under a warranty deed dated May 27, 1880, and found of record in Deed Record Book 3 at Page 501 of the records of the office of the County Recorder of Madison County, Iowa; that the said T. B. Nicholson died intestate in the month of January, 1899, seized in fee of the real estate hereinbefore described and leaving surviving him his wife, Sarah E. Nicholson, and as his heirs-at-law, C. E. Nicholson, Ada Bunker, Joseph B. Nicholson, Lyle A. Nicholson and Emory Nicholson; that wherever in the chain of title to the real estate above described the names C. E. Nicholson or Claude E. Nicholson are found, they refer to one and the same person, he being a child and heir-at-law of T. B. Nicholson, and that his full, true and correct name is Claude E. Nicholson; that wherever in the chain of title to the above described real estate the names Mary Mattison or Mary Nicholson Matteson appar, they refer to one and the same identical person, she having been a daughter of Emory Nicholson who was a son and heir-at-law of T. B. Nicholson, the said Emory Nicholson having died intestate on November 6, 1913, and that her full, true and correct name is Mary Nicholson Matteson; she having now intermarried with one Merritt Matteson; that wherever in connection with the chain of title to the above described real estate the names Lyle A. Nicholson or Lysle Nicholson appear or are found, they refer to one and the same person, he being a surviving child and heir-at-law of T. B. Nicholson, and that his full, true and correct name is Lyle A. Nicholson; that wherever in connection with the chain of title to the above described real estate the names F. Emory Nicholson, Emory Nicholson, F. E. Nicholson or Frank E. Nicholson appear, they refer to one and the same person, he being a son and heir-at-law of T. B. Nicholson, and that his full, true and correct name was Frank Emory Nicholson.

FURTHER I SAYETH NOT.

J W Bunker

NOTARIAL SEAL

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me by the said J. W. Bunker this 12th day of October A. D. 1949.

Charles D Van Werden Notary Public in and for said County.

Worthington Methodist Church
To
The Public

#5510
Fee $1.80

Filed for record the 19 day of October A. D. 1949 at 10:15 o'clock A. M.
Wilma M. Wade, Recorder

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
WORTHINGTON METHODIST CHURCH
MADISON TOWNSHIP MADISON COUNTY, IOWA

RECEIVED
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SECRETARY OF STATE

We, the undersigned, the duly elected, qualified and acting Trustees of the Worthington Methodist Church, within the Jurisdiction and bounds of the Iowa Des Moines Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, and pursuant to the Discipline of The Methodist Church, and the Resolution of the Quarterly Congerence of the above designated Church, do hereby execute, acknowledge and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for said Church, as a corporation not for Pecuniary Profit, under the provisions of Chapter 504 of the 1946 Code of Iowa, and Acts amendatory thereto:

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be the Worthington Methodist Church.

ARTICLE II. LOCATION

Section 1. The church shall be and is hereby established and located in Madison Township, Madison County, Iowa. P. O. Address, Earlham, Iowa.

ARTICEL III. OBJECTS, PURPOSES AND POWERS.

Section 1. The objects and purposes of this corporation shall be the promotion of the Christian religion, and the spread of the same throughout the World; and this corporation shall support the Doctrines and shall be subject to the laws, usages and Ministerial appointments of The Methodist Church as from time to time established, made, and declared by the lawful authority of said Church.

Section 2. This corporation shall have the power to acquire, secure, hold, improve, incumber, sell, convey, and dispose of property, both real and personal, in fee simple and otherwise,

Recorded from Book 25- Page 228 to include Article II

absolute or in trust, and to administer the same as provided in and in accordance with the Discipline of The Methodist Church; and shall have and exercise all of the rights, and powers vested in and conferred upon it by said Discipline, and the laws of the State of Iowa; together with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities conferred by law upon such corporations; and shall have the power to do any and all acts and things necessary, incident and convenient to the achievement of its objects and purposes, and the exercise of the rights, powers, privileges and immunities herein conferred.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The members of this Church corporation shall be members of The Methodist Church as shown by the records of the church.

Section 2. Every member of the church over eighteen years of age shall be entitled to exercise the rights and privileges conferred by the Discipline of The Methodist Church.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. The Directors of this corporation shall be the Board of Trustees of Church property, elected and organized as prescribed in the Discipline of The Methodist Church.

