

**COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA**  
**Act 35 of 1897**

AN ACT for the incorporation of national societies of Colonial Dames of America in Michigan.

**History:** 1897, Act 35, Eff. Aug. 30, 1897.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**457.81 Colonial Dames of America; incorporation.**

Sec. 1. That national societies of Colonial Dames of America in Michigan may be incorporated under the provisions of this act.

**History:** 1897, Act 35, Eff. Aug. 30, 1897;—CL 1897, 7863;—CL 1915, 10300;—CL 1929, 10582;—CL 1948, 457.81.

**457.82 Articles of association; execution, contents.**

Sec. 2. Any 25 or more persons, residents of this state, being members of a national society of Colonial Dames of America in Michigan, desiring to be incorporated, may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, which shall be acknowledged before some officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds and shall set forth:

First, The names and places of residence of the persons associating in the first instance;

Second, The corporate name by which the association shall be known, provided that no persons associating under this act shall be allowed to take the same name as any association heretofore incorporated; the place of its principal business office, and the period for which it is incorporated, which shall not exceed 30 years;

Third, The object and purpose of the association, which shall be to collect manuscripts, traditions, relics and mementoes of by-gone days for preservation, and to hold from time to time, as the society may direct, a loan exhibition to commemorate the success of the American revolution and consequent birth of our glorious republic; to diffuse healthful and intelligent information in whatever concerns the past and tends to create popular interest in American history; and, with a true spirit of patriotism, seek to inspire genuine love of country in every heart within its range of influence; and to teach the young that it is a sacred obligation to do justice and honor to heroic ancestors whose ability, valor, sufferings and achievements are worthy of praise.

**History:** 1897, Act 35, Eff. Aug. 30, 1897;—CL 1897, 7864;—CL 1915, 10301;—CL 1929, 10583;—CL 1948, 457.82.

**457.83 Articles; filing; body corporate, powers.**

Sec. 3. A copy of said articles of association shall be filed with the secretary of state, and thereupon the persons who have signed such articles of association, their associates and successors, shall be a body corporate and known in the law and in fact by the name assumed by them in said articles of association, and by that name they and their associates and successors shall have succession and be capable to purchase, take, hold, receive and enjoy real, personal and mixed property; to sue and be sued, to have a common seal; and shall have authority and power to give, grant, demise, sell, lease and dispose of such real and personal and mixed estate belonging to them, or any part thereof, as they may see fit.

**History:** 1897, Act 35, Eff. Aug. 30, 1897;—CL 1897, 7865;—CL 1915, 10302;—CL 1929, 10584;—CL 1948, 457.83.

**457.84 Constitution and by-laws; contents.**

Sec. 4. Said corporation shall have power to make and adopt a proper constitution and by-laws, prescribing the names and duties of its officers and all necessary and lawful rules and regulations for the government of its business.

**History:** 1897, Act 35, Eff. Aug. 30, 1897;—CL 1897, 7866;—CL 1915, 10303;—CL 1929, 10585;—CL 1948, 457.84.

**457.85 Articles; certified copy as evidence.**

Sec. 5. A copy of such articles of association, duly certified under the seal of the state, shall be prima facie evidence of the due existence and incorporation of such association.

**History:** 1897, Act 35, Eff. Aug. 30, 1897;—CL 1897, 7867;—CL 1915, 10304;—CL 1929, 10586;—CL 1948, 457.85.