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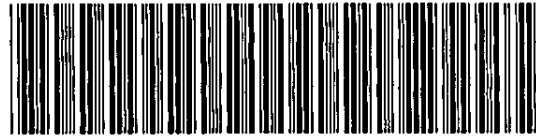
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The Branton, Jenkins and Edwards Foundation, Incorporated
Articles of Incorporation

- A Florida Non-Profit Corporation -

We, the undersign incorporators, hereby associate ourselves together to form and establish a not for profit corporation under the State of Florida.

Article I - Name

The name of the corporation is the Branton Jenkins and Edwards Foundation, Incorporated (~~BJE Foundation~~).

Article II - Principal Office

The principal office and mailing address of the corporation is 1925 Vineland Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32317-7920.

Article III - Purpose

The BJE Foundation is established as a national corporation not for profit to support the education, foster leadership, and create economic opportunities for descendants born into the lineage of John and Cherry Branton, and Dave and Charity Edwards (born Slaves in the early 1800's in the State of Florida). The purposes shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- To assist and support the education endeavors of descendants of the lineage of the families of BJE.
- To collect and record historic data on the origin and contributions made by members of the families of John and Cherry Branton and Dave and Charity Edwards.
- To convene an annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the BJE and gather as many members of all generations of the descendants at least every two years for a Grand Family Reunion of the Brantons Jenkins and Edwards.
- To develop a Scholarship fund to support members of the Branton, Jenkins and Edwards families who desire and pursue a postsecondary education.
- To maintain records of all proceedings and documents from the formal gatherings and family reunions of the BJE.

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- To organize a non-profit corporation and to associate together family members to operate exclusively for all purposes described, permitted and limited in Section 501 (C) (3) and Section 401 (a) of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code, hereinafter referred to the Code.
- To promote the welfare of BJE family members through financial support when deemed appropriate.
- To establish and maintain an operational fund that will be utilized to secure and sponsor all family reunions and educational gatherings.

Article IV

Manner of Election of the Board of Directors

Section I: Initial Board of Directors

A Board of Directors, each of whom shall be members of the corporation, shall govern the corporation. The initial board shall be appointed by organizer and ratified by family through an oral vote. Subsequent elections shall be by a majority vote of the Board by ballot as specified in the by laws. There shall be seven (7) directors on the initial Board of Directors. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased, but shall never be less than three (3) and more than nine (9).

Section II: Qualifications, Terms, Duties and Dismissal of Officers

The qualifications, term of office, duties, and the removal of offices shall be set forth in the bylaws.

Article V

Initial Registered Agent/Organizer and Street Address

The name of the registered agent/organizer of the corporation is Patricia W. McGill. Her address is 1925 Vineland Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32317.

Article VI
Initial Board of Directors

The names of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors of the corporation and who shall be subject to all the provisions of the purpose relating to the directors are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Israel Branton, Jr (President)	2836 Monte Carlo Trail Orlando, Florida 32805
Isaiah Branton, Jr (Vice President)	Post Office Box 713 Starke, Florida 32091
Arthur Coverson, Jr (Parliamentarian)	19320 NW 8th Street Pembroke Pines, Florida 33029
John C. Barnes (Historian)	8355 Golden Prairie Drive Tampa, Florida 33647
Patricia W. McGill (Recorder of Record)	1925 Vineland Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32317
Scellar Branton Barnett (Treasurer)	40 Gillian Drive Springhill, Florida 34609
Eddie Joyce Cozart (Chaplin)	3416 North Ridge Road Tallahassee, Florida 32310

Patricia W. McGill
Signature of Incorporator

7/5/2007
Date

Patricia W. McGill
Signature of Officer

7/5/2007
Date

I am familiar with and accept the appointment
as registered agent to act in this capacity
Patricia W. McGill

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