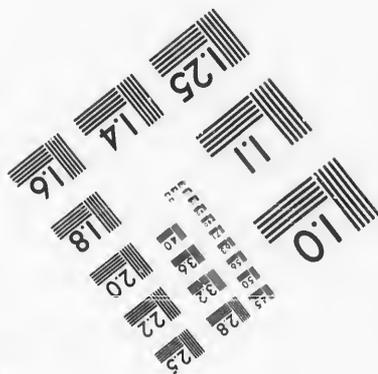
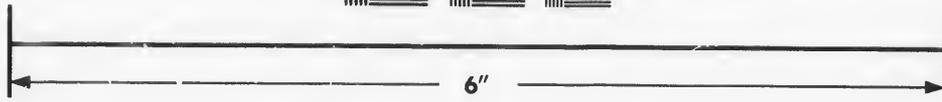
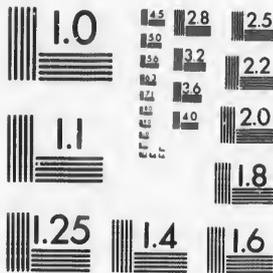


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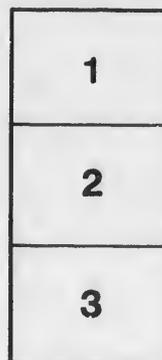
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CONSTITUTION,
FUNDAMENTAL RULES,
AND
BYELAWS,
OF THE
NOVA-SCOTIA PHILANTHROPIC
SOCIETY.

Established at Halifax, Nova-Scotia, April 7, 1834.



REVISED, OCTOBER 2, 1837.



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CONSTITUTION.



NOTWITHSTANDING the many Charitable Associations which have been founded, and still exist in this Community, into each of which respectable Nova-Scotians could, and can have admission; a few individuals, *feeling the great want of that Brotherly affection among the Natives of this Province, so visible among the Natives of England, Ireland, and Scotland,—unwilling to have their indigent brethren subsisting solely on the bounty of benevolent strangers, and seeing in perspective the vast fund of good they might be the means of producing, as well to the remnant of Aboriginee, as to the rising generations of coloured and white inhabitants,* communicated their feelings and wishes to each other, erected themselves into a Committee for the purpose of forming such an Institution as met their views, assembled several times at friends' houses, on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th October, 1833, and selected most of the following Rules; but owing to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances, their Society could not be established until the 7th of April, 1834, whence it will remain in existence so long as SEVEN of the persons, subscribing hereto, shall agree to support its object and rules, which persons shall have possession of the funds

and other property of the Society, provided they succeed in re-establishing the Institution within three months after its having been broken up, otherwise the funds to be given to the Commissioners of the Poor, for the benefit of the Poor.

Having thus far succeeded in their feeble endeavours, they humbly trust that the Members of this Society, by their "dwelling together in unity," may aid in "making the widow and the orphan's heart to leap for joy," and in drawing on their philanthropic exertions the countenance and approbation of a Benevolent Providence, with "the blessing of them that are ready to perish."

FUNDAMENTAL RULES.



SOCIETY AND PROPERTY.

I. This Society shall be composed of **NATIVES** of this Province, and be called the *Nova-Scotia Philanthropic Society*.

II. This Society shall have a *Copper Seal*, with a *Device descending in Glory on joined hands*, and the *Motto* "LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP," engraven thereon, within a circle formed by the Society's name.

MEMBERS.

III. Persons desiring admittance into this Society, shall be proposed by Members at any General Meeting, before proceeding with any other business, and their Election decided on by two thirds of the Society, by Ballot, on the same Evening, at the conclusion of the other business, provided such persons are neither Apprentices, nor are under the age of Nineteen Years.

IV. No Person shall be Ballotted for as a Member of this Society, agreeable to the provisions of *Rule Third*, unless such Person is a Nova-Scotian by Birth, the said Society having been originally instituted by Nova-Scotians, as will appear by reference to its Title and Constitution.

