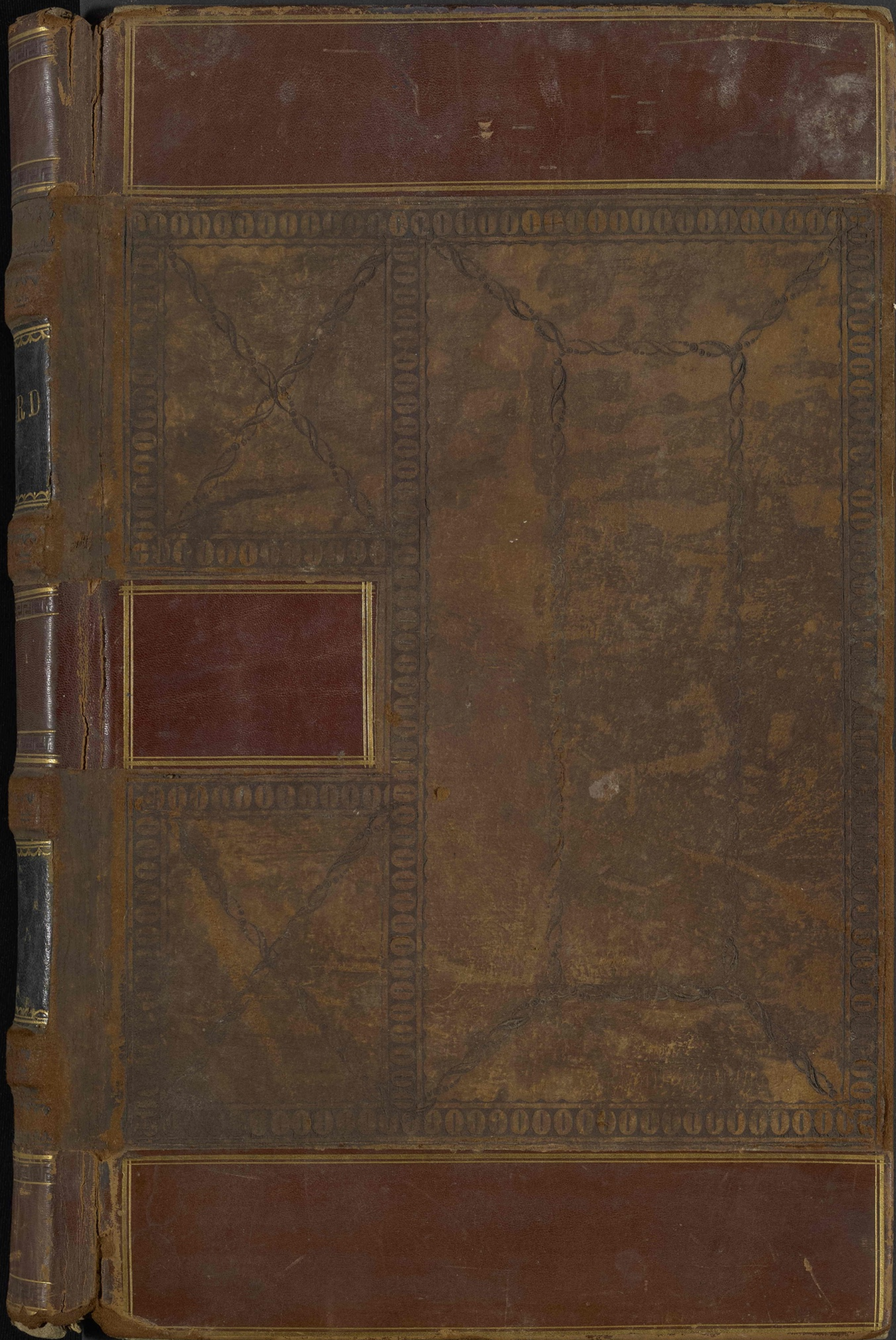








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The
Independent Society
for the
Detection of Horse Thieves
in the
Lower Village of
Red Hook
Organized
November 15th AD 1827

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The
Constitution and By Laws
of
the "Independent Society for the Detection of
Horse Thieves
in the Lower Village of Red Hook"
with the Amendments thereto
Collated and Transcribed herein
from the Originals
pursuant to Resolutions passed
Nov 18th AD 1879 and Nov 16th AD 1880
by
Richard E. Fraleigh }
John D. Teal } Committee
Alfred Allendorf }
and
accepted by the Society
at the
Annual Meeting
held Nov 15th AD 1881
as Correct Transcripts of
the Originals

Horse Society

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Red Hook, convened at the house of David Wager on the 15th day of November 1827, for the purpose of organizing and establishing a Society for the detection of horse-thieves, to be styled "The Independent Society" - Gotlof Martyn was chosen Chairman and A G Benedict appointed Secretary, - It was

Resolved, that a Committee of Five persons be appointed to draft and report to the Meeting, suitable By-Laws and Regulations for said Society and that A G Benedict, Henry Whiteman, Jacob C Miller, John Benner and Frederic Barringer constitute said Committee.

