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Lovelace Family Papers.

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EUREKA, JUL. 12/16/14

Mr. Thomas Hart,  
c/o Foot Schulze & Co.,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Tom:

I am sending you enclosed herewith a copy of the original subscription list for the building of the Washington Prairie Church, also a copy of the articles of incorporation and I have written to Lon Oxley and Walker DeCow suggesting that they have these papers framed and put up in the church, or else deliver it to the Association which now controls the property so that the same can be kept for their information. I also enclose a copy of the letter sent to Lon Oxley and the same letter went to Walker DeCow. The original papers I am sending today to Eva but as I note that you accompanied Mother in circulating the paper, am not sure but that you would more naturally be the custodian of the same, and if you feel particularly interested, have no doubt Eva would be glad to let you have them, though I believe it was the understanding I should send the papers to her.

It seems to me that it might be a good idea for you to send a copy of this to the Ossian Bee and ask them to publish some kind of a story concerning it. There are ninety-four names on this list and many of the children and grandchildren as well as some of the original signers still live in this locality. I have no doubt that many of them would be interested to get this information.

The publication of the list and statement would leave in that locality quite a good many copies of the list and it might get into hands of some who would particularly value the same.

With best wishes to you and your family.

Your brother,

SH.IH

*Stephen Hart*

Articles of Incorporation of the United Brethren Church in Christ of the Iowa  
Annual Conference.

We the undersigned of full age, citizens of the United States and residents of the United States and residents of Winnickiek County, State of Iowa desiring to associate ourselves for religious purposes and for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Church society in the Township of Frankville in said County and territory contiguous thereto and ~~erect~~ erect a house of worship in said Frankville Township to accomplish the ends of our said association and by virtue of Chapter Two (2) of Title Nine (9) of the Code of Iowa of 1873, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Association and Incorporation.

Art-First.

The name of this Corporation shall be the Church of the United Brethren in Christ of Mount Grove circuit of the Iowa Annual Conference and the said Church assumes to itself as such Corporation all the powers specified in said chapter so far as the same are applicable to corporations of this nature.

Art-Second.

This Corporation takes the power of acquiring by grant purchase or gift and of holding and using in any manner not prohibited by law and the annual conference of said United Brethren Church all such property real or personal as may be necessary to its uses in order to carry out the object of the Corporation.

Art-Third.

The general nature of the transactions of this Corporation shall be the erection of a house of worship and to establish regulations for the government of said church and to perform such other acts as may be necessary to effect its legitimate ends. And all subject to the rules regulations and general church government of said church as established and provided by the general conference of said church.

Art-Fourth.

The private property of any member of this corporation shall not be liable for any of the acts thereof or any indebtedness resulting therefrom.

Art-Fifth.

The number of trustees to conduct this corporation shall be three and such trustees for the first year of its existence are Phineas Banning, Tollver Holverson and James A. Hart  
In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & subscribed our names this twenty second day of August A.D. 1876.

Tollver Holverson  
Phineas Banning  
James A. Hart

State of Iowa )  
Winnickiek County) SS. On this 22nd day of August, 1876 before me a notary public in and for said County personally came Phineas Banning, Tollver Holverson & James A. Hart, to me personally known to be the identical persons who signed the foregoing articles of Incorporation and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act & deed.  
Witness my hand & Notarial Seal.

G. L. Faust  
Notary Public.

June 12, 1876

We the undersigned persons agree to pay the sums set opposite our names for the purpose of building a church house near the Cemetery at Banning School House. To be owned by the United Brethren Church. To be open on all funeral occasions, and for the use of all Orthodox Christian denominations when not occupied by the Brethren. One half of the subscription payable when called for, and the remainder in six months.

J. A. Hart	100.00	Harriet L. Duff	5.00
G. W. Oxley	50.00	Arnon Duff	5.00
David Banning	20.00	W. G. Smery	5.00
Phin Banning	20.00	James Young	5.00
Richard Banning	5.00	David Jack	10.00
H. Holverson	100.00	Catharine Banning	10.00
Mrs. Jennie Daniels	5.00	Nathan George	5.00
John Russell	25.00	Martin Vance	5.00
D. Russell	5.00	W. J. Bart	2.50
J. A. Lefever	25.00	Ezra Schoemaker	10.00
Phillip Rusted	25.00	Christena Oxley	10.00
Peter Ross	10.00	Joseph Weitgenen	5.00
G. W. Ross	10.00	John Ross	10.00
E. E. Webster	10.00	Mrs. E. McKay	10.00
James Birdsall	10.00	C. Lower	5.00
Wm. Birdsall	5.00	William Beard	10.00
Isaac Birdsall	10.00	Henry Wilson	5.00
W. Rathburn	25.00	T. Callander	10.00
S. Kneeskern	25.00	James Thorton	5.00
H. W. White	20.00	H. S. Brewery	15.00
Mr. N. Kneeskern	25.00	Mrs. M. Shrus	10.00
G. Shackleton	10.00	Carl Hilore	10.00
G. Birdsall	10.00	Anna Weitgenant	5.00
F. Blue	5.00	Wm. Oxley	6.75
J. Mitchell	10.00	H. J. Carter	5.00
Frank S. Briggs	10.00	H. A. Baker	5.00
J. V. Vance	25.00	H. Clark	5.00
M. A. Vance	5.00	James Dunsawag	10.00
Mrs. Mary J. Webster	5.00	Aden Uhle	13.50
Carrie E. Tuttle	5.00		
Mrs. D. D. Webster	5.00		
H. M. Webster	5.00		
John Webster	5.00		
Mrs. John Webster	2.00		
J. L. Webster	10.00		
Mrs. Phoebe A. Ross	10.00		
T. Ross	10.00		
Watt P. Woolsey	10.00		
H. C. Woolsey	5.00		
E. Decow	5.00		
H. Sawyer & Nehag	10.00		
John Banning	5.00		
Jeelah Hart	10.00		
Madison Beasley	2.50		
Milton P. Riggs	10.00		
Belings & Sawyer	10.00		
Wm. Padden	5.00		
Mabelo Banning	25.00		
Mary A. Hart	5.00		
Edward Hyde	10.00		
Mrs. Hyde	10.00		
Jennie Lennon	3.00		
Charles Krom	10.00		
Mrs. Sarah A. Ross	10.00		
W. L. Schoemaker	25.00		
John Russell	5.00		
Rosen Gorman	5.00		
John Decow	25.00		
Mary Decow	5.00		
Ben Birdsall	20.00		
G. W. Cooper	20.00		
Jacob Duff	5.00		
John Hardy	10.00		
Amanda C. Kan	5.00		

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The above paper was circulated by Mrs. James A. Hart and her son Thomas Hart who was then a boy about fourteen years old accompanied her. The first subscriptions were made June 15th, 1876, and on the 24th day of August, 1876 articles of incorporation of the United Brethren Church were filed in the recorder's office at Peorah by Tolver Holverson, Phineas Banning and James A. Hart.

The Church was used for a good many years from the beginning both by the Methodist and by the United Brethren Churches. The original subscription list and the articles of incorporation are in the possession of Mrs. J. M. Vance whose maiden name was Eva Hart. She now lives at Mankato, Minnesota.