

Abilene, Texas,  
Feb'y 18<sup>th</sup> 1891

The Board of Trustees of Abilene Baptist College met pursuant to call, at the office of Dr. Smith, with the following members present:— Geo. W. Smith, Abilene, Thos. Grammell, A. J. Long, Sweetwater, J. McNamee, Anson, K. K. Legett and J. T. Harrington, Abilene, all in person, and Geo. W. Smith of Colorado, Geo. F. Ferguson and H. C. Hord by proxy.

Rev. Geo. W. Smith was elected Chairman and J. T. Harrington Secretary and Treas. of the Board of Trustees.

K. K. Legett read Charter which he had prepared for submission to the Board of Trustees, and offered the following resolution which was adapted by the Board, to wit:—

Be it Resolved that the following Charter be and the same is hereby adopted as the Charter of

The Abilene Baptist College as executed by three members of the Board of Trustees be and the same is hereby fully ratified and confirmed and they having executed the same as provided by Law, shall forward the same to the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, said Charter being in words and figures as follows, to wit:-

We, the Subscribers, citizens of Taylor County, Texas, under the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, do hereby form and incorporate ourselves into a voluntary Association for educational purposes, and to that end, we hereby adopt and subscribe the following

### Charter.

Art. 1<sup>st</sup>. This Association shall be known as "The Abilene Baptist College", by which name it shall contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, and transact all its business.

Art. 2<sup>d</sup>. This Association is formed for the purpose of erecting

a College or High School building in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, or within one mile of the corporate limits of said City and maintaining therein a school for the education of males and females.

Art. 3<sup>d</sup> The place of business of the Association shall be the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, where its principal office shall be.

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> Said Association shall exist for a period of fifty years, and at the end of said term, this Charter may be continued by a majority vote of the Trustees.

Art. 5<sup>th</sup> The business of the Association shall be transacted by fifteen Trustees, to be elected by the Sweetwater Baptist Association, five of whom are to be elected annually by said Association and each Trustee to hold his office for the period of three years. The following

named Trustees are hereby declar-  
ed to be Trustees until their term  
of office expires and their places  
filled by said Sweetwater Baptist  
Association viz: - G. W. Smith, K. K.  
Legett, J. T. Harrington, C. W. Merchant  
and J. R. Panamore, Abilene, Texas;  
A. J. Long, Thos. Trammell, and H. C. Hod-  
Sweetwater, Texas; J. M. Hanna and  
Jno. F. Ferguson, Incon, Texas; Geo. W.  
Smith and J. A. Walker, Colorado,  
Texas; A. W. Williard, Midland,  
Texas; W. D. Johnson and A. M.  
Kalthal, Pecos, Texas.

The term of office of the fol-  
lowing five Trustees shall expire  
August 1<sup>st</sup> 1892, to wit: - K. K. Legett,  
C. W. Merchant, Thos. Trammell,  
Jno. F. Ferguson and J. A. Walker.

The term of office of the follow-  
ing five Trustees shall expire August  
1<sup>st</sup> 1893, to wit: - J. T. Harrington, J. R.  
Panamore, Geo. W. Smith of Colorado,  
A. M. Kalthal and H. C. Hod.

The term of office of the fol-  
lowing five Trustees shall expire  
August 1<sup>st</sup> 1894, to wit: - Geo. W. Smith  
of Abilene, J. M. Hanna, A. W. Williard

W. D. Johnson, and F. J. Long.

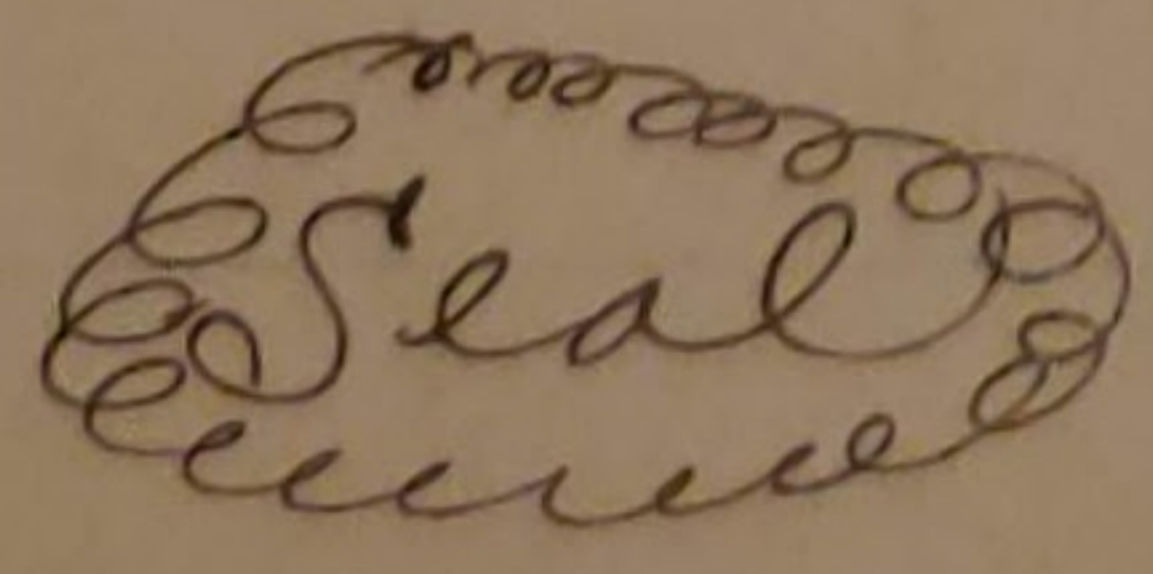
Art. 6<sup>th</sup> The Trustees of said Association shall have no power or authority whatever to encumber in any wise the property belonging to the Association by creating any lien or Mortgage to secure any debt whatsoever.

In testimony whereof witness our hands at Abilene, Texas, this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1891.

Geo. W. Smith.  
N. N. Leggett.  
J. T. Harrington.

The State of Texas. }  
County of Taylor. } Before me, the undersigned a Notary Public in and for Taylor County, Texas, on this day personally appeared, Geo. W. Smith, N. N. Leggett and J. T. Harrington, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Abilene, Texas, this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, A. D., 1891.



J. W. Dougherty, Notary Public  
Taylor Co., Texas. apr

Architect Archer being present presented a number of building plans for College, all of which, with other plans, were considered by the Board and Plan No 1 as prepared by Mr. Archer was adopted. A vote of thanks to Mr. Archer was unanimously passed by the Board for his generous aid.

A motion was then adopted creating an Executive Committee composed of the Local Board of Trustees at Abilene, J. M. Hanna of Anson, Thos. Trammell of Sweetwater and J. H. Walker of Colorado, with full power to act for the Board of Trustees.

On motion, Thos. Trammell and A. J. Long were appointed special soliciting agents for the Board.

The foregoing minutes were then read, and adopted and the Board adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

Geo. W. Smith  
Chairman

Attest :-

J. J. Harrington

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