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State of Missouri.)  
County of Buchanan.)

In the Circuit Court of said County.

July Term, A.D. 1892.

In the Matter of the Application of

John Michel, F. E. Ernst & J. Henry  
for an order incorporating the

Grand Army Memorial Park and Monument Association.

The undersigned present this their petition praying that an order be made incorporating "THE GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL PARK and MONUMENT ASSOCIATION" under Article X of Chapter 42, Rev. Stat. of 1889. They state that they are respectively the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the ~~proposed~~ Association and they submit herewith the articles of agreement which have been drawn up and signed by them and their associates, and pray that they be granted pro forma decree thereon.

John Michel President.  
F. E. Ernst Secretary.  
J. Henry Treasurer.

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County of Buchanan,  
State of Missouri,  
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In the Circuit Court of said County.

July Term, A.D. 1885.

In the matter of the Application of

*John Michael, Fred Ernest, Fred Benz*

for an order incorporating the

*Grand Army Park Association*

*Filed Oct 27 1885  
By Clerk*

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*John Michael*  
President

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ARTICLES of ASSOCIATION.

The undersigned hereby associate themselves together in order to form a corporation under Article X of Chapter 42, of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1889. and mutually agree as follows:

Article I.

The name of this Association shall be "THE GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL PARK and MONUMENT ASSOCIATION"; it shall continue for the period of ~~Nine hundred and ninety-nine~~ <sup>Fifty</sup> years, and shall be located in the City of St. Joseph, Missouri.

Article II.

The purpose of the Association shall be to secure lands for and establish a Memorial Park, open to the citizens of St. Joseph, where Fourth of July and other patriotic celebrations and meetings, may be held and where fitting public services may be held commemorative of the virtues and services of the Union soldiers and sailors in the late war; to erect monuments in said park in honor of their heroism and valor; to erect a hall in said park, in which the meetings of the Association, of Grand Army Posts, the Union Veteran Legion and the Sons of Veterans of said city, may be held, and where relics and mementos of that war may be kept; and generally to promote a patriotic love for our country and a veneration for the memory of all those who, in any war or on any occasion, gave their lives in defense of its flag, or by conspicuous public service illustrated in any age the wisdom, skill, courage or heroism or statemanship of her sons.

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Article III.

The capital stock of said Association shall be Thirty Thousand dollars divided into Three thousand shares of ten Dollars each.

Article IV.

The Hall to be erected by the Association shall be for the exclusive use of the Grand Army Posts, Camps of the Sons of Veterans and Leagues of the Union Veteran Legion, and auxillary orders, without pecuniary compensation paid therefor, and shall never be occupied or used by any person, or corporation, for a purpose not included among those specified in Section 2625 Revised Statutes of Missouri of 1889, save so much of the same as may be necessarily rented for business purposes in order to secure a sufficient revenue to provide for the expenses of the care and maintenance of the property, and for annual dividends not to exceed five per centum upon the capital stock of said Association.

In Witness Whereof, the parties have hereunto signed their names, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, A.D. 1892.

John Michel

Lucian Danvers

J. Benz

Harold Dyer

J. D. Lutzler

Thos W Evans

J. Hausen

Frank M. Pougato

W. A. Brown

B. F. Buzzard

J. O. Keels

A. Morrison

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Articles of Association  
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By O W Lupton Sec

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Pro Forma Decree.

State of Missouri.  
County of Buchanan.

ss. In the circuit court of said county.  
Division No.2,  
September Term, 1892.

In the matter of the application of John Michel, F.E.Ernst,  
and F. Wenz, for proforma decree of incorporation.

Now at this time the petition of John Michel, F.E.Ernst  
and F.Wenz, and others, praying an order incorporating them-  
selves and their associates as a corporation under article X  
of Chapter 42, Revised Statutes of Missouri of 1889, under the  
name and style of "the Grand Army Memorial Park and Monument  
Association", coming on to be heard and it appearing that said  
7 petitioners are respectively the President, Secretary and  
Treasurer of said Association, and that more than three days  
have elapsed since the filing of their said petition, the  
court now here appoints Judge Thomas J. Porter and James F.  
Pitt, members of this bar and practicing attorneys of this  
court, as the friends of the court, and refers said petition  
to said friends who are hereby ordered and directed to examine  
into said petition and the facts, and ascertain the true  
purpose of said association and show cause, if any there be,  
against the granting of said petition.

8 And now here again comes the said Thomas J. Porter and  
James F. Pitt and in open court report that they have examined  
into the objects and purposes of said association, and the  
articles under which said persons have associated themselves  
together, and they find the object and purposes of said  
Association, lawful; that the Articles of Agreement and the  
purposes of the Association come properly within the purview  
of Article X of Chapter 42, Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1889,  
and are not inconsistent with the constitution or the laws of  
the United States or of this state. Therefore, it is found  
and adjudged by the court that the Articles of Agreement and  
9 purposes of the association come properly within the purview of

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Article X Chapter 42, Revised statutes of Missouri, and the same are found not to be inconsistent with the laws of the United States or of this state, and it is hereby ordered that the said John Michel, F.E.Ernst and F. Wenz, and their associates, be and they are hereby incorporated as a corporation under said article and chapter, under the name and style of "The Grand Army Memorial Park and Monument Association"

10 State of Missouri. ( ) ss  
County of Buchanan. ( )

I, S.D.Cowan, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, correct and complete transcript and copy of the pro forma decree of incorporation entered by the court upon the petition of John Michel, F.E.Ernst and F.Wenz; and I further certify that the attached papers are the original petition of the said Michel, Ernst and Wenz and filed with said petition.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the court at office, this 8th day of December, 1892.

S. D. Cowan  
Clerk.

By S. D. Cowan  
Deputy.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.  
COUNTY OF BUCHANAN, }

IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE.

I, JOEL E. GATES, Recorder of Deeds within and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing and annexed instrument of writing was, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March A. D. 1892, at 4 o'clock 45 minutes P. M, duly filed for record in this office, and with the certificate of acknowledgement thereon endorsed, is recorded in the Records of this office, in book 199 at page 590.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of office at Saint Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri, the day and year last aforesaid.

Joel E. Gates RECORDER.

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