

CHAP. 136.—An ACT to Incorporate the **St. George's Benevolent Society of Fredericksburg, Virginia.**

Approved April 2, 1874.

**St. George's Benevolent Society of Fredericksburg incorporated**

1. Be it enacted by the general assembly, That Reverend Edmund C. Murdaugh, John Coakley, John James Young, William H. Fitzhugh, Fayette W. Johnston, William S. Barton, James Taylor, Elliott M. Braxton, James F. Thompson, David S. Forbes, Randolph C. Fitzhugh, Charles E. Tackett, A. W. Wallace, Bazil Gordon, Jr., R. C. L. Moncure, J. G. Mason, John T. Goolrick, Joseph B. Ficklen, George B. Scott, M. Slaughter, A. K. Phillips, and such other persons as are now or may hereafter be associated with them, be, and they are hereby incorporated and made a body politic, under the title of the Saint **George's Benevolent Society of Fredericks-**

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burg, Virginia, and as such shall have power to sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, and to hold, buy, sell, or lease real and personal property in or near said town of **Fredericksburg**: provided, that it shall not hold or possess, at any one time, property to an amount exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

Corporate powers

Property limited

2. That for the purpose of benefitting the poor of said town of **Fredericksburg**, and assisting needy widows and orphans, the said **society** may receive and hold such donations or bequests as may be made to it by charitably disposed persons; and with the proceeds of such donations or bequests, or with means furnished by its own members, may make such provision for the poor of said town of **Fredericksburg** as said **society** may deem proper for their relief.

Power to receive and hold donations or bequests

Provision for poor of Fredericksburg

3. That for more effectually carrying out the purposes and objects of said **society**, (that is, benefitting the poor of said town,) it is authorized and empowered, if it think proper to do so, out of the contributions made by its members and such donations or bequests as may be from time to time made to it by charitably disposed persons, to establish asylums for aged persons or for poor widows or orphans, reformatories or schools, and support and manage the same.

May establish asylums, reformatories or schools, for aged persons, widows or orphans

4. That said **society** may make such rules and regulations for its own government, or for that of the asylums, reformatories or schools under its charge, as it may from time to time think proper: provided, the same be not in conflict with the Constitution and laws of the United States or the constitution and laws of this commonwealth.

Rules and regulations for institutions

5. The said **society** shall hold all donations or bequests made to it, upon the trusts, conditions, and stipulations specified in the instrument making or creating such donation or devise: provided, the same be within the general scope and

How society to hold donations or bequests

6. This act shall be subject to modification or amendment, at the pleasure of the general assembly, and to all general laws now in force, or which may hereafter be passed, in relation to incorporated companies of like character. Charter under control of legislature

7. This act shall be in force from its passage.

Commencement