunteered to give up a lucrative practice in this city and go to the farm as an instructor. He will also do all notarial work connected with the institution free of charge. A doctor also offers his services free, and a scientific agriculturalist, a man who thoroughly understands farming, will serve without compensation. Two carpenters offer very fair conditions, and on the score of assistance Miss Elder's mind is altogether easy.

Miss Elder wishes it understood that the farm is in no wise a charity, and states that the prospects of paying investors and stockholders handsomely are very good. The pupils at the school, when possible, will board elsewhere, and only those who cannot secure accommodations in the surrounding country will be given lodgment.

The Fellowship Farm idea is also taking definite shape. While the Fellowship Farm plan is not less than twenty families nor more than forty are to take a large section of land and own it in common, but have separate home acres in individual ownership. The main barn, the improved farming implements and such things are to be owned in common. In other words, the members of the settlement are to constitute a great stock company, and by joining their energies and their means will have within their reach improved machinery and facilities that they would not be able to purchase as individuals.

Miss Elder intends to begin operation on 'Possum Trot Farm early next month, and she sees nothing but success ahead. Miss Elder had a conference with several ladies and gentlemen interested in the movement at her home in Race Street yesterday afternoon. At the meeting plans were generally discussed and arrangements perfected.—Picayune.



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