

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we

J. Henry Ginn

Edward F. Dyer
John L. Borders
Edward B. Tyler

Leroy Talman and Associates

all of lawful age, hereby agree to and with each other:

1st. To associate ourselves together for the purpose of constituting a corporation under and by virtue of the powers conferred by Chapter 176 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

2nd. Said corporation shall be known by the name of *The*
Portsmouth Free ^{Public} Library Association

3rd. Said corporation is constituted for the purpose of *the*
free distribution of books and
other literary purposes

4th. Said corporation shall be located in *the Town*
of Portsmouth

5th. The undersigned hereby waive notice of the first meeting of said corporation which meeting may be called by a majority of the persons named in this agreement in such manner as they may determine, and said meeting shall be organized by the election of a temporary chairman and a temporary clerk.

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands
this Twenty fifth day of March A. D. 18 97.

J. Sturges Pearce
Edward F. Dyer
John L. Borden
Edward B. Ayler
Leroy Tallman

State of Rhode Island,)

County of Newport

In the Town of Portsmouth

in said county this Twenty fifth day of March A. D. 18 97, then
personally appeared before me J. Sturges Pearce

Edward F. Dyer John L. Borden
E. B. Ayler Leroy Tallman

each and all known to me and known by me to be the parties executing the foregoing instrument, and that they acknowledged said instrument to be their free act and deed.

Benj Tallman
Notary Public
State Secretary

The Providence Free
 Public Library Association
 Articles of Association
 FILED March 26th 1897

State of Rhode Island.
 GEORGE T. BASSINGBOURNE DECEAN.
 Providence, Nov. 26th 1897
 I, George T. Bassingbourne Decean, Clerk of the Court,
 do hereby certify, that the within and foregoing have
 been paid into the State Treasury the sum of five
 Dollars, for bonus on Charter in accordance
 with the provisions of Chapter 1200, passed May 25, 1892, 176. J. W. Bassingbourne
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 J. W. Bassingbourne
 General Treasurer.

