

# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF THE

CALUMET COUNTY

# Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

OF

New Holstein, Calumet County, Wis.

Articles of association made and entered into at the Town of New Holstein in the County of Calumet and State of Wisconsin this tenth day of March, A. D. eighteen hundred seventy three, witnesseth:

That we whose hands and seals are hereunto annexed, being residents of the Town of New Holstein, Charlestown and Brothertown in the County of Calumet and State of Wisconsin and of the Town of Schleswig in the County of Manitowoc in said State, respectively, our places of residence appearing opposite our names respectively at the end of these articles, and owning collectively property in said towns of Twenty Five Thoussand Dollars and over in value, which we desire to have insured by the Company herewith created, have associated and formed ourselves into a Company for mutual insurance against loss or damage by fire or lightning under and pursuant to the provisions of chapter one hundred and three (103) of the general laws of the state of Wisconsin of the year 1872, entitled: "An act authorizing the formation of town insurance companies, approved March 23, 1872 (and amendments) upon the terms and conditions following to wit:

# Article 1.

The corporate name, which we assume to distinguish the company and which shall be used in its dealings, shall be "Calumet County Mutual Fire Insurance Company of New Holstein."

#### Article 2.

The object of the company is to insure against loss or damage by fire or lightning, detached dwellings and their contents, and farm buildings and their contents, and live stock while on the premises or running at large, and hay and grain in the bin or stack in Calumet County and in the adjoining Town of Schleswig in the County of Manitowoc in said State of Wisconsin, agreeably to the provisions of Section ten (10) of chapter 103 of the general laws of 1873.

# Article 3.

The business office of the company shall be located in the Town of New Holstein in said county of Calumet, and the location of said office shall not be changed, unless a written notice for that purpose be served upon each member of said association at or before the annual meeting preceding the vote taken thereon and provided further, that no motion shall be brought before said annual meeting for such purpose unless at an annual meeting preceding the vote taken thereon, the majority shall agree to the said proposition.

# Article 4.

The affairs of the company shall be managed by 9 directors, who shall be members of the company and shall otherwise possess the qualifications required by law, one of whom shall be a resident of the said town of New Holstein, one a resident of the said town of Charlestown, one a resident of

the said town of Brothertown and one a resident of the said town of Schleswig. Said directors shall be elected and shall hold their office as provided by said chapter 103 of the general laws of 1872. They shall choose one of their number as president and one as secretary.

#### Article 5.

The company shall commence to do and transact business on the 10th day of March A. D 1873 or as soon thereafter as properly and legally organized and shall continue for a term of thirty years from said 10th day of March 1873.

### Article 6.

The directors and the officers of the company shall exercise such powers and discharge such duties as may be provided in and by the provisions of said chapter 103 of the general laws of 1872 and as the company may from time to time determine or require not inconsistant with the laws of said State of Wisconsin or these articles. The undersigned associates have chosen and elected and do hereby choose and elect out of our number the following directors, who shall constitute the first board of directors of said company, viz.

FERD. OSTENFELD, of the Town of New Holstein.

AD. MOELLER,	"	,,	,,	,,	,,	
C. H. M. PETERSEN	"	,,	"	,,	,,	
$H.\ PIPER,$	,,	"	,,	,,	,,	
J. THODE.	,,	"	"	Schleswig.		
A. KLEMME,	"	,,	,,	,,		
W. HOLLADAY,	,,	,,	,,	Charles	stown.	
G. WOELFEL,	,,	,,	,,	,.		
H. A. RATHERT,	,,	,,	,.	Brothe	rtown.	

#### Article 7.

The board of directors shall apoint and employ such officers, clerks and other agents and assistents as they may deem expedient for the transaction of the business of the company and generally perform such other duties as may be imposed upon them by the By-laws of the company which By-laws shall however not be inconsistent with the provisions of said chapter 103 of the general laws of 1872 or these articles.

In case of a vacancy in the board of directors by death, resignation, removal or other cause the board shall fill the vacancy by appointment from the members of the company. The director thus appointed shall hold his office for the unexpired term, occasioned by the vacancy.

# Article 8.

These articles of association shall not be altered or amended except in an annual meeting of the company and no alteration or amendment shall be declered adopted unless a majority of members present at such annual meeting shall vote in favor of such alteration or amendment.

