

Now therefore we the undersigned, Alexander Graham Bell, G. H. Curtiss, F. W. Baldwin, J.A.D. McCurdy, and T. Selfridge do hereby agree to associate ourselves together under the name of the "Aerial Experiment Association", for the purpose of carrying on experiments relating to aerial locomotion with the special object of constructing a successful aerodrome.

We agree that the "Aerial Experiment Association" shall be organized on the first day of October, 1907, and shall exist for the term of one year from the date of organization unless otherwise determined by the unanimous vote of the members.

We agree that the inventions relating to aerial locomotion made by the members of the Association during the lifetime of the Association shall belong to the Association; and that any applications for letters patent for such inventions shall be made in the names of all the members as joint inventors.

We agree that inventions relating to aerial locomotion made by the members of the Association before the organization of the Association shall belong to the inventors, and not to the Association, unless specially assigned; and that only such prior inventions shall be claimed by individual members as shall be substantiated by the production of written memoranda, drawings, photographs, or models existent before the date of the organization, so that the proofs of prior invention shall not rest on recollection alone, or upon verbal statements unsupported by documentary or tangible evidence of earlier date than the organization of the Association.