The Committee having retired reported the following Regulations which were unanimously adopted by said Society.

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By-Laws and Regulations

ordained and established by the Independent Society for the detection of Horse-Thieves in the lower village of the Town of Red Hook.

Article 1st

It is directed and established that at any meeting of said Society, Eleven members being present, they shall constitute a Quorum and be considered sufficient to transact any business required by the Society

Article 2^d

That each and every person, before they shall be considered or constituted a member of said Society, shall first pay or cause to be paid into the Treasury of the Society as an initiation fee, the sum of Fifty Cents, provided he owns or has in his possession One horse, - And the sum of One Dollar if he possesses Two or more horses, - That if any person shall hereafter wish to become a member of the Society, he must present to the Secretary a certificate from the Treasurer that he has paid the initiation fee and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to enter his name on the Minutes as a member. [Amended by Article 18, which see]

Article 3^d

That there shall be forever hereafter belonging to said Society, One President, One Vice-President, One Secretary, One Treasurer, One Collector and Six Riders.

Article 4th

That the Society shall meet in the Lower Village, Town of Red Hook, - yearly, and in every year hereafter on the Third Tuesday of November, at which meeting -
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Constitution

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the members, provided there are a sufficient to form a Quorum, shall proceed to elect the Officers of said Society by ballot or in such other way as the majority shall direct - and the Officers so chosen to hold their Offices for the term of One Year from the said Third Tuesday of November. And the Society shall forever hereafter likewise meet in the aforesaid village on the Third Tuesday of May, which meeting shall be known as the same Annual meeting

Article 5th

The President may call an extra meeting of the Society whenever he shall think necessary and may appoint the time and place of such meeting, provided it be in the said Lower Village of Red Hook. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and shall preserve order therein.

It shall be the duty of the President, whenever it is represented to him by any member of the Society, that they have lost or missed a horse, if he shall think the necessity of the case so requires, to issue an Order for the Riders to meet forthwith and to designate the place of their meeting -

And he shall meet with the Riders, and advise with and direct the route to be pursued by each of the said Riders, - and it shall be the duty of the President to give each of the Riders an Order on the Treasurer to draw such a sum of money from the Treasury as he shall think they each and severally may require. When the office of President shall be vacant, or when the President shall be absent, the Vice-President shall succeed to all his rights and duties.

Article 6th

The Secretary shall have the charge of -
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all the papers belonging to the Society. - He shall attend the meetings of the Society and take minutes of the proceedings of each meeting and transcribe them into a book provided for that purpose. He shall give notice of every stated or special meeting by putting up written notices at three or more public places in said Town at least six days previous to said meeting.

at every meeting he shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting at length.

Article 7th

The Treasurer shall have the custody of all the money and property of the Society, - he shall make a report of the same to the Society at each of their stated meetings - He shall from time to time, pay such sums of money as may be ordered by the President.

Article 8th

It shall be the duty of the Collector to collect all such sums of money as shall be ordered by the President and Secretary and pay over the said money to the Treasurer within Three Months after the date of said Order - deducting therefrom five per cent for his commission for collecting the same

Article 9th

It shall be the duty of the Riders to meet at such time and place as they shall be ordered by the president and be ready to proceed immediately on any route that may be designated for them, and to be vigilant and active in recovering any horse that may be stolen, and detecting the thief. They shall proceed on their respective routes at least One Hundred miles, - if they do not hear from the horse or thief, then to return, - But if they have any intimation of either, to follow any direction they may deem advisable and proceed as far as in their judgment is -

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necessary. Each of the Riders shall keep a correct account of all necessary expenses, which shall be paid by the Society, - and they shall receive as a compensation for their services one Dollar for each and every day they may be called out. Any member having a horse stolen, may follow the same as a Rider if he chooses so to do, and receive the same pay, and must in all cases be governed by the same restrictions.

