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The State of South Carolina,

Executive Department, By the Secretary of State.

Certificate of Incorporation, Whereas, Samuel Lewers, Arthur Watley and Van Meyers all of Sterling, S.C. two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise or manage the affairs of THE FREEDMANS HOME MISSION SOCIETY, which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the 9th, day of December A.D. 1907 file with the Secretary of State a written declaration setting forth: That at a meeting of the aforesaid organization held pursuant to the by-laws or regulations of the said Organization, they were . . . authorized and directed to apply for incorporation. That the said Organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common for a Religious, Educational, Social, Fraternal, Charitable or other eleemosynary purposes, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not Organized for the purposes of profit or gain to the members, otherwise than is above stated, or for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days notice in the Greenville Semi-weekly News, a newspaper published in the County of Greenville has been given that the aforesaid Declaration would be filed.

And Whereas, that said Declarants and Petitioners further declared and affirmed:  
First, their names and residences are as above given.

Second The name of the proposed Corporation is The Freedmans Home Mission Society.  
Third, the Place at which it proposes to have its headquarters or be located is Sterling S.C., Fourth, the purpose of the said proposed Corporation is, to bring our people to a better understanding of each other and their relations and duties as citizens to the State and United States, and to improve our conditions morally and socially; also to encourage punctuality in all our dealing with other people.

Fifth, the names and residences of all Managers, Trustees, Directors or other officers are as follows: Arthur Watley, President, Samuel Lewis, Vice-President, Van Mayers, Secretary, James Mayes Treasures, James Harris Judge Mayes, Wm. Babb, Committee, G.L. Lewers, Chaplain,

Sixth, That they desired to be incorporated in perpetuity.

Nor Therefore, I, R.M. McGown, Secretary of State, by virtue of the Authority in me vested by Chapter XLVIII., Article II., Code of 1902, and Acts amenditory thereto, do hereby declare the said organization to be a body Politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities and subject to all the limitations and liabilities conferred by said Chapter XLVIII., Article II., Code of 1902, and Acts amenditory thereto.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State, at Columbia this 9th, day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven and in the One hundred and 32nd year of the Independence of the United-States of America.

R.M. McGown,  
Secretary of State.



Recorded December 28th, 1907.

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