V. Every Person thus elected a Member, at the time of his admission, shall subscribe to the Rules of the Society, and pay the sum of _____ to the

Treasurer, to be applied according to the Orders and Regulations hereinafter specified, and also an Annual Subscription of

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

VI. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, &c. &c. &c. No Person shall be eligible to any office, who has not been at least Twelve Months an Ordinary or Perpetual Member.

VII. The Treasurer shall give such security as the Society may require for the trust reposed in him; shall receive all Monies of the Society; shall regularly produce his accounts signed, with a statement of the incidental resources of the Society, and shall annually prepare a view of the savings or exceedings of the year. There shall be no credit on his account for any sums disbursed, for which he does not produce the order or approbation of the President, or an order signed by three of the Committee of Charity.

VIII. The Secretary, or his Assistant, shall attend all Meetings and Committees of the Society, with the Rules and Records, shall take Minutes of the Proceedings, particularly noting, in a regular account, all monies received and paid, and produce the same fairly written in proper books, with proper indexes thereto, at the next meeting; address all summonses, adding the dues, and have them delivered at the Society's expense; read all Letters, Papers, or Petitions sent, or communicated to the Society, and record such of them as may be deemed worthy of preservation; shall prepare all answers in such terms as may be directed, and allow no account of the Society, under his direction, to be in arrear beyond the space of six months.

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

IX. For creating a mutual good understanding among the Members, and for conducting the business of the Charity, the Society shall be assembled four times in each year, viz on the First Monday in January, April, July and October, the last to be held as its Annual Meeting.

X. At the Meeting in October, the Members present, by a majority of votes, given by ballot, shall elect officers for the ensuing year, agreeably to Rule Sixth.

XI. At all Meetings of the Society, after the President or Vice President has taken the Chair, the Rules shall be laid upon the table for the perusal and direction of the Members; nothing shall be talked of but the business of the Society, nor shall the Members, either at their own or at the Society's expence, have any refreshment while the President keeps the Chair, nor shall any Member be allowed to leave the room during the time of meeting, without permission from the President.

XII. Every Member speaking on business shall stand and address the Chairman, and no Member shall speak twice on the same subject, except by leave from the Chairman, or to explain something already offered.

XIII. When the subject before the Society is stated and discussed, the Chairman shall propose the same for the decision of the Members, which shall be given by ballot in all cases when required.

XIV. When any Member of this Society dies, the Members shall be summonsd to assemble at their usual place of Meeting, or at some other convenient place,

named by the President, and attend his Funeral in a body.

FUNDS AND THEIR APPROPRIATION.

XV. All the money collected from the Members, or received by donation or otherwise, shall be applied to the best advantage, for promoting the ends of the Institution, and if at any time there shall be more money in the fund than present exigencies require, the Treasurer, at the desire, and by the direction of the Society at any General or Quarterly Meeting, shall lend out the same upon interest, on the credit of the Province; or unexceptionable personal security by Bond, or by investment in Real Estate within the Town of Halifax, by Bond and Mortgage; this security to be taken in the name of the President and Vice-President, for the time being, and the survivor of them as Trustees for the said Society, and in the said instrument of Security it shall be declared that the same is made in trust for the Society, and the President and Vice-President shall be parties to, and shall execute the same in the presence of two witnesses, and the said Security shall be lodged with the Treasurer for the time being, and the Mortgage, if any, duly recorded. Provided always, that said President and Vice-President, or either of them, their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, shall at all times subsequent, on being required by the Society, at a General Meeting, so to do, execute, an Assignment or Assignments of the said instrument or instruments to their Successors in Office.

XVI. The Charity of the Society shall be applied by the Committee of Charity, but no money shall be distributed by them to any but Members of the Society unless the Cash in hand amounts to *One Hundred Pounds and upwards*. when this sum is in hand the Committee shall have power to draw orders on the Trea-

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surer in favour of such poor and distressed persons, being natives of this Province, as they shall deem fit objects of the Society's bounty, which orders the Treasurer shall immediately pay, provided they are signed by at least three of said Committee, and that the sums so drawn for do not exceed *Twenty Shillings* to any one person, or *one half of the quarters receipts* in the whole during one quarter. Members of the Society who may be in distressed circumstances or in need of assistance, shall be entitled to receive relief from the Committee while there are any funds in hand. The weekly allowance, not to exceed *Ten Shillings*. Provided that such distress has not been occasioned by improper conduct.