Article 10th

At any meeting of the Society, if the President, Vice-President or Secretary should be absent, provided there is a Quorum present, it may be lawful to appoint some member to fill the vacancy *pro tem*.

Article 11th

It shall be the duty of every member to attend the stated meetings of the Society in each and every year, or send a substitute to answer to their names and pay Six Cents for the benefit of the House where such meeting is held, and in case of absence of any member or non-performance of the same, he or they shall be fined Twenty-five Cents for every such neglect, - which sum when collected shall be put with the general funds of the Society

Article 12th

Any member who shall refuse or neglect to pay said fine and suffer the same to amount to Fifty Cents or upwards, shall be debarred all privileges of the Society until such fine be liquidated.

Article 13th

That no money shall be drawn from the Treasury, unless by an Order from the President and for the express purpose of -
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recovering a horse or detecting the thief, — the property of some member of the Society.

Article 14th

The Society by a two third vote may adopt other articles and may make amendments to the Constitution, which shall become valid when duly ratified at the next following regular Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the Members then present.

Article 15th

No person shall be received as a member of this Society who resides beyond the limits of the Towns of Beabrook, Rhinebeck, Milan and Clermont and not then, unless by a majority vote of the members present at an Annual Meeting, — and all existing and new members who remove any horse or horses beyond the limits of said Towns for pasturage or use, as to such horse and horses so being beyond said limits, shall be debared from the privileges of this Society, and the Riders of this Society shall not be called out — unless the theft has occurred within the limits of said Towns, — provided however, that in case a horse or horses be stolen beyond said limits whilst a member, his agent or servants, may be in the pursuit of the regular business of such member and owner or owners — or whilst said owner and owners, or his or their families may be on a business or other temporary visit beyond said limits, then such member and owner may require the Riders to be called out.

Article 16th

In case of the death of a member, the rights and privileges of this Society, may be continued for the period of Eighteen Months thereafter by the widow, next of kin or by representatives, — but at the expiration of said period the said rights and privileges shall cease.

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Article 17th

Any Copartnership or firm may as such, become a Member of this Society, the same as an Individual, — such membership however to relate only to Copartnership Horses and to cease and be at an end at the Annual Meeting next after the dissolution of such Copartnership or firm.

Article 18th

Applications for Membership are to be made and passed on at any Annual Meeting of this Society — The Applicant's name is to be presented by a Member of this Society, and if approved by a Majority of the Members present, his or her or their name shall be enrolled as a Member on compliance on the part of the Applicant with the provisions of the Second Article of the Constitution — and Membership in this Society shall not be sold conveyed or transferred to any person; — And the Initiation Fee hereafter shall be One $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars for One Horse and Three Dollars for Two or more Horses.

Article 19th

Should a Member change his residence beyond the limits of this Society and continue to hold in possession Real Estate within its limits, from which a horse or horses, owned by and belonging to him shall be stolen, he shall, as to such Horse and Horses, be entitled to the benefits of this Society.

Article 20th

When Two persons having a joint Interest in, and living together on a farm and owning Horses together, and while so connected shall become Members of this Society, and as such entitled to and claiming protection therefrom as One Member, and One of the said persons removes beyond the limits of this

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Society,— then the One so removing shall forfeit all rights secured by the joint-Membership, and the Benefits of this Society shall remain and be in force with the One who remains on the farm and owns the horses in his individual right. If however the removal shall be to a place or farm within the limits of this Society, the said persons within Thirty days after such removal, may determine to which of them such Membership shall belong — of which notice shall be given to the Secretary within Thirty days thereafter. And the Resolution relating hereto, passed on the Third Tuesday of May 1836, is modified and amended according to the terms herein stated

Amendments.

Pursuant to Resolution passed May 19th 1829 Article Six of the Constitution is amended by adding thereto the following, to wit—

"It shall be the duty of the Secretary to furnish the Collector with a List of names of the Absentees, within Ten days after each Meeting;— and again farther amended by Resolution passed November 19th 1871, as follows,—

"The Secretary shall cause a Notice of each Meeting to be printed in the Red Hook Journal to appear for two weeks before convening, and in case no local paper be published, then the Secretary to comply with the requirements as stated in said Article Six".

Pursuant to Resolution passed November 16th 1830, Article Three is amended to read Eight Riders instead of Six Riders.

