

## Articles of Corporation and By-Laws of the Kansas Freedmen's Relief Association

This pocket-sized booklet contains the articles of incorporation and by-laws of the Kansas Freedmen's Relief Association that assisted Southern blacks emigrating to Kansas influencing the Exoduster Movement of 1879. In addition, the booklet includes a listing of the Board of Directors and officers where Governor John P. St. John served as its president.

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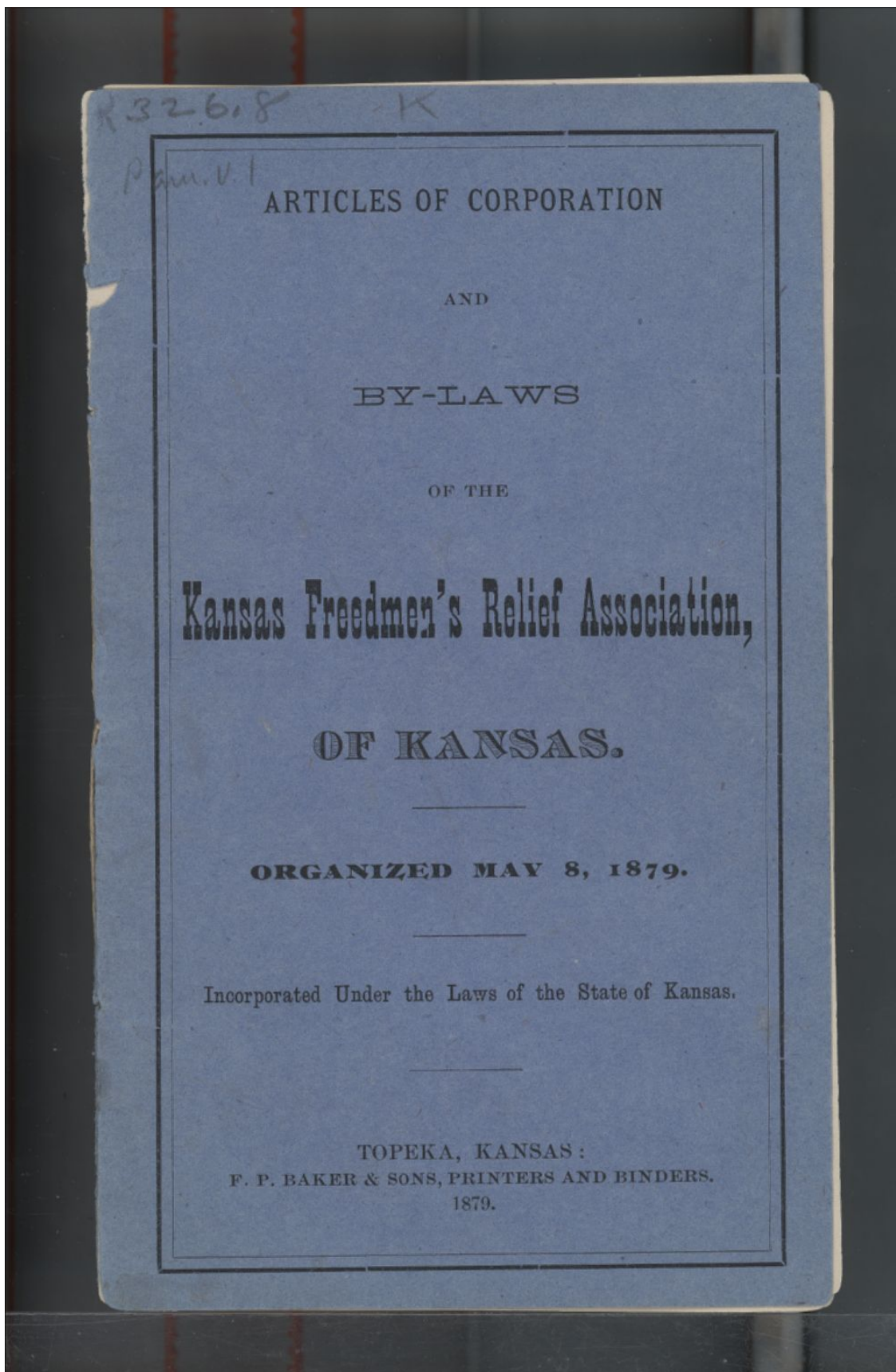
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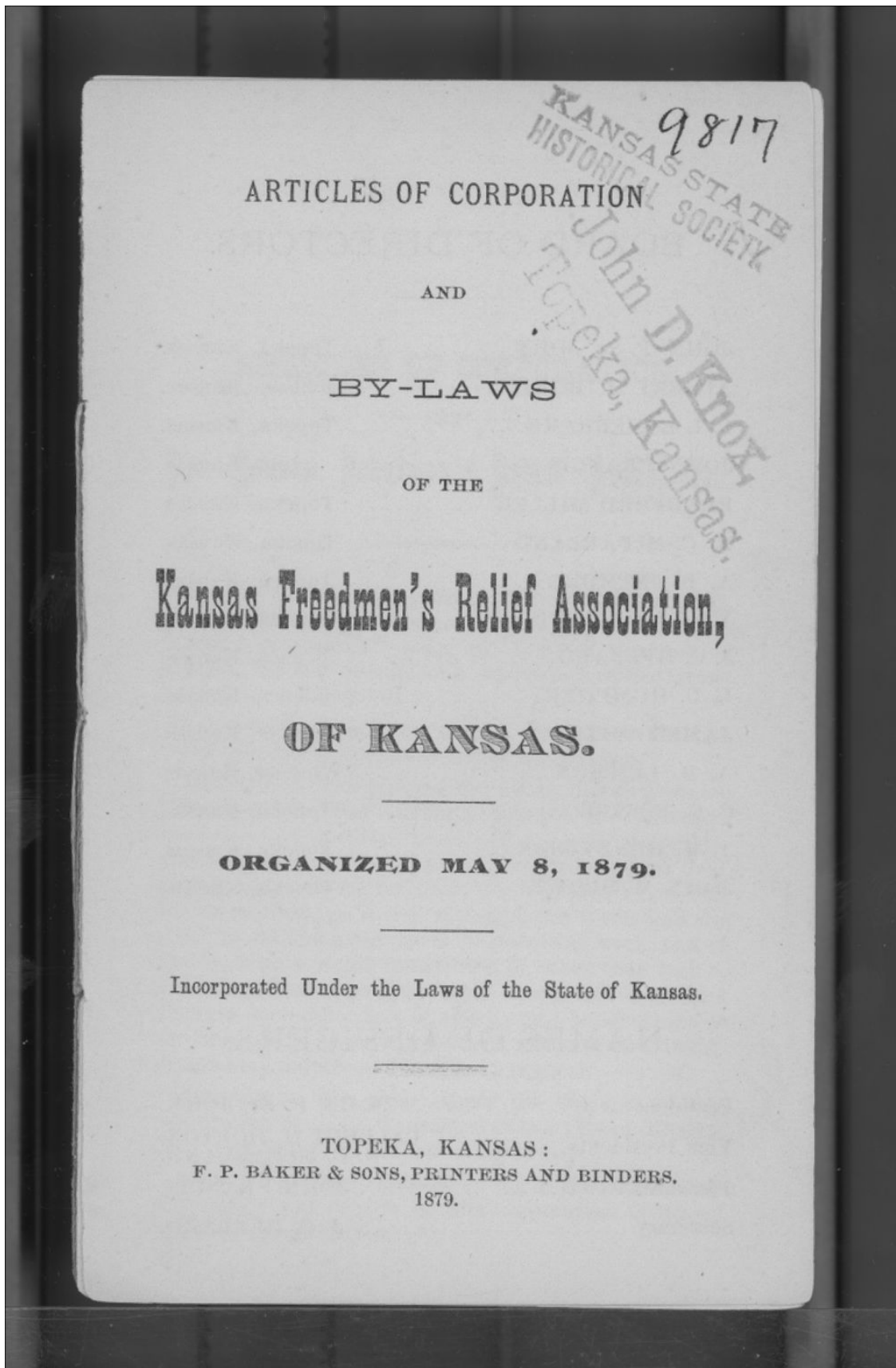
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