XVII. In case of the death of any Member needing such aid, the Funeral charges shall be defrayed by the Society, and such a sum as circumstances may demand, and the funds allow, shall be given to the widow or orphans of the deceased, and these shall always have a claim to the Society's Bounty, so long as they need it.

CERTIFICATES.

XVIII. Any Ordinary, Honorary, or Perpetual Members moving from the Province, shall be furnished with a Certificate of their admission into this Society, on application to the President, Vice-President, and Secretary, who shall sign it, the form to be as follows:

Halifax, N. S. 18

These are to certify that Mr. _____ was regularly admitted _____ Member of the Nova-Scotia Philanthropic Society of Halifax, at a Meeting of the Society on the _____ day of _____ A. D. 18—

Given under our Hands and Seal the day and year above mentioned.

_____ President.

(L. S.)

_____ Vice-President.

_____ Secretary.

XIX. But as it may be expedient for the Members of this Society to move, in quest of settlement, to other parts of this Continent or elsewhere, where similar Institutions exist, whose countenance and support may be of great assistance to them, a second form of Certificate shall be given on application, to such Members of this description as the Society shall deem worthy of the same, the form to be as follows:

Halifax, N. S. 18

These may Certify that Mr. _____ was regularly admitted _____ Member of the Nova-Scotia Philanthropic Society, of Halifax, on the _____ day of _____ 18—. And he having duly conformed to all its rules and regulations during his residence here, is therefore recommended to the countenance and protection of any, and all similar Societies.

_____ *President.*

(L. S.) _____ *Vice-President.*

_____ *Secretary.*

XX. The foregoing Constitution and Rules shall be deemed the Fundamental articles of the Nova-Scotia Philanthropic Society of Halifax, and shall not be altered or abrogated on any pretence whatever; otherwise than by consent of at least two thirds of the Members at the Annual Meeting. Provided however, that a Committee of seven Members has been previously appointed, and their unanimous report states such alterations to be necessary.

Proposed and unanimously agreed to at the Annual Meeting held at A. McQueen's School Room, in the Town of Halifax, in the Province of Nova-Scotia, on the Sixth day of October, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Four.

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BYE LAWS.



I. Every person elected an Ordinary Member, at the time of his admission, shall subscribe to the Rules of the Society, and pay the sum of *Ten Shillings* to the Treasurer, to be applied according to the Orders and Regulations hereinafter specified.

II. Every Ordinary resident Member shall pay a quarterly sum of *Two Shillings and Six Pence*, at the Board of the Society for promoting its objects, and any Member being in arrears for four quarters dues, shall be served with a special summons to meet on the fifth Quarter, and on non-attendance, or refusal to pay his arrears, no longer be considered a Member of the Society.

III. Honorary Members shall consist of those persons eligible into the Society who are Passengers and Sojourners, rather than residents in Town; they shall contribute the sum of *Thirty Shillings*; the admission and enrollment of such Members shall be vested in the President, Vice-President, and Assistants.

Should any of these Members become permanent residents in Town, they shall pay the Annual sum as Ordinary Members, or cease to be Members of the Society.

IV. Perpetual Members shall consist of those persons entitled to admission into this Society, who shall deposit a sum in the Fund of Charity, the interest of

which shall be at least equal to the ordinary annual dues; they shall always have a right to take part in the business of the Society, and at their own consent shall be eligible to its offices.

V. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, two Assistants, Treasurer, Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Committee of Charity, and Steward.

VI. The duty of President or Chairman shall be to preside at all Meetings, to regulate the deliberations of the Society, to state and put questions both in the affirmative and negative, according to the sense and intention of the Meeting—to check undue warmth, or irregularity, keep all persons in order; and for this purpose he shall have the power of fining an offending Member, not exceeding One Shilling for each offence, without putting to vote; to direct summonses to be issued for all General Meetings, and to name the place of Meeting; to have the custody and use of the seal; to approve of all disbursements, and sign all orders of distribution, the account of which shall be submitted to the Society for its satisfaction; and to execute or superintend the execution of all the Rules and Orders of the Society.