Section 2. A Board of Trustees shall be chosen, or elected by the Quarterly Conference, or Church Conference, in the manner prescribed by the Discipline, of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) members of the Church, and shall be amenable to the Quarterly Conference, as provided by the Discipline.

Section 3. The duties of officers, directors and Trustees shall be and are such as are fixed, prescribed and defined by the Discipline.

Section 4. Until their successors have been elected and have qualified, the following shall constitute the Board of Trustees of the Corporation:

J. O. McCleary	Earlham, Iowa	Worth Deets	Earlham, Iowa
Oscar K. Allen	Earlham, Iowa	Charles W. McBride	Earlham, Iowa
Frank Stanley	Earlham, Iowa	Gaylon Clague	Earlham, Iowa
Dale Stanley	Earlham, Iowa	Vernon White	Earlham, Iowa
		C. C. Chamberlain	Winterset, Iowa

Section 5. Until their successors have been elected and qualified, the following shall be the officers of the corporation and hold the following offices:

C. C. Chamberlain	President, Board of Trustees
Dale Stanley	Secretary, Board of Trustees
Charles W. McBride	Treasurer, Board of Trustees

Section 6. Annual Meeting. The trustees shall hold their annual meeting on the first Tuesday in July of each year; and shall hold such other meetings as may be called on timely notice by the Minister or the President of the Board of Trustees.

Section 7. The Board of Trustees shall elect the following officers of said Board: President, Secretary and Treasurer, and said officers shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Discipline.

ARTICLE VI. ANNUAL MEETING OF CORPORATION

Section 1. The annual meeting of the members of the corporation shall be held on the first Sunday in August of each year.

Section 2. The business transacted shall be limited to and be in accordance with the Discipline of The Methodist Church.

Section 3. The District Superintendent of the District wherein this church is located shall preside at said meeting, or in his absence, the Pastor shall preside.

Section 4. Quarterly Conference: There shall be a Quarterly Conference organized and conducted as prescribed in the Discipline of The Methodist Church.

ARTICLE VII. TITLE TO PROPERTY

Section 1. The title to all property heretofore or hereafter acquired shall be taken, held and transferred in the name of the corporation, in trust for The Methodist Church as provided in and subject to the Discipline of The Methodist Church.

Section 2. The property of the corporation may be sold or mortgaged by the Board of Trustees only under the direction and by the approval of the Quarterly Conference of the Church, together with the approval of the District Superintendent, and in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline of the Methodist Church, and the laws of the State of Iowa; and all conveyances, mortgages or Deeds of Trust shall be authorized by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees and of the Quarterly Conference at any regular or at any special meeting called for that purpose; and said conveyances, mortgages or Deeds of Trust shall be executed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VIII. BY-LAWS

Section 1. This corporation shall have the power at any regular or special session of the Quarterly Conference to adopt, amend, or repeal By-laws, rules and regulations for the direction and management of the affairs of the corporation, and affiliated organizations, subject to the Discipline and to these Articles of Incorporation, provided that Notice of such meeting, specifying the intended action, be mailed and addressed to every member of the Quarterly Conference at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE IX. EXEMPTION

Section 1. The private property of the members and officers of this corporation shall be exempt from all liability for the debts and olbigations of the corporation.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Section 1. These Articles of Incorporation, except Article IX. hereof may be amended by majority vote of the Quarterly Conference at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provided written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given to each member thereof not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the same amendment is to be presented to said meeting; but no amendment may be adopted in conflict with the Laws of the State of Iowa, or the Discipline of the Methodist Church.

Section 2. Amendments, if, as, and when so adopted shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and filed or recorded as required by law.

ARTICLE XI. CORPORATE EXISTENCE

Section 1. This corporation shall endure for a period of fifty years from the date of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation in the office of the Secretary of State, unless sooner dissolved by the vote of the members in compliance with the Discipline of The Methodist Church, or by operation of law.

Section 2. The corporate existence of this corporation may be renewed and extended as provided by law, but shall remain subject to the Discipline of The Methodist Church.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 27th day of June, A. D. 1949.

C C Chamberlain	Dale Stanley	Gaylon Clague
Frank Stanley	Charles W. McBride	J O McCleary
Vernon White	Oscar K. Allen	Worth H. Deets

Board of Trustees of Worthington Methodist Church, Madison Township, Madison County, Iowa.

