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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE ORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE 1:

The name of the society will be THE ORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

ARTICLE 2:

The purpose of THE ORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. will be to discover, collect and preserve any materials which establish or illustrate the history of the Town of Orwell and the County of Addison in the State of Vermont. Further the Society will make these materials accessible to all who wish to examine or study them and will endeavor to implement educational experiences to help build an understanding of the past and its current environment. The society is organized exclusively for educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE 3:

THE ORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. shall be a non-profit corporation. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the statement of purpose hereof. the property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the Society's historical educational purpose and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

ARTICLE 4:

THE ORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. shall not engage in prohibited political and legislative activity. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purpose of this corporation.

ARTICLE 5:

THE ORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. shall have perpetual duration. However, upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE 6:

The principal address of THE ORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. shall be the Town of Orwell in Addison County, Vermont.

The Registered Agent of THE ORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. shall be Danielle Rougeau, current president of the Society.

The Incorporator THE ORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. shall be Danielle Rougeau, current president of the Society.