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Wytheville Philatelic Association.

WYTHEVILLE, VIRGINIA.

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

H. J. HEUSER, Chairman. J. D. STUART.  
T. A. CALDWELL.

## ORGANIZATION.

We assembled on July 29th, 1878, in order to organize a Philatelic Society, and after some preliminary meetings a Constitution and By Laws were adopted.

Through the kindness of Mr. L. W. Durbin our Minutes have been published regularly in his valuable little paper, "The Philatelic Monthly." We have received publications from the National Philatelic Society, Mr. Durbin, American Stamp Company and Messrs. Richey, Bell & Company, and take this opportunity of again thanking them for their kindness.

There are now fifteen volumes in our Library and we may expect to greatly increase it during the coming year.

It is rather difficult for us to accomplish much in the cause of Philately, as we have not the resources and facilities of our city fraternity, but still we hope to be an organ of good to those who are already enthusiasts in our pet science, (for science it has already proved to be) and the means of encouraging others to begin collecting.

Our honorary members are Messrs. James P. Matney, Post Master at Wytheville; L. W. Durbin, Philadelphia; J. J. Casey, New York and

John K. Tiffany, St. Louis.

We have eight active members, viz :

T. A. CALDWELL, Pres.

W. E. THOMAS.

J. D. STUART, V. Pres.

J. A. HEUSER.

H. J. HEUSER, Sec.

RUSH GIBBONEY.

P. BUFORD, Treas.

G. A. KENT.

# CONSTITUTION.

## ARTICLE I.

### NAME.

Sec. 1. We the members of this Society do hereby unite ourselves under the name and title of the "Wytheville Philatelic Association."

## ARTICLE II.

### OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. Our officers shall consist of 1st, a President, 2nd, a Vice President, 3rd, a Secretary, 4th, Treasurer and Librarian.

Sec. 2. Officers will be elected at the meetings of June and December, and installed as such at the meetings of July and January.

## ARTICLE III.

### DUTY OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The President will appoint all committees, except the Executive Committee, appoint members to carry on any of the exercises pertaining to this Society, decide all subjects that the Society cannot decide on account of a tie vote, and impose all fines.

Sec. 2. The Vice President will act as President in absence of the latter, and in such case appoint a Vice President "*pro tempore*." He will also have to keep order during the time of meeting.

Sec. 3. The Secretary will record all the general business, keep the Minutes of each meeting and attend to all of our correspondence.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer and Librarian will be required to keep a record of all funds either received or paid out, collect all dues, and his books shall be opened to the inspection of the Executive Committee at any regular meeting. He will also attend to the Library and report if books are either damaged, or not returned within the time prescribed. (B. L. 7 and 8.)

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### VOTING.

Sec. 1. Each member has the privilege of casting one vote on every subject brought before the House.

Sec. 2. The majority will rule in all cases except on the admission of members, which will require a majority of two thirds, or any change in the Constitution or By Laws, which will require a unanimous vote.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. No person can become an active member of this Society unless he is over the age of fifteen years.

Sec. 2. The Initiation Fee shall be one dollar.

Sec. 3. Members shall be elected by ballot.

**ARTICLE VI.****MEETINGS.**

Sec. 1. A Called Meeting cannot be held unless one-third of the members and two officers are present.

Sec. 2. Regular Meetings will be held on the first Friday of every month at the time to be prescribed by the Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE VII.****EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

Sec. 1. An Executive Committee of three will be elected annually, who will have to ascertain if our Constitution and By Laws are complied with, and must examine all books and reports.

Sec. 2. The Chairman of this Committee will select the subjects to be read or discussed before the Society.

Sec. 3. Application for membership must be made to the Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE VIII.**

Sec. 1. The Body of the Society will be composed of the Active Members, and they alone can vote.

Sec. 2. The Corresponding Members will receive free, the publications of the Society and some Philatelic Monthly that publishes our Minutes. The dues from such members will be sixty cents, payable semi-annually, before the first

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of January and July.





## BY LAWS.

1. Any member using improper, profane, or disrespectful language in our Society, shall be fined ten cents.

2. Any officer, member, or member of committee, neglecting their duty shall be fined twenty cents.

3. Any member who absents himself from regular meetings, without an excuse shall be fined twenty cents.

4. Any member coming late without proper excuse, shall be fined ten cents.

5. Every member will have to vote either negatively or affirmatively or be fined five cents. Any member voting both negatively and affirmatively, will be fined twenty cents.

6. Any one neglecting to give their reports in writing, shall be fined twenty cents.

7. Any member not returning a book at the will next regular meeting after it is borrowed be fined twenty cents.

8. Any person damaging any of our books will have to pay whatever the Executive Committee decides is right.

## LIST OF BOOKS IN LIBRARY.

No. 1. Bulletin of the National Philatelic Society, 1878, presented by N. P. S. New York.

No. 2. Philatelic Monthly, Vols. II. and III., L. W. Durbin, Philadelphia.

Nos. 3. 4. and 5, Stamp Circular, Vols. I. II. III. and IV., F. Trifet, Boston.

No. 6. United States Locals, and their History, by C. H. Coster, Esq., New York, 1877, presented by H. J. Heuser.

No. 7. Philatelic Monthly, Vol. III., L. W. Durbin, Philadelphia, presented by H. J. and J. A. Heuser.

8. Durbin's, 5th edition, Catalogue, presented by L. W. Durbin, Philadelphia, 1878.

9. Stamp Collector's Guide, twenty numbers, 1871-2, presented by the American Stamp Co.

10. Philatelic Monthly, Vol. 4, L. W. Durbin, Philadelphia. 1878.

11. Imperial Directory, J. A. Burgess, Toronto.

12. International Stamp Directory, two numbers, 1877, Richey, Bell & Co., Halifax.

13. Stamp Circular, Vol. V., F. Trifet, Boston, 1878.

14. The Stamped Envelops of the United States by Dr. Horner, presented by L. W. Durbin.

15. American Journal of Philately, Vol. IX., J. W. Scott & Co., New York.

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