VII. The Committee of Charity shall consist of five of the Members, who are to report to the Society any accident or sickness which may befall such of its own Members as stand in need of aid, with the nature and extent of the assistance required, and in cases where the continuance of sickness, or incapacity for business require attention during the night, they shall watch, or procure persons to watch with the sick, at the Society's expense; to inquire into the claims, characters, and circumstances of all who apply for the ordinary or extraordinary aid of the Society, to prevent its Charity from

being improperly or fruitlessly applied, and to make a regular quarterly report of their proceedings to the Society.

VIII. The duty of Steward shall be to attend at the place of Meeting, to see it in order, and to attend the Ballot Box.

IX. If any of the Officers of this Society, are by sickness, or otherwise absent from a regular Meeting, others shall be called to act in their room for the time being, or if any of them move out of the Province, or die during the year, for which they were elected, the Members assembled at the next Quarterly Meeting, shall chioose others, as at the Annual Meeting, to serve for the remainder of that year.

X. As a stated Provision is made for the Poor, by the Municipal Laws of the Town, to which the Members of this Society pay their proportion as citizens, the fund of Charity shall rather be applied to the relief and assistance of persons who have met with sudden misfortune, or who suffer by occasional distress, than continued allowance for settled poor, but as no adequate regulation can be devised on this subject, suitable to all times and all circumstances, the Society shall always be free to exercise its own discession and humanity, notwithstanding any thing to the contrary in this Rule.

XI. At every Annual Meeting of this Society, a Committee of three Members be appointed, to audit the Accounts of the past year, and report on the same at the next quarterly Meeting.

XII. The foregoing shall be deemed the *Bye Laws* of the *Nova-Scotia Philanthropic Society of Halifax*, and shall at any time when occasion requires be abrogated.

ted, altered, or amended, by two thirds of the Members assembled at any regular Quarterly Meeting.— Provided however that a quarters notice shall have been given, and that such alteration, abrogation, or amendment, does not in any way effect the *Constitution or Fundamental Rules* of this society.









LIST OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE
Nova-Scotia Philanthropic Society.

NAMES.	REMARKS.
FOUNDERS.	
<i>W. A. M' Agy.</i>	
<i>W. B. Wellner.</i>	
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<i>Thomaz Wilson, Junr.</i>	
<i>R. A. Bigby,</i>	
<i>James Isles.</i>	
1834.	
<i>Alexander Ross,</i>	
<i>James Hobson,</i>	
<i>Matthew Lownds,</i>	
<i>John Wills,</i>	
<i>Henry S. King,</i>	
<i>Thomas A. Bauer,</i>	
<i>John D. Nash,</i>	
<i>Benjamin Wier,</i>	
<i>Joseph Bennett,</i>	
<i>Archibald M' Intosh,</i>	
<i>Findlay M' Lean,</i>	
<i>Alexander Burkett, Jr.</i>	
<i>Frederick Sturmy,</i>	
<i>Thomas M' Kie,</i>	
<i>John M' Pherson,</i>	
<i>George Flowers,</i>	
<i>James Ridout,</i>	

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H. W. Blackadar,
James Connor,
Thomas Pryor,
Charles Roxby,
William Sturmy,
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Nicholas B. Parrott,
Henry Laurilliard,
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W. B. Stephenson,
James Holloway,
Edward Wier,
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John Laurilliard,
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John Trider,
Henry Wright, Junr.
Gasper Roast,
George Caldwell,