Pursuant to Resolution passed November 17th 1868, Article Two of the Constitution is amended by making the Initiation Fee for One Horse, One Dollar instead of fifty Cents; and for Two or more Horses One and $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars instead of One Dollar.

Pursuant to Resolution passed November 19th 1871, Article Eight is amended to read as follows—

The Collector shall receive for his commission One half, instead of "five per cent" of the Fines by him collected.

Pursuant to Article 18, ratified November 21st 1882 as a By Law, Article Two as amended by Resolution passed November 17th 1868, is farther amended by making the initiation fee for One Horse, One Dollar and fifty Cents instead of One Dollar,— and for Two or more Horses, Three Dollars, instead of One and $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars.

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Amendments Con.

Pursuant to Resolution passed Nov. 17th 1891, Article Two of the Constitution as amended by Article Eighteen, is further amended by making the Initiation fee for One Horse, Five Dollars instead of One Dollar and Fifty Cents — and for Two or more horses, Eight Dollars instead of Three Dollars

Pursuant to Resolution passed Nov. 21st 1893 Article Two of the Constitution as amended by Article Eighteen and further amended by Resolution passed Nov. 17th 1891 is further amended by making the Initiation fee for One Horse Three Dollars instead of Five Dollars — and for Two or more horses Five Dollars instead of Eight Dollars.

Memoranda

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Year

Events

- 1845 Forty-One and $\frac{74}{100}$ Dollars stolen from the Treasury.
- 1848 One Hundred and Ten Dollars apportioned among the Members, - Left in Treasury \$90.29
- 1880 A verbatim Transcript of the Constitution and By-Laws made from the Originals, for better preservation.
- 1881 The Territorial area of the Society established.
- 1881 Articles 14, 15, and 16 added to the Constitution.
- 1882 Articles 17, 18, 19, and 20 added to the Constitution.

Order of Business

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1st

Organization

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Roll-Call

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Reading of Minutes

4th

Collector's Report

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Admission of Members

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Settlement of Bills

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Treasurer's Report

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Committee Reports

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Miscellaneous Business

Election of Officers

Adjournment

Roll of Members

See page 78 for revised Roll

Corrected November 20th 1893

No.	Names - Roll	Full Member	One Horse
✓ 1	Jacob W Elseffers	" "	
2	David H Bells ✓	" "	
3	Richard E Graligh ✓	" "	
4	{ Alfred Allendorf Name stricken from Roll November 19 th 1889 }	" "	
5	John D Seal ✓	" "	
6	{ John L Benner Stricken from Society Nov. 19 th 1889 }	" "	
✓ 7	E F Massonneau ✓	" "	
8	Jacob W Graligh ✓	" "	
✓ 9	Albert Piester ✓	" "	" "
10	Martin Lasher a	" "	" "
11	Andrew E Seal Stricken from Roll Nov. 20 th 1894	" "	
12	{ Lewis D Elseffer & Son Name stricken from Roll Nov. 15 th 1887 }	" "	
13	Peter G Graligh ✓	" "	
14	{ Edward Martin Stricken from Roll Nov. 19 th 1895 }	" "	
15	Thompson Bros. Stricken from Roll Nov. 20 th 1894	" "	
16	{ John W Benner & Son Name stricken from Roll Nov. 15 th 1887 }	" "	
17	David W Kipp ✓	" "	" "
18	Samuel Leubrock ✓	" "	
19	John R Traver ✓	" "	
20	Mary and Sarah Shaffer ✓	" "	Over

Roll Continued

No.	Names	Full Member	One Horse
21	John W Allendorf	"	"
22	Nicholas R Hutton Stricken from Roll Nov. 18th 1890	"	"
✓ 23	George L Hicks	a	"
✓ 24	Stephen R Burnett	"	"
25	Gustavus Cholwell	a	"
26	Elsworth and Minkler Stricken from Roll Nov. 20th 1894	"	"
27	Electus Teats	"	"
✓ 28	John H Decker	a	"
✓ 29	Hoffman & Co.	"	"
✓ 30	James Baxter	a	"
31	James Ross	a	"
32	Mrs Martha K Propera	"	"
33	Jacob Straat Name Stricken from Roll Nov. 17th 1891	"	"
34	Lorenzo TenBroeck	"	"
✓ 35	Charles W Massonneau	"	"
36	John H Lipperly Stricken from Roll Nov. 19th 1895	"	"
37	Patrick Butler Stricken from Roll Nov. 20th 1894	"	"
38	Philip J. Raleigh	"	"
39	Charles White Stricken from Roll Nov. 20th 1894	"	"
40	x Peter H Wagner Stricken from Roll Nov. 16th 1886	"	"

