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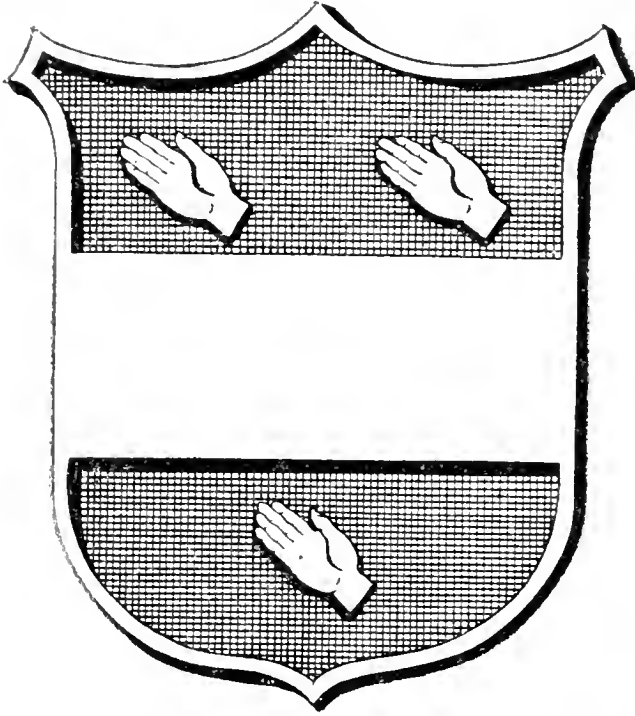
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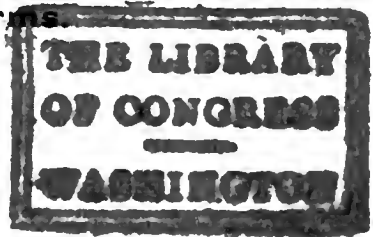
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# The Bates Association.



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# Constitution and By-Laws of the Bates Association.

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## **Constitution.**

I. The name of this organization shall be "The Bates Association."

II. The object of the Association is the collection, compilation, and publication of all available data concerning the Bates families.

III. Persons having a Bates ancestor, by descent or marriage, may become members of this Association, as provided in the By-Laws.

IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, three or more Vice-Presidents (one to be chosen from the descendants of each immigrant ancestor represented), a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Historian. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Association.

V. This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

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## **By-Laws.**

1. Meetings of the Association shall be held annually, at such time and place as the Association, or the Executive Committee, may direct.

2. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually, and their duties shall be such as are usually performed by such officers.

3. The Treasurer shall pay the bills of the Association only on order of the Executive Committee.

4. The Executive Committee shall arrange the program for the annual meeting, fill vacancies in any office until the next election, and, in general, shall direct the affairs of the Association. The Executive Committee may publish such periodicals, pamphlets, or books as will advance the interest of the Association.

5. All members of the Association shall be elected to membership by the Executive Committee, except as hereinafter provided.

6. Memberships shall be as follows:

(1). Active Members, consisting of all qualified persons, who shall have been elected by the Executive Committee, and who have paid the annual dues.

(2). Honorary Members, consisting of persons who for some conspicuous service, merit, or age, shall be unanimously elected by the Association, at any annual meeting, upon nomination by the Executive Committee. Honorary members shall have all the privileges of the Association, and shall be exempt from all dues.

(3). Life Members, consisting of all persons who, upon payment of ten dollars, shall be elected by the Executive Committee. Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Association and shall be exempt from all dues.

7. The membership fee shall be one dollar, payable annually at the time of the annual meeting. This shall entitle the member to all the privileges of the Association with one copy of all annual Bulletins.

8. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

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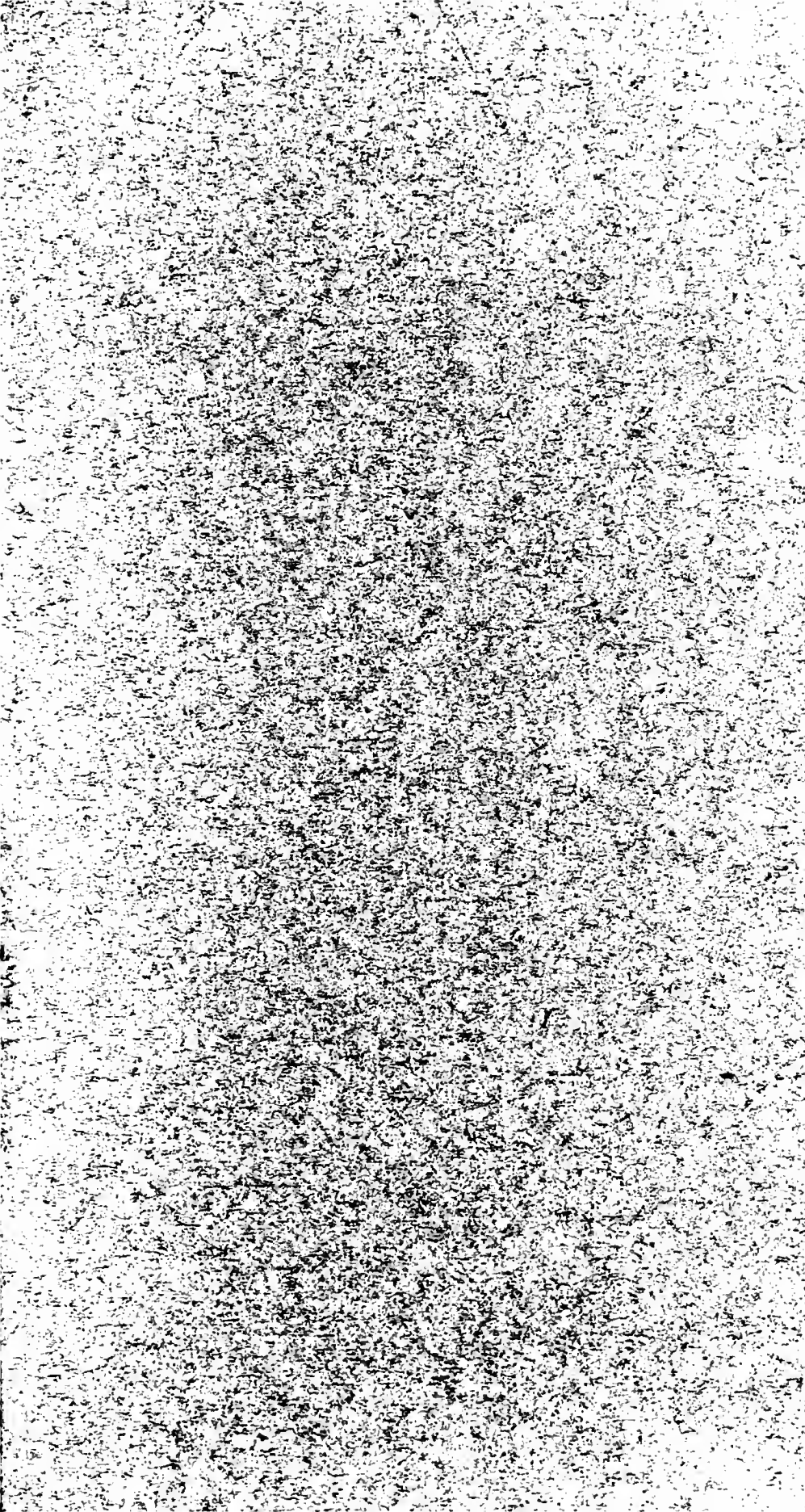
**HISTORY**—The Association was organized July 30, 1907, at Boston, Mass., ninety-three persons being present. Gov. John L. Bates served as the first President. The second meeting was held at Hingham, Mass., August 4, 1908, at which one hundred and sixteen persons were present. The Constitution was adopted, and plans for work were formulated.

**WORK**—The aim of the Association is to secure all available data concerning the History of the Family, such as vital statistics, extracts from local histories, manuscripts or family records, and we request all persons having such information to communicate with the Secretary. We particularly desire photographs of members of the family, or of their residences, especially the older ones.

**BULLETIN**—The Association publishes the BATES BULLETIN, semi-annually, which is sent free to members, and to all others for twenty-five cents a copy. Its pages are devoted to items of interest to the family, and already many problems of ancestry have been solved. Other problems are welcomed and will be given prominence. In order to carry on this work, assistance in the way of co-operation or gifts of money, in large or small amounts, is necessary. Such gifts will be used either for the general work of the Association, or for investigation along special lines if desired.

**MEMBERS**—The Association has at present ten Life members and one hundred and twenty Active or Annual members. We need more members of each class. Life Membership costs ten dollars, and Annual Membership one dollar per year.

**MEETINGS**—Meetings are held annually at some convenient locality, preference being given to ancestral towns. All persons interested in the object of the Association are welcome.



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