CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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GOSHEN

HORSE-THIEF DETECTIVES

ORGANIZED JANUARY 16, 1892 CHARTERED FEBRUARY 3, 1900

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

 $\rm S_{ECTION}$ 1. This organization shall be known as the Goshen Horse Thief Detectives.

SEC. 2. It shall have for its object the recovery of stolen Horses, Mules, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Buggies and Harness.

SEC. 3. It shall use all the reasonable means in its power to bring to justice all persons who may steal any property from any of its members.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The officers shall be one Captain and six Lieutenants, a Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The Captain shall have general command of the Company when in active service, and shall establish his headquarters at Goshen, and shall have power to appoint any of the mem-

bers to the temporary command of a section of the Company, and shall preside at all the meetings

SEC. 2. The Lieutenants shall have command under the Captain and under each other in the order of rank, and shall fill the office of each other, in the case of disability or absence, in the order of their rank, which shall be determined by vote of the meeting at their election.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds and shall pay out money only on the order of the acting Captain, countersigned by the Secretary. He shall render a report at each annual meeting, said report to be preserved among the papers of the Secretary.

SEC. 4. The Secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of the Company, preserve all the books and papers relating thereto, notify each member of the annual meetings, and all called meetings, notify each member of any arrears in dues, if any, and attend to all the duties appertaining to his office.

SEC 5. The Secretary shall receive a compensation for his services each year, the amount to be fixed by the Company at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The officers shall be elected annually

on the second Saturday in January, to serve one year, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. Seven members shall form a quorum at any regular or called meeting for the transaction of any business.

SEC. 2. In absence of the proper officers, officers pro tem may be elected by the meeting.

SEC. 3. Called meetings shall be held only on the order of the Captain, or, in his absence by the next highest officers present, and shall have no power to alter or amend the Constitution or By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. Any person may become a member of the Company by a majority vote in his favor, at any regular meeting, by paying to the Secretary one dollar (\$1.00) as initiation fee.

ARTICLE VII.

SEC. 1. The Captain, Lieutenants and Secretary shall form an Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee shall have power to prescribe and order the details of action in particular emergencies; to offer rewards for stolen property or for thieves, and when they may think advisable to levy an equal tax on the members of the Company as often as it may be necessary to pay its indebtedness.

SEC. 3. There shall be one regular meeting of the Executive Committee, the meeting to be held within thirty days from the day of election, at such hour and place as shall be designated by the Committee.

SEC. 4. The Executive Committee shall meet on the order of the Captain, whenever, in his judgement, it may be necessary.

ARTICLE VIII.

SEC. 1. Every member shall hold himself, or an acceptable substitute with a good riding horse, in readiness at all times for twelve hours service (not including return.) on one hour's notice, for which he shall make no charges. Further service than this shall be paid for by the Company at the rate of one dollar per day and necessary expenses for man and horse.

ARTICLE IX.

SEC. 1. The annual dues for each member shall be twenty-five cents.

SEC. 2. A fine of fifty cents shall be paid by each member absent from the annual meeting of each year.

SEC. 3. If any member should fail to pay his dues to the Secretary within three months from the annual meeting his name shall be dropped from the rolls and he shall no longer be considered a member.

ARTICLE X.

SEC. 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting.



BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. Voting for the election of officers and the reception of members shall be by ballot.

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. No member shall vote at an election of officers who has not paid all assessed dues to date of election.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. No member shall be entitled to the services of the Company who has not paid all dues to the Company.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. A member not having a lawful excuse shall obey all orders of his superior officers. Disobedience shall subject a member to impeachment at a regular meeting.

(3705-11) SECTION 1. [Corporations for the apprehension and conviction of criminals.]

That any number of persons, not less than fifteen, a majority of whom shall be residents of the state of Ohio, are hereby authorized to become incorporated for the purpose of apprehending and convicting any person or persons, accused of either felony or misdemeanor.

(3705-12) SEC. 2. [Seal; constitution; of-ficers; certificate of appointment of election, powers of officers and members.] Any association so incorporated may make and use a common seal with the name of the corporation thereon. A majority of the members of such association shall have the power to adopt a constitution and by-laws for their government; and may elect or appoint such officers as they may deem proper; who shall hold their office during the term provided by the constitution and by-laws thereof, and who shall perform the duties required of

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them by said constitution and by-laws, and the provisions of this act; and the presiding officer of any such association or corporation may administer the proper oaths of office to any of its officers or members, and certify the appointment or election thereof under the seal of said corporation. The presiding officer may also appoint deputies, not exceeding one in each township, in any county or counties where such corporation is located, who may administer said oath of office or membership, and certify the appointment or election thereof, which shall be valid when approved by said presiding officer under the seal of said corporation, and the officers and members of said association or corporation upon the proper certificate of the presiding officer thereof, when so elected or appointed, shall have full power and authority, when a felon has been committed, to pursue and arrest, without warrant, any person or persons whom they believe or have reasonable cause to believe guilty of the offense, and arrest and detain such alleged criminal or criminals in any county in the state to which they have fled, and return such accused person or persons to any officer of the county in which the offense was committed, and there detain such accused person or persons until a legal warrant can be obtained for his or their arrest.

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And any officer or member of any such association or corporation, may under the certificate of authority aforesaid, apply for and obtain a warrant for the arrest of any person or persons accused of felony or misdemeanor, which shall be issued to said member of any such association or corporation by any justice of the peace or police magistrate of any city or village under the same conditions as warrants are now issued to constables, and under said warrant any such officer or member shall have the same powers to arrest and detain offenders as is now vested in constable.

(3705-14) SEC. 4. [Reimbursement of expenses by county.] Upon the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons charged with felony by any such association or corporation, the commissioners of the county in which the crime was committed may reimburse said association in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, for necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for by law, incurred in the apprehension and conviction of any such criminal; and upon the apprehension and conviction by such association of any person or persons accused of a misdemeanor, the commissioners of the county in which the crime was committed may reimburse said association in any sum not exceeding seventy-five dollars for necessary expenses incurred, not otherwise provided for by law, in the apprehension and conviction of such criminals.

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GOSHEN HORSE-THIEF DETECTIVES	
INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 3, 1900	
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is a member of said association, and qualified under Bill	
No. 467, Vol. 84, O. S. and Amendments, to Arrest Horse Thieves and other Felons.	
Given under my hand and seal	
at Goshen, Ohio, this	
day of	
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