Roll Continued

No.	Names	Full Member	One Space
41	{William M Hoffman Stricken from Roll Nov. 19 th 1893}	✓ " "	
42	{Pitcher and Jellows Changed to E. C. Pitcher Nov. 19 th 1889}	✓ " "	
43	L B Curtis	✓ " "	
44	William A Coon	✓ " "	
45	Lavinia G Elzeffer 3d Daughter	" "	
46	{Peter M Baum Stricken from Roll Nov. 17 th 1891}	" "	" "
47	E W Pitcher Became full member Nov 19th 1893	✓ " "	" "
48	Mrs Catharine A Allendorf	" "	" "
49	Benjamin Teats	✓ " "	
50	C H Massomeau	✓ " "	
50-7 = 43	Henry Prosser	✓ " "	" "
	Howard Ellsworth	" "	
	Clarence W Martin	" "	" "
	Mathew Cairns	" "	" "

Nov. 17th 1891 42 Members
 35 Full Members
 7 for One Space
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Official Record

Of

Minutes

Beginning with the

Annual Meeting

Held

November 20th A.D. 1883

November 20th 1883

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the "Independent Society for the Detection of Horse-Thieves" held pursuant to adjournment at the House of Ellsworth & Minkler on the Twentieth day of November 1883, there were present, -
 Jacob W Elseffer, President, Richard E. Fraleigh, Secretary
 Alfred Allendorf Treasurer, John D Seal, Collector
 and a Quorum of Members.

The Vice-president - David H Bells was absent.

The Roll of Members being called the following were found to be Absentees and were fined Twenty-five Cents each, - viz,

David H Bells	George Mear
Alfred Pindar	Henry H Conklin
John H Decker	Martin Lasher
Lewis D Elseffer & Son	Nicholas R Hutton
John W Benner & Son.	Philip Fraleigh
Gustavus Chelwell	

This being the Third fine imposed against Alfred Pindar (the First and Second unpaid) the attention of the Society is called to such delinquency in the manner prescribed by Article Twelve of the Constitution, - likewise to the Estate of George Mear deceased, whose rights and privileges as a Member, according to Article Sixteen, have expired.

John D Seal, Collector, reported the amount of the fines of last year by him collected, to be \$1.75 - of which 87 Cents belonged to the Society. His Report was accepted and he paid 87 Cents to the Treasurer.

Alfred Allendorf Treasurer, then reported the funds of the Society on deposit in the Rhinebeck Savings Bank with Interest accrued thereon up to the first of July 1883, to be \$560.⁵⁸ and including cash on hand \$566.³⁵

Report accepted and on Motion the Treasurer was directed to pay Mr A. Piester's Bill, for printing notice of Meeting, and amounting to Seventy-five Cents, out of the funds of the Society.

The admission of Members being next in order Mr Charles White applied by substitute for membership protecting One Horse only. It being evident that the requirements of the Society were unknown to Mr White it was on Motion

Resolved, - That Charles White be made acquainted with the By-law governing applications for membership and if complying with its provisions within Three days from present Meeting, then the Secretary to be informed thereof and directed to record such action on the Minutes and place his name on the Roll, - and this action on the part of the Meeting to be final.

Resolution adopted. -

Whereupon the Treasurer Mr Alfred Allendorf proposed that he should inform Mr White of the terms stated in the foregoing Resolution, which was sanctioned by the Society - and subsequently and within the time specified in said Resolution, Charles White paid into the Treasury Three Dollars (\$3.00) as his Initiation Fee and the Treasurer directed the Secretary to place his name on the Roll as a full Member and to enter his membership on the Minutes.

The Meeting then proceeded to the Election of Officers and on Motion of John M Thompson all the Officers of last year were declared re-elected to their respective offices for the ensuing year -

And on further Motion the Riders of last year were elected as Riders for the ensuing year, viz.

John M Thompson	Lorenzo Lumbrook
Philip Fraleigh	Howard Ellsworth
John L Benner	David McKissick
John H Decker	James Baxter

The Meeting on Motion then adjourned to the Third Tuesday of November, 1884 at 7 O'clock P.M. at the same place.