STATE OF IOWA MADISON COUNTY)SS:

Be it remembered that on this 27th day of June, 1949, before me a Notary Public in and for Madison County, Iowa, personally appeared C. C. Chamberlain; Frank Stanley; Vernon White; Dale Stanley; Charles W. McBride; Oscar K. Allen; Gaylon Clague; J. O. McCleary and Worth H. Deets, to me personally known to be the identical persons named in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged that they executed the same in behalf of said corporation, and by authority of its Quarterly Conference, and the members of said Church, as the voluntary act and deed of said corporation and for the objects and purposes set forth in said Articles of Incorporation.

Witness my signature and official seal affixed the day and date above written.

(Notarial Seal)

Jno. N. Hartley Notary Public in and for Said County, Iowa.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
Des Moines, Iowa

This instrument recorded in Book 1-W, Page 488, June 28-1949, Expires June 28, 1999, Cert. No. 1099, Receipt No. 1099, Filed by John Hartley, Atty, Winterset, Iowa, Filing Fee 5.00 Recording Fee ✓ Melvin D. Synhorst Secretary of State

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
Des Moines, Iowa

This instrument Re-recorded in Book 1-X, Page 502, Sept-30-1949, Expires June 28, 1999, Cert. No. 1099, Receipt No. 1099, Filed By Jno. N. Hartley, Winterset, Iowa, Filing Fee ✓ Recording Fee 1.00 COMPARED Melvin D. Synhorst Secretary of State

Mary Powers To The Public — #5549 — Fee $ .50 ✓ — Filed for record the 21 day of October, A. D. 1949 at 8:20 o'clock A. M. Wilma M. Wade, Recorder

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA POLK COUNTY) SS:

I, Mary Powers, being first duly sworn on oath depose and say; that I am a niece of Michael Loftus, who is one of the grantees in the warranty deed dated April 1, 1916, which is recorded in Book 58, page 263, Madison County, Iowa; that I am over seventy years of age and that I was well acquainted with Katherine E. Loftus, the wife of Michael Loftus, and that the said Katherine E. Loftus is also a grantee in the above mentioned deed.

I know that the said Katherine E. Loftus died a resident of Madison County, Iowa, on the 19th day of April, 1938, and that she left no last will and testament, and that her only marriage was to Michael Loftus and that they had no children and they adopted no children and she left no children surviving her and no children of deceased children surviving her. That I was quite familiar with the affairs of the aforementioned parties and I know that at the time of her death the only property of any type or character which the said Katherine E. Loftus owned was her undivided one-half interest in the

East One-Half (E½) of the Southwest Fractional Quarter (SW frl.¼) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Seventy-six (76) North, Range Twenty-six (26), West of the 5th P.M., lying South of the center of the public highway as now located running East and West, Madison County, Iowa.

I further know that at the time of her death the value of her undivided one-half interest in the above real estate did not exceed the sum of $1800.00.

Mary Powers

NOTARIAL SEAL

Subscribed and sworn to before me and in my presence by Mary Powers this 19 day of October, 1949.

Geroge E. Omalley Notary Public in and for Polk County, Iowa

William D. Gallagher To The Public — #5550 — Fee $ .50 ✓ — Filed for record the 21 day of October A. D. 1949 at 8:23 o'clock A. M. Wilma M. Wade, Recorder

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA POLK COUNTY) SS:

I, William D. Gallagher, being first duly sworn on oath depose and state that Michael Loftus and Katherine E. Loftus, who were grantees in the warranty deed dated April 1, 1916, which is recorded in Book 58, Page 263, Madison County Recorder's Office, were my uncle and aunt-in-law respectively.

That the said Katherine E. Loftus died a resident of Madison County, Iowa, on the 19th day of April, 1938; that she did not leave any last will and testament, and that her only marriage was to Michael Loftus and they had no children and that she left no children surviving her and no children of deceased children surviving her.

That I was very familiar with the affairs both of the said Michael Loftus and said Katherine E. Loftus, and I know that at the time of her death the only property of any type or character which she owned was her undivided one-half interest in the

East One-half (E½) of the Southwest Fractional Quarter (SW frl.¼) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Seventy-six (76) North, Range Twenty-six (26), West of the 5th P.M., lying