All of which orticles we the undersigned associates for ourselves and our several and respective executors administrators and assigns, each for himself, do hereby severally and mutually convenant and agree, to stand to abide and perform and in testimony whereof, we have hereunto at the town of New Holstein aforesaid on the day and year first above written set our hands and seals and specified opposite to our respective places of residence, the value of cur property which we desire to have insured in the company and the place where the same is situated, subject in all things to all the conditions and stipulations contained in the foregoing articles.

(Here follow 37 names with an amount of property to be insured of \$60,195.)

# BY-LAWS.

1.

The directors elected at the organization of this association shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified.

2.

The board of directors shall elect from their own numbers one president, one secretary and one treasurer.

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All meetings of the directors shall be called by the secretary of said association, the majority of whom shall have power to act.

4.

It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the association and to sign all orders drawn on the treasury; in his absence the oldest member of the board shall act as vice-president and posess the same powers as the president.

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It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the board of directors to receive applications for insurance, keep a record of all the policies of insurance, transfers, alterations and surrenders, to answer all communications on the business of the company, to recieve the advanced premium and pay the same to the treasurer, taking a receipt therefor, to countersign all orders drawn on the treasurer by the president and to perform all other duties pertaining to the office of secretary.

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It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and keep all moneys paid into his hands by the secretary as also all moneys belonging to the company and to receipt the same; to pay all orders drawn on him by the president and countersigned by the secretary and to make a report at each annual meeting of the receipts and disbursements of said company.

7.

Secretary and Treasurer shall before entering into the duties of their offices give bond in such amount and manner as the directors shall require, said bonds to be deposited with the president of the company.

8.

Each person wishing to be a member of this company shall pay 1 per cent for isolated dwelling for one year and at the close of the year the annual meeting may determine, what further amount, if any shall be paid in the future; each member shall remain a member of the company and shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities thereof as long as he or they shall comply with the rules and regulations thereof or until for good reasons shown expelled by the board of directors, or until they withdraw therefrom. In case more than one building shall be insured in one policy the value of each building as well as the value of the property contained therein, must be specified.

9.

In all cases where the policy is to be assigned, the assignment thereof must be approved by the secretary.

10.

All persons applying to become a member of this company shall state the amount of his insurance, if any, in any other company; any person making a false statement in regard thereto shall forfeit all rights under his policy.

11.

The application must contain the full name of the applicant and also as near as possible an exact description of the property to be insured; In case farm buildings stand less than 50 feet apart, the application must state the distance.

12.

As soon as the application is received by the secretary, the company shall be liable for all losses sustained by said applicant, until the application is refused and placed in the Postoflice directed to the applicant.

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The majority of the directors may at any time reduce the amount of insurance, when they consider it desirable, in which case they shall notify the policy-holder of such reduction and refund in proportion the premium paid.

14.

In all cases of loss by fire or lightning the company shall have the right to rebuild, in which case the company within thirty days shall notify the policy holder of their intention so to do.

15.

The amount insured shall in no case exceed  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the real value.

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All policies upon any building unoccupied for the space of 30 days shall be forfeited.

17.

In case any changes shall be made in any building insured, whereby the risk is increased the company shall be notified thereof or the policies be forfeited

18.

Isolated buildings in villages are buildings 60 feet apart and no two buildings should be insured in any village standing less than 10 rods apart and no such insurance shall exceed the sum of \$1000.

19.

The secretary shall receive as a compensation for his labor 20 percent of the cash premium received by the company and one Dollar from the insured on each policy issued until further action taken by the annual meeting.

20.

The directors shall be entitled to one Dollar per day for services actually rendered and 5 cents per mile for the distance actually travelled.

At special meetings held during the year 1873 and 1874 the following resolutions were adopted.

- 1. The insurance of grain includes flax seed, rape seed, clover seed and all other kinds of seeds, raised.
- 2. Hay in stacks standing less than 40 rods from any swamp or marsh shall not be insured.
- 3. Household furniture bedding and wearing apparal spoken of in this policy shall include linnen, gold and silverware, books sewing machines &c. provided that the articles thus insured shall in no case exceed \$500.—; if the insurance of these articles exceed \$500.—, each item must be seperately named.
- 4. Farming articles shall include all agricultural implements on the farm excepting machinery, which shall be separately specified,
- 5. The amount insured on hogs and sheep must be seperately stated in the application.

For Value Received, The subscriber hereby transfer.....interest in this Policy as follows:

Date of transfer.	By whom transfered.	To whom transfered. Witnessed by		Approval of this company or authorized agent required in all cases.		
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