

Articles of Association

The Oliver Jenkins Family Organization

To further the purposes set forth herein, the descendants of Oliver Jenkins agree to be, and hereby are, organized under these Articles of Association as an unincorporated nonprofit association (the “Association”), organized pursuant to the Arkansas Code, Title 4, Subtitle 3, Chapter 28, Subchapter 6 – Revised Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act - Effective January 1, 2012 (the “UUNAA”).

ARTICLE I - THE ORGANIZATION

- 1.0 Name of Association. The name of this Association shall be The Oliver Jenkins Family Organization.
- 2.0 Offices of Association. The principal office of the Association shall be at the home of Helen Boswell, 102 N. Watson, Warren, Arkansas 71671. The Association may have such other offices as may from time to time be designated by its members or its Executive Board.

ARTICLE II – MISSION STATEMENT

- 1.0 The mission of the Oliver Jenkins Family Organization is to bridge the generational gap between the family tree branches of Oliver Jenkins and to establish an organization that will honor him as well as his descendants who led the way before us and to leave a legacy for future generations of his descendants.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

- 1.0 Purposes. The primary purpose of the Association is to provide a vehicle that will allow the members to work together as a family to create a shared and agreed upon vision, whereby the members will speak as “One Voice Through Many”.
- 2.0 Objectives. The primary objectives of the Association are to: (a) preserve the legacy of Oliver Jenkins through the collection and preservation of literary, historical and genealogical records, documents, relics, memorabilia and other data and information; (b) strengthen the fellowship and ties of the living members; (c) maintain family unity through frequent associations, reunions and other family gatherings and events; (c) perpetuate the memory and genealogy of the ancestors and descendants of Oliver Jenkins through combined efforts and resources; and (d) own and manage the Oliver Jenkins forty acres of land as set forth and described in the attached property deed dated May 20, 1862 (**Attachment “A”**). The activities of the Association shall be held and maintained in the spirit of these objectives.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP/VOTING

- 1.0 Powers. The Association shall have all the powers necessary to provide activities to conduct its purposes including, but not limited to, the power to (a) collect, hold and disseminate information consistent with its purpose; (b) conduct member meetings, reunions and other events that further the purposes of the Association; (c) collect dues and disperse funds for the membership; and (d) hold, occupy, maintain and improve real property and other assets owned by the Oliver Jenkins Family Organization.
- 2.0 Membership/Voting Rights. All individuals who are in the direct line of descent by blood, marriage or adoption (i.e. – children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, spouses, etc.) of Oliver Jenkins are eligible to be members of the Association.

Each member who is at least twenty-one (21) and in “good standing” as of the date of voting shall be entitled to one vote on each Association matter to be decided by a vote of the members. A member is in “good standing” if the member has satisfied all of his/her financial obligations (i.e. - membership dues, assessments, etc.) when required. A member is no longer in “good standing” when the member fails to pay his/her annual financial obligations when required, or in the judgment of a majority of the members, the member no longer supports the best interests of the Association. The votes of a majority of the voting members in good standing shall determine of outcome of each matter to be voted upon.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS/DUES, ASSESSMENTS & FEES

- 1.0 Powers. The Association shall conduct a general membership meeting (the “General Meeting”) no less frequently than very two years, but may conduct such meetings on an annual basis, at its option. Such meetings shall take place during the month of July of each year that the meeting is held. The Association may have monthly, quarterly and any such other meetings or gatherings as deemed necessary by the Executive Board to further the purposes of the Association. Each General Meeting of the Association shall be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order. Quorum shall consist of a majority officers for Executive Board meetings, and a majority of members who are eligible to vote for general membership meetings.
- 2.0 Dues, Assessments and Fees. The Association’s activities shall be funded through the use of annual membership dues, assessments, and fees charged to the members who take part in the Association’s various activities. All the funds collected by the Association shall be used by it to provide for the various activities of the Association in furtherance of its purposes. The annual membership dues required for membership in the Association, and any assessments which may be required of the members, shall be established by a majority vote of the members of the Association, upon the recommendation of the Executive Board. The annual membership dues for any fiscal year shall be established at such an amount per member as will, when multiplied by the number of individuals which the Executive Board estimates will be members for the fiscal year for which the annual membership dues are being established, be sufficient to pay at least 80% of the “normal operating costs” which the Executive Board estimates will be required to operate the Association for the fiscal year for which the annual

membership dues are being established. The balance of the “normal operating costs”, if any, shall be paid from assessments assessed against the membership, investment income, and/or surplus funds available from prior fiscal years. The annual membership dues and any assessments may be varied from fiscal year to fiscal year, but any such dues and/or assessments in effect for any fiscal year shall be the same for all individuals. Fees shall be charged by the Association to pay the costs of any of its activities, or parts thereof, which do not fall within the meaning of “normal operating costs”. Said fees shall be established by the Executive Board at an amount per individual per activity, or part thereof, which shall not exceed the amount which is reasonably estimated to be necessary to pay the costs of said activity, or part thereof, which do not fall within the meaning of “normal operating costs”.