JOHN P. ST. JOHN .....	Topeka, Kansas.
ALBERT H. HORTON.....	Atchison. Kansas.
P. I. BONEBRAKE.....	Topeka, Kansas.
JOHN FRANCIS.....	Iola, Kansas.
BRADFORD MILLER .....	Topeka, Kansas.
N. C. McFARLAND .....	Topeka, Kansas.
A. B. JETMORE .....	Topeka, Kansas.
WILLARD DAVIS.....	Topeka, Kansas.
J. C. HEBBARD.....	Seneca, Kansas.
L. U. HUMPHREY.....	Independence, Kansas.
JAMES SMITH.....	Marysville, Kansas.
A. B. LEMMON.....	Winfield, Kansas.
C. G. FOSTER.....	Topeka, Kansas.
T. W. HENDERSON.....	Topeka, Kansas.
JOHN M. BROWN.....	Topeka, Kansas.

NAMES OF OFFICERS.

President.....	JOHN P. ST. JOHN.
Vice Presidents.....	{ ALBERT H. HORTON. N. C. McFARLAND.
Treasurer.....	JOHN FRANCIS.
Secretary .....	J. C. HEBBARD.

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ARTICLES OF CORPORATION  
—OF—  
The Kansas Freedmen's Relief Association.

WE, the undersigned, citizens of the State of Kansas, hereby agree to associate ourselves together, and to become incorporated under the Laws of the State of Kansas, for the objects and purposes hereinafter set forth :

ARTICLE 1. The name of this corporation shall be "The Kansas Freedmen's Relief Association."

ARTICLE 2. The purpose for which this corporation is formed is to relieve, as far as possible, the wants and necessities of destitute freedmen, refugees and immigrants coming into this State, to provide necessary food, shelter and clothing for them when unable to provide for themselves ; to succor the aged, the feeble and the sick ; to aid and assist them in procuring work, and in finding homes, either in families, or, when they wish to locate on Government or other lands, and to do and perform such other acts of charity and benevolence as the necessities of such freedmen, refugees and immigrants may require and humanity suggest.

