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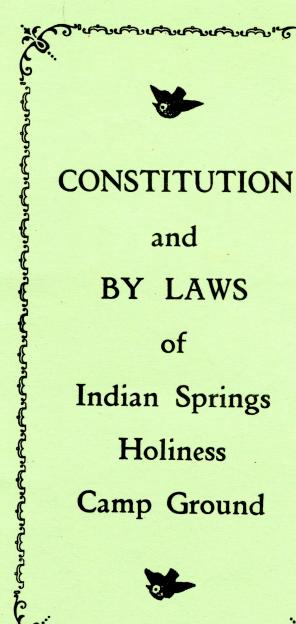
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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1

NAME

This Camp Ground, founded in December, 1891, and incorporated under the laws of the state of Georgia in the Superior Court of Butts County, Georgia, Oct. 13th, 1893, shall be known as The Indian Springs Holiness Camp Ground.

ARTICLE II

OBJECT

The object of this Camp Ground is the spread of the Wesleyan Doctrine of Scriptural Holiness throughout the earth; that Christ's kingdom may come and his will be done in earth as it is in Heaven.

ARTICLE III

ITS CONSTITUENCY

Sec. 1. All Evangelical Christians who feel the need of a clean heart, a holy life, and a larger enduement for service, and who will unite with us under these articles of control for the realization of the object set forth in Article II, according to the policy declared in Article IV of this Constitution, are invited to share with us the responsibilities and blessings of this association.

Sec. 2. Before granting a lot to a person upon which to erect a tent or a cottage, he or she must have been recommended by the Committee on Cottage Holders, accepted by a unanimous vote of the trustees present at a regular business meeting of the Board, and must have signed and delivered to the Secretary the following agreement: "I hereby make application to the Board of Trustees of Indian Springs Holiness Camp Ground for building lot No. — as first choice, and No. —— as second choice, and herewith deposit \$10.00 with the Treasurer of the Camp Ground as a guarantee of good faith. which amount is to be returned to me when I shall have completed my cottage. I agree that if the cottage is not ready for occupancy by the next camp meeting to forfeit the ten dollars to the Board of Trustees for the Camp Ground. In making request for a building lot, I understand that if granted, the lot is still the property of the Indian Springs Holiness Camp Ground; and I agree and pledge myself to occupy and hold my cottage in keeping with the object, policy, and rules of the camp ground as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws governing the same; or as they may be amended from time to time. I further agree that if this permit is granted, if at any time, in the judgment of the Board, it is not so held, I will dispose of my cottage and relinquish the grant. I agree that the Board of Trustees shall have the refusal of the cottage; and in case they do not want it, to sell it to some one who will be acceptable to them. In case of any differences as to price, etc., I agree to leave the matter to arbitration by a committee of three to be chosen as follows: One by me, one by the Board of Trustees, and the third by these two; and their decision in the case shall be final.

ARTICLE IV

POLICY

While with all real Christians we steadfastly believe the fundamental doctrines of "the faith once for all delivered to the saints," we hold as the fixed policy of this camp ground that the emphasis of its pulpit and all of its work shall be in keeping with "Its Purpose" as set forth in Article II of this Constitution.

ARTICLE V MANAGEMENT

Sec. 1. The affairs of the Camp Ground shall be under the management of a Board of Trustees composed of twenty representative men, ministers or laymen, who believe the Wesleyan Doctrine, of Entire Sanctification as a Second Work of Grace, and who profess and exemplify the experience.

- Sec. 2. The Board of Trustees shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring in its membership. Such elections shall take place at the regular business meeting on Monday after the Second Sunday in August each year.
- Sec. 3. The Executive Committee shall be composed of five members of the Board, who shall be elected annually. This committee shall have power to execute ad interim the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws, all orders of the Board, and to fill all vacancies in its membership which may occur ad interim.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended only by a unanimous vote of all the members present at a regular business meeting of the Board.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

MEETINGS

- Sec. 1. An annual camp meeting shall be held beginning Thursday night before the Second Sunday in August and closing the third Sunday night.
- Sec. 2. The regular business meetings of the Board shall be held annually during the camp meeting at such time and place as the President may designate. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Executive Committee at any time they may deem it necessary.
- Sec. 3. The Executive Committee shall meet on call of the chairman, and at such time and place as he may designate.

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS

- Sec. 1. The officers of the Camp Ground shall be, President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. When in the Judgment of the Board it seems desirable, an Assistant Treasurer may be elected; and the offices of Secretary may be combined.
- Sec. 2. The above officers shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the Constitution.

ARTICLE III DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of the Board, and at the Tabernacle services. He shall appoint all standing committees and announce the same at the next regular meeting of the Board after his election. He shall sign all vouchers before they are presented for payment, and perform such other duties as are common to the office of President.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to render to the President such assistance as he may require, and in the absence of the President, to perform all his duties. Should both the President and the Vice President be absent, a President pro tem may be elected by a majority of the Board present and voting.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall attend regularly the meetings of the Board and the Executive Committee, shall keep faithful minutes of all proceedings and furnish to each member of the Board a copy of the same.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall collect and have charge of all monies of the Camp Ground and deposit the same with some safe banking institution in the name of The Indian Spring Holiness Camp Ground. He is authorized to pay all regular bills without voucher; but all others must be properly made out, and approved by the President of the Board before payment. He shall keep full and correct accounts of all monies received and disbursed, and shall make an annual report to the Board at its first regular annual business meeting. His books shall be open at all times for inspection by members of the Board, and shall be audited annually by a committee appointed by the President.

ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES

There shall be the following Standing Committee, composed of three members each: Ministerial Supply, Music Committee, Committee on Butts County Day, Committee on Cottage Holders, Parsonage Committee, and Committee on Grounds.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. The Committee on Ministerial Supply shall secure suitable leaders for the meeting well in advance.

Sec. 2. The Music Committee, with the Director as chairman, shall have charge of the music during the encampment. It shall strive to build up such a choir both in numbers and efficiency as shall best promote the spirit of worship. It shall see that members of the choir and orchestra are modestly attired while on duty. Its financial budget shall be fixed by the Board.

- Sec. 3. The Committe on Butts County Day shall have charge of the program on that day, and shall seek in every way possible to enlist the cordial sympathy and co-operation of the citizens of the county in the work of the Camp Ground.
- Sec. 4. The Committee on Cottage Holders shall be charged with the duty of seeking to enlarge this group of helpful supporters of the Camp Ground by seeking out suitable persons and inducing them to build or buy cottages on the grounds in accordance with Article III of the Constitution.
- Sec. 5. The Parsonage Committee shall have charge of the work of supplying the Dodge Memorial, the Mathews Memorial, the Workers' Cottage and the Singers' Cottage with suitable furniture, linens, etc.
- Sec. 6. The Committee on Grounds shall have general supervision of the Grounds, seeing that they are kept in order and beautified dur-

ing the year, and especially see that they are kept in proper order during the meeting. It shall seek to secure the co-operation of the cottage holders and visitors in an earnest effort to keep the grounds and all premises in a sanitary condition during the meeting.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these By-Laws may be made by a unanimous vote of the members present at a regular business meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE VII

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Devotional Exercises.
- 2. Roll Call.
- 3. Minutes of the preceding meeting.
- 4. Reports from Standing Committees.
- 5. Reports from Special Committees.
- 6. Miscellaneous Business.
- 7. Benediction.