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Azor Stevens, Junr.
Francis Stevens, Junr.
Charles Hunter,
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William Chapplain,
John T. Morris,
William Lawson, Junr.
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John A. Bauer,
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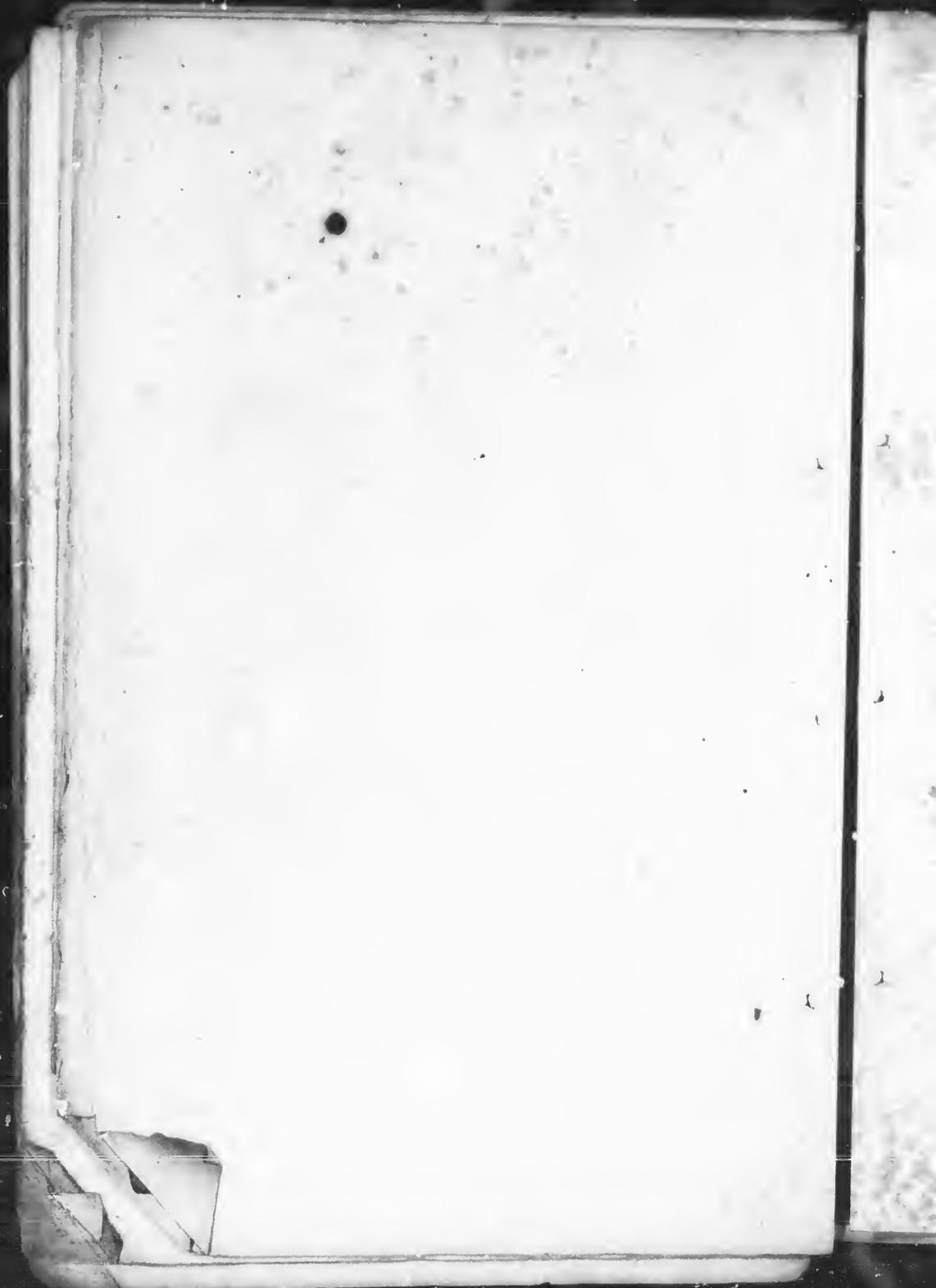
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Charles Riley,
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MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY,
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April 7. Octr. 6. 1835.	<i>John Naylor,</i> <i>John Naylor,</i>	<i>Robert A. Bigby,</i> <i>Robert A. Bigby,</i>
Octr. 5. 1836.	<i>Joseph Howe,</i>	<i>Joshua Lee,</i>
Octr. 3. 1837.	<i>Joshua Lee,</i>	<i>Gasper Roasi,</i>
Octr. 2.	<i>Gasper Roast,</i>	<i>Willm. M. Hoffman,</i>

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April 7.		<i>Robert M. Barratt,</i>
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