

State of New York }  
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We, John Austin Stevens, John Cochrane, Austin Huntington, George H Potts, Frederick S. Tallmadge, Joseph W Drexel, George W W Houghton, Asa Bird Gardner, Thomas H Edsall, James M. Montgomery, James Duane Livingston, John Bleeker Miller, and Alexander R. Thompson, all being residents of the State of New York, do here by certify that we desire to form a Society, pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled "An act for the incorporation of Societies or Clubs for certain lawful purposes", passed by the Legislature of the State of New York, May 12<sup>th</sup> 1875, and of the several acts extending and amending said act.

That the corporate name of the said Society is to be "Sons of the Revolution"

That the objects of said Society are social and patriotic, and that said Society is to be formed for



the purpose of perpetuating among their  
descendants the memory of the brave  
men who perilled their lives and  
interests in the war of the Revolution  
to wrest the American Colonies from  
British dominion

That the number of the managers  
who shall direct the concerns of  
said Society shall be thirteen.

That the names of such managers  
for the first year are John Austin  
Stevens, John Cochrane, Austin Hun-  
tington, George H Potts, Frederick S  
Tallmudge, Joseph W Drexel, George  
W W Houghton, Asa Bird Gardner,  
Thomas H Edsall, James M Montgomery  
James Duane Livingston, John Bleeker  
Miller, and Alexander R Thompson &c.

That the principal office of  
said Society is to be in the City  
of New York.

In witness whereof we have  
herunto and to the duplicate hereof  
set our hands and affixed our  
seals this twenty ninth day of



April 29 - 1884

In presence of  
as to all but  
John Bleeker  
Miller,  
Edward H. Strobel

Austin Stevens  
John Cochrane  
Austin Huntington  
George H. Potts  
Frederick S. Tallmadge  
George W. Houghton

As to John  
Bleeker Miller  
Fred & John

Asa Bird Gardner  
Thomas H. Edsall  
Joseph W. Drexel

James Mortimer Montgomery  
James Duane Livingston  
Alexander R. Thompson  
John Bleeker Miller

State of New York }  
City & County of New York } ss:

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1884  
before me personally appeared John  
Austin Stevens, John Cochrane, Austin Huntington,  
George H. Potts, Frederick S. Tallmadge, George  
W. W. Houghton, Asa Bird Gardner,  
Thomas H. Edsall, Joseph W. Drexel,  
James Mortimer Montgomery, James Duane  
Livingston, and Alexander R. Thomp-



son for  
to me known to be twelve of the  
individuals described in and who  
executed the foregoing certificate, and  
they severally, before me, signed the  
said certificate, and acknowledged  
that they executed the same for the  
purposes therein mentioned.

Edward H. Strobel,  
Notary Public,  
New York County.

State of New York }  
City & County of New York }<sup>88</sup>

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May  
1884 before me personally appeared  
John Bleeker Miller to me known  
to be one of the individuals des-  
cribed in and who executed the  
foregoing certificate, and he, before  
me, signed the said certificate, and  
acknowledged that he executed the  
same for the purposes therein mentioned.

Wm<sup>o</sup> E. Litch

Notary Public, Suffolk Co.

not filed in 1890



MS  
Sons of the Revolution

Certificate  
of  
Incorporation

I hereby approve of the  
incorporation of the Society  
of the Sons of the Revolution  
and consent that the  
written certificate of  
incorporation be filed.

Leicester, N.Y.  
New York City

John F. Richmond  
7th May 1894  
2nd May 1894



WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, constituting a majority of the Board of Managers of the "Sons of the Revolution", an Institution duly incorporated under the "Act for the incorporation of Societies or Clubs for certain lawful purposes" passed by the Legislature of the State of New York, May 12th, 1875, and of the Acts amendatory thereof, do hereby additionally certify that said Institution was formed in the City of New York in December, 1883, and that in the certificate of incorporation thereof, duly filed and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the 2nd day of May, 1884, and in the duplicate thereof, duly filed and recorded in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, on the 3rd day of May, 1884, an informality exists by reason of an omission to state as required by the terms of the Association formed as aforesaid, that the objects of said Institution, comprehended in the said Act of Legislature and Acts amendatory thereof, are not only Social and Patriotic, but also historical, literary and benevolent.

