

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF FAMILY HISTORY WRITERS AND EDITORS**

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is: **INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF FAMILY HISTORY WRITERS AND EDITORS.**

**ARTICLE II**

This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation, and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for public and charitable purposes. The purposes for which the corporation is formed, and the objects to be carried on and promoted by it are as follows:

Section 1: The specific and primary purpose for which the corporation is formed is the furtherance of education.

Section 2: The objectives of the corporation shall be to educate and to promote the education of members and others in the art of writing and journalistic excellence; to encourage high standards of genealogical journalism and authorship; and to provide an educational forum for genealogical writers in all media and technologies.

**ARTICLE III**

This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of U.S. Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

Section 1: The corporation shall have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on corporations under the laws of the State of California provided, however, that this corporation is not empowered to engage in any activity which in itself is not in furtherance of its purpose and objectives as set forth in Sections 1 and 2 of the foregoing Article II of these Articles.

Section 2: The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes within the meaning of U.S. Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). No part of the net income or assets of the corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation shall be distributed according to the provisions of Section 2 of Article VII of these Articles.

Section 3: No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the

corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements), on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 4: Subject to the foregoing paragraphs of this Article III, the corporation is empowered to do and perform all acts reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose and objectives of the corporation.

**ARTICLE IV**

Agent: The name and address in the State of California of the corporation's initial agent for service of process are:

Name: George P. Coulter

Address: 589 Cocopan Drive

City: Altadena State: CALIFORNIA Zip Code: 91001

**ARTICLE V**

The corporation will have members. Membership qualifications, privileges, and dues, and classes of membership, shall be as prescribed by the corporation's Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VI**

The names and addresses of the incorporators are as follows:

George P. Coulter 589 Cocopan Drive Altadena, California 91001-4012

**ARTICLE VII**

Section 1: The corporation may terminate its corporate existence by undergoing voluntary dissolution. The Board must first approve a resolution proposing dissolution, which shall be submitted to the members for a vote. If the dissolution resolution is adopted by the members, the Board shall comply with the provisions of these Articles and the requirements of the state of incorporation relating to notice, publication, and asset disposition following an election to dissolve; and shall request any clearances required by law.

Section 2: In the event of voluntary or involuntary dissolution of the corporation or the winding up of its affairs, or other liquidation of its assets, the corporation's property shall not be conveyed to any organization created or operated for profit or to any individual for less than the fair market value of the property. Upon the dissolution or

winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision of payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation shall be distributed only to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, as amended. Any assets not distributed in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Section shall escheat to the state in which the corporation was incorporated. These assets shall be paid to the general treasury of the state through payment to the treasurer of the state.

## ARTICLE VIII

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the following manner:

Section 1: All resolutions for amendment of the Articles shall be submitted first to vote by the Board of Directors at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Board. The proposed amendments shall be considered by the Board *seriatim*, and a vote of at least two thirds of the Board members present, either in person or by proxy, shall be required for approval of each proposed amendment.

Section 2: All resolutions for amendment of the Articles shall be submitted to the members for ratification after the Board has approved the same. An affirmative vote of not less than two thirds of the members voting shall be required for adoption of each such proposed amendment.

Section 3: Resolutions for the designation of an agent for service of process other than the person named in Article IV of these Articles shall not be construed as an amendment to these Articles, and shall not require submission to the members for ratification. Designations of a different agent, and any changes of address of the agent, shall take effect at the conclusion of the Board meeting at which they are approved, unless the Board determines otherwise by majority vote of the Board members present, but in any event upon the filing of an appropriate notice of the changes with the Secretary of State in the state of incorporation.

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George P. Coulter, Incorporator