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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
of the
CHOCTAW COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I
NAME

This not-for-profit organization shall be known and incorporated as the CHOCTAW COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE

Section 1 - To aid in the preservation of genealogical and historical records.

Section 2 - To promote historical and genealogical research and the study of such research.

Section 3 - To promote interest and to educate and encourage people who are interested in genealogy and historical research.

Section 4 - To cooperate to the extent practical with other societies that are interested in genealogy and history and its preservation.

Section 5 - To collect, preserve, and publish historical and genealogical data relating to Oklahoma and Indian Territory, particularly, but not limited to Choctaw County.

Section 6 - To acquire a secure and permanent facility for records, books, microfilm, and other materials and the necessary equipment to study, collect, research and produce related fundraising projects.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Membership in the society shall be open to all persons who are interested in its purposes.

Section 2 - Annual membership dues shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per person. This amount may be adjusted annually by vote of the membership.

Section 3 - Membership dues shall be due January 1st, and may be prorated

by quarter. If membership dues are prorated, the following schedule will apply:

Members joining in January - March shall pay \$20. Members joining in April - June shall pay \$15 for the remainder of the calendar year. Members joining in July - September shall pay \$10 for the remainder of the calendar year and those joining October - December shall pay \$5 for the remainder of the calendar year. All memberships will then be due January 1st. These amounts may be adjusted annually by vote of the membership.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1 - All officers shall be members of the society.

Section 2 - The governing body of the society shall be the president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer and editor. The powers, rights and privileges of the society shall be exercised by the officers, subject to review by the society at general and special membership meetings.

Section 3 - The president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer and editor shall serve for a term of 1 year. Each officer eligible may be re-elected.

Section 4 - Vacancies shall be filled by nominations from the floor at the next membership meeting following the vacancy.

Section 5 - Officers may be removed from office by a 3/4 affirmative vote of the governing body at any general meeting provided notification of the removal vote is made to the membership at least 1 week prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

Section 1 - The president shall appoint such committees as may be deemed appropriate and necessary to the purpose of the society. Such committees shall expire with the term of the president.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Section 1 - General meetings of the society shall be monthly at a time and place to be announced by the president.

Section 2 - Officers shall be elected at the December meeting and shall take office at the January meeting. Nominations shall be taken from the floor.

Section 3 - Special meetings of the society may be called by the president as deemed necessary provided a 1 week notice is given in writing to the membership. Electronic notification (email) shall constitute fulfillment of the written notification.

ARTICLE VII

VOTING AND QUORUM

Section 1 - Members shall be eligible to vote after paying their dues.

Section 2 - A quorum shall consist of those members present at any general or special meeting providing that at least 2 officers are present in addition to the membership.

Section 3 - No proxy voting will be allowed.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1 - This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the society members in attendance at any general or special membership meeting.

Section 2 - Any proposed changes or amendments must be submitted to the membership in writing not less than 30 days prior to voting on such changes or amendments. Publication of changes or amendments on the society's website shall constitute fulfillment of this section.

ARTICLE IX PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Section 1 - All meetings of the society and committees shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

Section 1 - If and when the society should be dissolved and cease to function, all assets then in possession of the society shall be distributed for one or more tax exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code, or a corresponding section of any future Federal Tax code.

Section 2 - Upon the dissolution of the society, all collections, books, records, microfilm, etc., shall be given to the nearest Southeastern Oklahoma genealogical and or historical facility which will accept them. Funds shall first be used to benefit the dispersal of the collections, any remaining funds should be given to a Southeastern Oklahoma genealogical society in need. Any other assets, i.e., office equipment, microfilm readers, etc. not needed by the collection recipient should go to a local school, library, etc., who meet the IRS criteria.

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