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Re: MULBERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed are the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the referenced corporation. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$78.75, representing payment of the filing fee and certified copy fee.

Please file the Articles of Incorporation appropriately and return the certified copy to this office at the above-listed Post Office address.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

MEYER LAW GROUP, LLC.

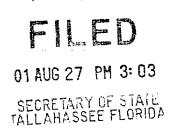
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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF



# MULBERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

#### ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: Mulberry Historical Society, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal place of business and the mailing address of this corporation shall be: 201 West Badcock Boulevard, Mulberry, Florida 33860.

#### ARTICLE III. REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The initial street address of the Corporation's registered office is 1300 East Canal Street, Mulberry, Florida 33860. The initial registered agent for the Corporation at that address is A.M. Seigler, Jr.

#### ARTICLE IV. PURPOSES

The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

To foster and encourage interest in historic inquiry and study generally, but especially among its members; to collect, preserve, house and display historic documents and objects, especially those pertaining to the City of Mulberry, the County of Polk and the State of Florida; to collect, preserve, house and display genealogical books and materials to aid genealogical research; and further, to encourage, promote and participate in historic preservation.

# ARTICLE V. MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is as follows:

Directors are elected at the annual meeting held in February of each year. Board of Directors can fill vacancies between Members of Corporation from the general membership of the corporation who are not delinquent in the payment of membership dues or any other payment due the corporation.

## ARTICLE VI. LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, unless limited as follows:

- 1. Have succession by its corporate name for the period set forth in its articles of incorporation.
- 2. Sue and be sued and appear and defend in all actions and proceedings in its corporate name to the same extent as a natural person.
- 3. Adopt, use, and alter a common corporate seal. However, such seal must always contain the words "corporation not for profit."
- 4. Elect or appoint such officers and agents as its affairs shall require and allow them reasonable compensation.
- 5. Adopt, change, amend, and repeal bylaws, not inconsistent with law or its articles of incorporation, for the administration of the affairs of the corporation and the exercise of its corporate powers.
- 6. Increase, by a vote of its members cast as the bylaws may direct, the number of its directors so that the number shall not be less than three but may be any number in excess

thereof.

- 7. Make contracts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage and pledge of all or any of its property, franchises, or income.
- 8. Conduct its affairs, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by this act in any state, territory, district, or possession of the United States or any foreign country.
- 9. Purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise, or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.
- 10. Acquire, enjoy, utilize, and dispose of patents, copyrights, and trademarks and any licenses an other rights or interest thereunder or therein.
- 11. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer, or otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property and assets.
- 12. Purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of and otherwise use and deal in and with, shares and other interests in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit, associations, partnerships, or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States, or of any other government, state, territory, governmental district, municipality, or of any instrumentality thereof.
- 13. Lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds loaned or invested except as prohibited by law.

- 14. Make donations for the public welfare or for religious, charitable, scientific, educations, or for other similar purposes.
- 15. Have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized.
- 16. Merge with other corporations both for profit and not for profit, domestic and foreign, if the surviving corporation is a corporation not for profit.

### ARTICLE VII. INCORPORATORS

The names and street addresses of the incorporators for these Articles of Incorporation are:

Rafael Angel Rodriguez

201 West Badcock Boulevard

Mulberry, Florida 33860

A.M. Seigler, Jr.

1300 East Canal Street Mulberry, Florida 33860

The undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation as of this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2001.

Signatures of the Incorporators

Rafael Angel Rodriguez

Typed name of incorporator signing

A.M. Seigler, Jr.

Typed name of incorporator signing

In compliance with Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

That MULBERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at 201 West Badcock Boulevard, Mulberry, Florida 33860, has named A.M. Seigler, Jr. located at 1300 East Canal Street, Mulberry, Polk County, Florida, 33860, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for MULBERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC., at the place designated in this certificate, the undersigned, A.M. Seigler, Jr., agrees to act in this capacity and agrees to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to keeping the designated office open.

A.M. Seigler, Jr. Registered Agent

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