ARTICLE 3. The place where the business of this corporation is to be transacted is the City of Topeka, County of Shawnee, State of Kansas.

ARTICLE 4. The estimated value of the goods, chattels, rights and credits of this corporation is fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.)

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ARTICLE 5. The terms for which this corporation is to exist is twenty-one years.

ARTICLE 6. The number of the Directors of this corporation shall be fifteen, and the names and residences of those who are appointed Directors for the first year are as follows :

JOHN P. ST. JOHN, *Topeka, Kansas.*  
ALBERT H. HORTON, *Atchison, Kansas.*  
P. I. BONEBRAKE, *Topeka, Kansas.*  
JOHN FRANCIS, *Iola, Kansas.*  
BRADFORD MILLER, *Topeka, Kansas.*  
N. C. MCFARLAND, *Topeka, Kansas.*  
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C. G. FOSTER, *Topeka, Kansas.*  
T. W. HENDERSON, *Topeka, Kansas.*  
JOHN M. BROWN, *Topeka, Kansas.*

WE, John P. St. John, Albert H. Horton, P. I. Bonebrake, John Francis, A. B. Jetmore, Willard Davis, J. C. Hebbard, citizens of the State of Kansas, who have subscribed our names to the above and foregoing instrument, hereby duly acknowledge the same to be our voluntary act and deed, and that this corporation is formed for the objects and purposes therein set forth.

JOHN P. ST. JOHN,  
ALBERT H. HORTON,  
P. I. BONEBRAKE,  
JOHN FRANCIS,  
A. B. JETMORE,  
WILLARD DAVIS,  
J. C. HEBBARD.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of  
May, 1819.

[SEAL.]

W. T. CAVANAUGH,  
Notary Public.



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### BY-LAWS.

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#### ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and Executive Committee. All such officers, except the Executive Committee, shall hold their offices for the period of one year, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

#### ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the officers and Directors of the Association, but shall not vote on any question before the Association, except when there is a tie vote, he shall have the casting vote. He shall have general supervision of the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer. He shall see that all the laws and regulations of the Association are fairly and faithfully executed.

SEC. 2. The First Vice President shall possess the powers and perform the duties of the President during his absence.

SEC. 3. In the absence of the President and First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall possess the powers and perform the duties of the President for that occasion.

SEC. 4. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Association, the officers or Directors, and of all the transactions and business of the Association. He shall keep books of accounts, shall conduct the correspondence, shall collect and receive

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all moneys due the Association, and give his receipt for the same, and shall pay over all moneys belonging to the Association to the Treasurer at once, taking his receipt therefor; shall send all communications called for and required by the rules of the Association, or directed by the Board of Directors. He shall make monthly, or oftener, if required by the Board of Directors, a full report in writing of the transactions and condition of the Association, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors. He shall give a bond to the Association, in such sum and with such sureties as the Board of Directors may require for the faithful performance of his duties, and for the proper care, accounting for, or return of all moneys or other property of the Association that may come into his possession.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Association from the Secretary, giving his receipt therefor, and shall hold the same; and shall pay them out on the order of the Secretary, approved by the Executive Committee; and he shall keep true accounts of all moneys received and expended. He shall make monthly, or oftener, if required by the Board of Directors, a full report of the receipts and expenditures of the Association, and of all matters affecting its financial condition. He shall give a bond to the Association, in such sum, and with such sureties as the Board of Directors may from time to time require, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and for the proper care and accounting for or return of all moneys or other property of the Association, which may come into his possession, and all moneys shall be paid through the Treasurer.

### DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

#### ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall have general charge and supervision of the affairs of the Association, see that the provisions of the charter and By-Laws are duly enforced, have the general management of the finances and property of the Association, and



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generally to promote the interests of the Association. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to do business.

### ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. The Association shall appoint from time to time such Agents with such powers as may be deemed advisable and necessary to carry out the objects of the Association. The compensation of such Agents to be fixed by the Board of Directors. But in cases of emergency the Executive Committee may appoint such persons until the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. The Directors shall elect the officers of the Association, at a meeting of the Association, on the first Monday of May, 1880, and annually thereafter.

SEC. 2. There shall be a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on the first Monday of each month, at 7 :30 p. m., at the office of the Association in Topeka.

SEC. 3. Special meetings shall be held on the call of the President or Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall appoint at the regular meeting of each month, an Executive Committee, consisting of three members of the Board, who shall act as the members of such committee for the period of one month. Such Committee shall audit all claims, make all necessary orders in furtherance of the business of the Association, and shall do and perform such other acts as the Board of Directors, in furtherance of the objects of the Association, shall require of them.

### ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. Any vacancy occurring in any of the offices of the Association or Board of Directors may be filled by the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. The seal shall be a device of the Goddess of Liberty, surrounded with the words: "The Kansas Freedmen's Relief Association."

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### ARTICLE IX.

SECTION 1. These By-Laws, or any one of them may be annulled or abolished by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, after the proposed alteration or amendment has been submitted in writing to the Board of Directors thirty days.