

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF EAST ALABAMA,
AS AMENDED AND RESTATED, JULY 18, 2020**

Article I – The name of the corporation shall be the Genealogical Society of East Alabama.

Article II – Objectives and Purposes:

1. To promote genealogical and historical research in the Alabama counties of Chambers, Lee, Macon, Russell and Tallapoosa.
2. To search for, collect and publish source materials of genealogical and historical significance.
3. To assist in the exchange of genealogical information and family histories.
4. To issue and circulate periodic publications and to foster the publication of other source materials.
5. This organization shall be a separate and distinct society and shall not affiliate with, nor be a part of, any other genealogical or historical society without the prior approval of the GSEA membership. It may cooperate with other societies with like interests.

Article III – The duration of the Genealogical Society of East Alabama shall be perpetual.

Article IV – The Genealogical Society of East Alabama shall have no capital stock and shall be a non-profit corporation.

Article V – The Genealogical Society of East Alabama's membership shall be open to all persons interested in the objectives and purposes set forth in Article II of this document, subject to any additional qualifications set forth in the Society's by-laws.

Article VI – The Genealogical Society of East Alabama shall be authorized to receive gifts and grants, to lease, own, buy and sell real or personal property, to borrow or invest money, and to execute evidences of such actions as may be required, and, in general, to do any and all things necessary to accomplish the objects and purposes listed above, subject to

the powers granted to non-profit corporations by the laws of the state of Alabama.

Article VII – The officers of the Genealogical Society of East Alabama shall be president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer. In addition, the Society shall have several trustees who will function primarily as advisors to the officers and advocates for the Society. Additional officers may be added, as needed, by amending the Society’s by-laws.

Article VIII – The Board of the Genealogical Society of East Alabama shall consist of all its elected officers, the immediate past-president and the trustees. It shall be presided over by the president. The Board shall, on behalf of the Society, carry out those activities authorized in Article VI of this document. The board shall meet within two (2) weeks of the Society’s regular quarterly meetings and at other times as deemed necessary by the president.

Article IX – The Genealogical Society of East Alabama shall hold four (4) regular quarterly meetings each year during the months of January, April, July and October. The April meeting shall be designated as the annual meeting. Additional meetings may be called as the president shall deem necessary.

Article X – In the event of its dissolution, the residual assets of the Society shall be turned over to one or more local East Alabama organizations most closely aligned with the objectives of GSEA and exempt as organizations described in sections 501 (c) (3) and 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any future United States internal revenue law, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation (Society) will not carry on any other activities not permitted by (a) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (3) (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding section of any future United States internal revenue law or (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law.

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