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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
WEST SOPCHOPPY CEMETERY
CORPORATION

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We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida applicable to corporations not for profit, and respectfully petition the Secretary of State for approval of such incorporation under the following proposed Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this corporation shall be WEST SOPCHOPPY CEMETERY CORPORATION, and its initial principal office shall be 131 Rose Street, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSES

The general purpose and objects of this corporation shall be to own, manage, operate and maintain a cemetery.

ARTICLE III
AUTHORIZED SHARES OF STOCK

This corporation shall issue no stock. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that this corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. This corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, including the publishing or distribution of statements. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law, or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law. On the dissolution of this corporation the board of directors shall dispose of all of the assets of this corporation exclusively for the purposes of this corporation in the manner or to the organization or organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for cemetery purposes which shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of this corporation. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county where the principal office of this corporation is then located exclusively for the stated purposes or to the organizations that the court determines are organized and operated exclusively for cemetery purposes.

ARTICLE IV
USE OF REVENUE

All revenue, profit, income and money received from the conduct of such business or enterprise is to be used and employed for cemetery purposes and not for the benefit of the members of said corporation, either individually or collectively. Revenue and cemetery monies will be maintained and administered by The Sopchoppy United Methodist Church.

ARTICLE V
POWERS

This corporation is to have the power to do any and all things necessary or expedient for carrying out the said objects and purposes of the corporation and in general to possess all rights, privileges and immunities, and enjoy all the benefits granted to corporations of similar character under the law of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE VI
RESTRICTIONS

The activities of this corporation shall be limited to cemetery purposes and other purposes that permit a corporation to qualify as a tax exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3), of the Internal Revenue Code as presently enacted or might hereinafter be amended. Any activity in violation of such section of law is strictly prohibited.

ARTICLE VII
QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The qualification for membership in this corporation is being a resident of Sopchoppy or the immediate surrounding area within Wakulla County, being well known within the local community, and being approved for membership by the Board of Directors as outlined in the by-laws of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII
TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence, and shall commence its corporate existence as of the date of the filing of these Articles.

ARTICLE IX
NAME OF INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Harry R. Yates	6 Natural Springs Lane Sopchoppy, Florida 32358

ARTICLE X
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The election of Directors and Officers of the Corporation shall be as stated in the By-laws.

ARTICLE XI
INITIAL DIRECTORS

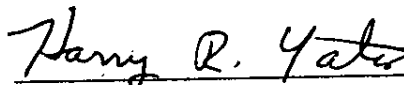
The initial directors of the corporation are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Warren C Harden	P. O. Box 114 Sopchoppy, Florida 32358
Bo Strickland	P. O. Box 427 Sopchoppy, Florida 32358
Randy Yates	6 Natural Springs Lane Sopchoppy, Florida 32358
Mary Butera	1488 Sopchoppy Highway Sopchoppy, Florida 32358
Gloria Faughnan	P. O. Box 37 Sopchoppy, Florida 32358
David Faughnan	P. O. Box 37 Sopchoppy, Florida 32358

ARTICLE XII
INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND RESIDENT AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation shall be 131 Rose Street, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358 and the initial resident agent of the corporation shall be Harry R. Yates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said incorporator has hereunto set his hand and seal this 26th day of September, A. D. 2008.



Harry R. Yates, Incorporator
Dated: January 21, 2009

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES.

Harry R. Yates

Harry R. Yates, Incorporator

Dated: September 25, 2008

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