# CEMETERY CONSERVATION FUND

WHEREAS, the burial grounds known as the Old Cemetery, with such grounds as have been and known as the Old Cemetery, situate easterly of the common in Rochester (Villago), in the County of Strafford, and State of New Hampshire, and bounded by land of the inte Albert H. Wentworth, the County Rochester Cemetery Association, Mary S. Sauborn, and others, are, to a large extent, in a neglected vation of said cemetery. foraver:

Therefore, agreeable to amended Section seven (7), of Chapter forty-alue (49), of the General

Laws of the State of New Hampshire, in relation to public cometeries and parks, approved August seventh (7th), A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-nine (1889),

RESOLVED, that the citizens of the town of Rochester, in the County of Strafford and State of New Hampshire, in town meeting assembled, do, by vote, hereby agree that said town of Rochester, in said county, and said state, and the citizens of such succeeding governments as may succeed the present town government, do accept as a sacred trust from

#### Monh Tebbetts, and Others,

for the perpetual proper, care, improvement and preservation, of the said Old Cemetery, Monied

Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty-siz Dollars, (\$ 4366 00,)

the same to constitute a fund to be known as the Old Cometery Conservation Fund, Perpetua, and to hold the same in trust forever; and to well and safely invest and be accountable for, and do hereby agree to absolutely make good all losses of the same and of the income therefrom, forever, and do hereby agree to receive any and all future contributions to said fund, as herein provided, from whom-soever tendered, and incorporate them into the vame, and do hereby agree to become accountable for and to absolutely make good all losses of the same and of the income therefrom, forever; and that said fund shall never be disturbed or used—and that—The income only can and shall be used as

First: That one-half (½) of each fifty-dollar and upward designated contribution to said Old Cometery Conservation Fund, Perpetua, shall have the annual income according from said one-half (½) devoted by said authorities (agreeable to the wishes of surviving relatives, as far as justifiable of consistent with the amount of money to be expended) to such lot or grave as said contributor of contributors agree upon and designate, forever, in the following manner: That three-fourths (¾) of this said income, or so much only of the three-fourths (¾) as may be necessary, shall be devoted annually when necessary, for all necessary and proper care, preservation and beautifying of devoted annually when necessary, for all necessary and proper, care, preservation and beautifying of said lot or grave, and everything thereon, or that may hereafter be placed or erected on the same forever, and for all reasonable compensation to said authorities for services employed in carrying out the same forever—and—that the remainder (if any) of this said three-fourths (14) and the remaining one-authorities, the same to constitute an Emergency Fund, the income therefrom to be added to the same and that same and the popular make good all lesses of the same and that said Emergency. nuthorities, the same to constitute an imagency rund, the moone therefrom to be acuted to the same annually, and do hereby agree to absolutely make good all losses of the same, and that said Emergency Fund, or so much of it as may be required, shall be used, when needed, for all necessary and edging and fence on, or that may hereafter be placed or creeked on, said designated lot or grave, and Second: The remaining one-half (M) of this said class of fifty-dollar and upward designated contributions—and—all general contributions to said Old Cemetery Conservation Fund, Perpetua, shall constitute a general part of said Old Cemetery Conservation Fund, Perpetua, the annual proper, care, restoration, improvement and preservation of the entire Old Cemetery at large, aforestid, in common, and all existing and future lots and graves therein (including all lots and graves that have no one to care for them, regardless of contribution to this fund) forever, and for everything of surviving relatives as the as passituation and consistent with the same, (agreeable to the wishes of surviving relatives as the as passituation and consistent with the amount of money to be expensed), and for all reasonable compensation to said authorities for services employed in carrying out the

Third: That all unused income of this part of said fund shall be set aside and to be well and safely invested by said authorities, they, the said authorities, being accountable for and to absolutely make good all losses of the same, and that said mused income shall constitute an Emergency Fund to be used for aforesaid general purposes, in common, on entire cemetery when needed, for ever,—and—

Fourth: That all of the existing and future lots and graves and all thereon, gate or gates, and fence or wall surrounding said cemetery grounds to have precedence in this expenditure over the grounds at large, building or buildings. Said Old Cemetery to always remain for the purpose now used, only, distinct and separate from any other cemetery or burial ground forever. That the approach to said cemetery from the highway shall be kept in a passable condition for foot or team by said authorities independent of this fund. And that said fund shall be exempt from any and all taxation forever, and that said authorities do hereby agree to preserve, care for and perpetuate said Old Cemetery forever, and to faithfully carry out all the measures, provisions and conditions of this instrument forever, without compensation, and cause the same to be placed upon said town and said county records in full, and to be responsible for all money received, invested and disbursed, and to absolutely make good all losses whatever of the same forever, and to acknowledge in one or more of the regular, reliable, established local newspapers of said Rochester, the receipt of any and all contributions to said fund at time of receiving same, stating contributor, object and amount, and to present their annual account and atatement of the said fund in their report to the public.



WHEREAS, the town of Rochester at its annual town meeting, holden in March, A. D., 1890, voted to accept the Old Cemetery Conservation Fund, Perpetua, Paper and Fund, and to carry out all of the terms, measures, provisions and conditions of said paper forever, (of which the above is a true copy). Therefore each contribution or addition to said fund should be made by way of money order, check or draft payable only to said Rochester, N. H., and sent to same by registered letter, as the transaction is now between the contributor and said Rochester, and acknowledgable by receipt from same.

Rochester, N. H., March 18, 1891.

CHARLES A. C. HANSON.

# Abstract of Instrument Creating Old Cemetery Conservation Fund Perpetua.

(For careful study see original instrument.)

#### OBJECT:

The Old Cemetery grounds (enclosed by fence in January 18, 1890) situate easterly of the Common in Rochester (Village), bounded by land of the late Albert H. Wentworth, the Rochester Cemetery Association,

### FURPOSE:

The perpetual care, improvement and preservation of the Old Cemetery and endowed lots.

# OBLIGATION OF CITY:

## I. GENERAL.

- 1. To hold the same in trust forever.
- To receive any and all future contributions to said fund.
- 3. To never distribute or use the fund for other purposes.
- To preserve the Old Cemetery for the purpose now (Jan. 18, 1890) used and keep the same distinct and separate from any other cemetery or burial ground.
- To keep, independent of the fund, the approach to the cemetery from the highway in a passable
- 6. To exempt the fund from taxation.
- 7. To acknowledge in one or more of the regular reliable established local newspapers of Rochester the receipt of any and all contributions to said fund at the time of receiving the same, stating
- 8. To present an annual account and statement of the fund in the City's Annual Report.

## ADMINISTRATIVE.

- 1. To well and safely invest and be accountable for all moneys.
- 2. To absolutely make good all losses of the same and the income therefrom.
- 8. To spend only the income as provided.

# III. EXPENDITURE.

1. The annual income to be used thus:

Specific.

(a) 3-8 of each fund, if needed, in care, preservation and beautifying of designated lots.

(b) (b) and all unspent balance of 3-8 to be invested in an emergency fund (specific) out of which when needed all necessary and proper restoration and reproduction of existing stones, tablets, monuments, inscriptions, stone edging and fences on designated loss are

# B. General. (half)

- (a) ½ of each fund, if needed, for all necessary and proper care, restorations, improvement and preservation of entire Old Cemetery at large and of existing and future lots and graves therein with all things erected thereon and the balance, if any, invested in an emergency fund (general) to be used when needed for general purposes in common on
- 2. To give precedence in expenditure over grounds at large, building or buildings, to existing and future lots and graves and all thereon, to gate or gates and fence or wall surrounding said comments.

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