3.0 Fiscal Year/Annual Meetings. The Association shall operate with July 1 through June 30 as its Fiscal Year.

4.0 Funds Management and Authorities. No individual member has the authority to obligate the Association in any way. In doing so that member becomes personally responsible for that obligation and not the Association. Elected Executive Board Members may obligate the Association for up to \$250 on non-recurring expenses. Any proposed expenditures above \$250 must be voted upon in accordance with the voting procedures outlined in **ARTICLE IV.**

ARTICLE VI - THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1.0 OFFICERS' DUTIES. The Executive Board shall be composed of the officers elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting of the Association. Each officer shall have one vote on the Executive Board. The officers are responsible for the daily operation of the Association as described below in the officers' duties. The order listed below indicates the order of succession to the presidency. The following describes the duties of each of the officers:

1.1 PRESIDENT. The President is primarily responsible for the business operation of the Association and presides at the Annual Meeting and the Executive Board meetings. The President shall call special meetings of the Executive Board as necessary to carry out normal operations of the Association during the periods between Annual Meetings. At each Annual Meeting, the President shall submit to the Association members a report of all official acts of the Executive Board, together with any other information and recommendations that he/she may deem necessary to support the purposes of the Association.

1.2 VICE PRESIDENT. The Vice President is responsible for performing the President's duties in the absence of the President. The Vice President, along with the Executive Board, shall assist and counsel the President on all matters pertaining to the activities of the Association. The Vice President shall also perform the duties of Sergeant at Arms.

1.3 DIRECTOR. The Director shall oversee the planning and coordination of all Annual Meetings and other Association events, and lead the implementation of

policies and guidelines to perform the actions necessary to support the purposes of the Association.

- 1.4 SECRETARY. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining the non-financial records of the Association's operations, to include keeping a complete register of the members of the Association. The Secretary shall provide meeting notes of all Annual Meetings and Executive Board meetings. These notes/minutes will be recorded in a Secretary's book and will be available for the general membership to review. The Secretary shall act as the Treasurer's primary alternate to conduct the everyday business of collecting dues and signing up new members. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as the President, Vice-President or Director may direct.
- 1.5 TREASURER. The Treasurer is responsible for all the funds of the Association. The Treasurer shall maintain detailed records of the membership dues receipts, assessments, collections, disbursements, and all other financial transactions of the Association. The Treasurer shall provide a monthly financial report to the membership. The President or Vice-President may perform the duties of Treasurer as required.
- 1.6 CHAPLAIN. The Chaplain is the spiritual advisor and leader of the Association and is responsible for prayers at all Association events, including opening and closing all meetings in prayer. The Chaplain shall also pray for the Oliver Jenkins Family Organization and its members, and the support of its purposes.
- 1.7 HISTORIAN. The Historian is responsible for the compilation historical data, knowledge, photographs and documents, as well as writing of biographical records, family histories, and personal histories pertaining to the Oliver Jenkins, his ancestors and descendants. The Historian and his/her designees shall have the authority to call upon Association members for assistance in gathering, identifying and recording such information and documents and for other assistance necessary to perform his/her duties. The Historian may engage as many Association members as may respond in this effort and shall effectively direct the efforts of those so engaged. The Historian shall be responsible for making all of the results of his/her efforts available to the Association members for review, learning, and furthering the mission, purpose and objectives of the Association.
- 1.8 ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The election of officers shall take place every two (2) years at the Annual Meeting on even number years (i.e. 2014, 2016, 2018, etc.). Each such even numbered year shall be referred as an Election Year. Officer nominations will open on April 1 of each Election Year and close on April 30th. All nominations must be in writing and submitted to the Executive Board via electronic mail, posting on the Jenkins Family Facebook page, or regular U.S. mail, with the name of the nominating member being clearly identifiable. In the event of an officer vacancy prior to an Election Year, the Executive Board may appoint an interim officer who will fill said vacancy until the next election is held.
- 1.9 Committees. The Association may form any such committees it deems necessary and appropriate to support its mission and further the objectives of the Association.

ARTICLE III- AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Any member in “good standing” as defined in **ARTICLE IV** may propose an amendment to these Articles by submitting to any member of the Executive Board a petition which sets forth the proposed change. Any such proposed change shall be voted on at the next general membership meeting, and a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of voting members shall be required to approve the amendment.

ARTICLE IV - DISSOLUTION

In the event that the Association ceases to function, or in the event that the members decide to dissolve it, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the Association’s liabilities, distribute all of the remaining assets of the Association to such organization or individual who assumes the responsibility for preserving the legacy of Oliver Jenkins.



Attachment "A" - Jenkins Family Articles of Association
 TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Homestead Certificate No. 4330
 Application 9348

Whereas there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a CERTIFICATE of the Register of the Land Office at Camden Arkansas

whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Oliver Jenkins has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the South East quarter of the South West quarter of Section twenty one, in Township Eleven South of Range Eleven West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Arkansas containing forty acres

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL.

Now know ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said Oliver Jenkins the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Oliver Jenkins and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof I, Benjamin Harrison President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the twenty-third day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirteenth

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By the President: Benjamin Harrison
By M. McKean Sec'y.