We therefore do hereby extend the objects of said Institution beyond those set forth in the said original certificate so as to include said other objects authorized by said Acts and we do hereby certify, with the approval and ratification of the said the "Sons of the Revolution", that the objects and purposes of the "Sons of the Revolution" in its said Institution and incorporation are Patriotic, Historical, Literary, Benevolent and Social, and that it



has been and is formed and established in the United States of America principally to perpetuate the memory of the men who, in military, naval or civil service, by their acts or counsel, achieved American Independence; to promote and assist in the proper celebration of the Anniversaries of Washington's Birthday, the Battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill, the Fourth of July, the Capitulations of Saratoga and Yorktown, the formal Evacuation of New York by the British Army on the 3rd of December, 1783, as a relinquishment of territorial sovereignty, and other prominent events relating to or connected with the War of the Revolution; to collect and secure for preservation the manuscript rolls, records and other documents and memorials relating to that War; to inspire among the members and their descendants the patriotic spirit of their forefathers; to inculcate in the community in general sentiments of Nationality and respect for the principles for which the patriots of the Revolution contended and to maintain those immutable principles; to assist in the commemorative celebration of other great historical events of National importance; including events in the early History of the thirteen original Colonies and of the United States of America and in their Wars with Foreign Powers; and also to promote social intercourse and the feeling of fellowship among the members.

AND, WHEREAS, the present number of Managers of said Society of the "Sons of the Revolution" are thirteen, we do hereby certify and declare with the ratification and approval of said Society given at the City of New York the Second day of December, 1839, that the number of Managers for said body politic and corporate shall hereafter be fifteen and that the following named members of said Society do constitute the Board of Managers in and for said Society at the date of this Certificate and until their successors and two additional managers shall be duly chosen, to wit: Frederick Samuel Tallmadge, Floyd Clarkson, James Mortimer Montgomery, Arthur Melvin Hatch, John B. Ireland, George Clinton Genet, Henry Wyckoff Le Roy, John Clarkson, Jay, Jr. M. D., the Reverend Brockholst Morgan, William Gaston Hamilton, Asa Bird Gardiner, LL.D., John Jackson Riker and Francis Lathrop, all of the City and State of New York.

A N D we do hereby further certify that the annexed Exhibit marked "A", is the Constitution of the said Institution, and that the annexed Exhibit marked "B", are the By-Laws of the said Society of the "Sons of the Revolution" duly made and adopted by the same, and that the principal office of the said Society is in the City of New York.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have here-

unto, and to the duplicate hereof, set our hands and af-  
fixed our seals in the City of New York, this Third day of  
December, Anno Domini, 1889.

*Sealed & delivered in  
presence of  
John L. ...*

*Frederick S. Tallmadge*

*Floyd Clarkson*

*James M. Montgomery*

*Arthur Melvin Hatch*

*Jno. B. Ireland*

*Geo. Clinton Genet*

*Brookholst Morgan*

*John C. Jay, Jr.*

*Jno. J. Ribes*

*Wm. Gaston Hamilton*

*Abu Bird Gardiner*

*Henry W. Le Roy*

*Francis Lathrop*



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STATE OF NEW YORK,

: ss.:

City and County of New York, )

On this Third day of December, in the year One thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, before me personally came Frederick Samuel Tallmadge, Floyd Clarkson, James Mortimer Montgomery, Arthur Melvin Hatch, John B. Ireland, George Clinton Genet, Henry Wyckoff Le Roy, John Clarkson Jay, Jr., M. D., the Reverend Brockholst Morgan, William Gaston Hamilton, Asa Bird Gardiner, LL.D., John Jackson Riker, <sup>and</sup> Francis Lathrop, <sup>all</sup>

to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the above instrument, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein mentioned.

*John G. Davis  
Notary Public  
N.Y.C.*

State of New York }  
City and County of New York } ss.:

I, Edward F. Reilly, Clerk of the City and County of New York, and also Clerk of the Supreme Court for the said City and County, the same being a Court of Record, do hereby certify that John G. Davis, whose name is subscribed to the Certificate of the proof and acknowledgment of the annexed instrument, and thereon written, was, at the time of taking such proof and acknowledgment, a Notary Public in and for the City and County of New York, dwelling in the said City, commissioned and sworn, and duly authorized to take the same. And further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary and verily believe that the signature to the said Certificate of proof and acknowledgment is genuine. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the said Court and County, the 4th day of December, 1889, Edward F. Reilly, Clerk

New York  
- Seal -  
County



Endorsement on foregoing Certificate:

Supreme Court  
City and County of New York.

I hereby approve of the  
within amended and additional Certificate  
of Incorporation of the Sons of the Revolution  
and consent that the said Certificate  
shall be filed.

Dated at Chambers in the County  
Court House in the City of New York, this  
4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1889.

Wm. R. Lawrence  
J. S. C.



COUNTY CLERK — NEW YORK COUNTY  
60 CENTRE STREET, NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

Certificate

No. 3362 B

Fee..... 2.50

Receipt No..... 20181

Cashier.....

STATE OF NEW YORK }  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK } ss.:

I, ARCHIBALD R. WATSON, County Clerk and Clerk of the Supreme Court, New York County,

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the attached photographic copy of a

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

entitled

*Sons of the Revolution*

the original of which is filed in my office, under

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and that such photographic copy is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 13 day of August, 1916

*Archibald R. Watson*

County Clerk and Clerk of the Supreme Court, New York County.