R C Fraleigh Sec.

November 18th 1884

At the regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Ellsworth ^{2d} Minkler on the Eighteenth day of November, ¹⁸⁸⁴ at 7 O'clock P.M., there were present Jacob W Elseffer President, David H Pells Vice President, Richard E Fraleigh Secretary, John D Seal Collector, and a quorum of Members, — Alfred Allendorf the Treasurer was absent.

The Roll of Members being called the following were found to be Absentees and were each fined Twenty-five Cents, viz, —

Martin Lasher	Gustavus Chalmers
Andrew E Seal	Hoffman & Co
Lewis D Elseffer & Son	James Ross
Edward Martin	Jacob Straat
John W Benner & Son	Lorenz Sen Broeck
David W Kipp	Philip Fraleigh
Samuel Sen Broeck	Charles White
John R Traver	Peter H Wagner
Nicholas R Hutton	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and on Motion approved.

John D Seal Collector, then reported the Amount of the fines of last year by him collected to be \$2.50, of which one half belonged to the Society. His Report was accepted and he paid \$1.25 into the Treasury. — He further reported the non-payment of the fine imposed against Alfred Bindar, — this being the third fine left unpaid by said Member and the neglect debarring him from the rights and privileges of Membership, the name of Alfred Bindar was on Motion stricken from the Roll.

In the absence of Alfred Allendorf the President, Jacob W Elseffer read the Treasurer's report and reported the Funds of the Society on deposit in the Rhinebeck Savings Bank with Interest accrued thereon up to July 1st 1884 to

be \$577.⁵⁰ — Cash on hand \$8.⁵¹ — Total amt funds \$586.⁰¹, and on Motion the Report was adopted.

On Motion Mr A Piester's Bill for printing notice of meeting and amounting to .75⁰⁰ was paid out of the sum of \$1.²⁵ returned by the Collector and the Balance thereof, .50⁰⁰ added to the funds of the Society.

On Motion of Edward Martin it was Resolved, — that the widow of John W Hoffman, also any of his heirs-at-law, may become members of this Society, by paying to the Treasurer the proper initiation fee as new Members, at the expiration of Eighteen Months from his death — Resolution Carried.

The Meeting then proceeded to the election of Officers and on Motion all the Officers were declared reelected to their respective offices for the ensuing year, and the Riders of last year were declared elected as Riders for the ensuing year, viz,

John M Thompson	Loungs Sen Brock
Philip Graligh	Howard Ellsworth
John L Benner	David W Kipp
John A Decker	James Baxter

No other business transpiring the Meeting on Motion then adjourned to the Third Tuesday of November 1885 at 7 O'clock P.M. at the same place

Richard E Graligh, Secretary.

November 17th 1885-

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Ellsworth & Minkler and now kept by Howard Ellsworth, on the 17th day of November 1885-at 7 O'clock P.M., there were present Jacob W Elseffer President, David H Pells Vice-President, Richard C Fraleigh Secretary, Alfred Allendorf Treasurer John D Seal Collector, and a Quorum of Members.

The Roll being called the following Members were found to be absentees and the usual fine of 25-cts was imposed on each, viz-

Martin Lasher	Hoffman & Co
Lewis D Elseffer & Son	John H Decker
Peter G Fraleigh	James Baxter
John W Benner & Son	Patrick Butler
Nicholas R Hutton	Charles White
Stephen R Burnett	Peter H Wagner
Gustavus Cholwell	

More than Eighteen months having expired since the decease of the Members John W Hoffman and Norman S Prosser, and their membership rendered void by the provisions in Art. 16 of the By-Laws, on motion their names were stricken from the Roll.

The Minutes of last meeting were then read and on motion approved.

John D Seal Collector reported fifteen fines collected out of Seventeen imposed and paid into the Treasury \$1.87 as belonging to the funds of the Society - He further reported the non-payment of the fines imposed against David W Kipp and Peter H Wagner - Report accepted.

On explanation of David W Kipp his fine of last year was on motion, remitted.

Peter H Wagner's fine of last year was added to his fine for this year.

On motion the Treasurer was directed to pay 75^{cts} to A. Piester for printing notice of Meeting in Red Hook Journal

The Treasurer Alfred Allendorf then made the following report—

Amt Funds in Rhinebeck Savings Bank with Interest accrued thereon up to July 1 st 1885—	\$603.45
One half fines \$1.87 less 75 ^{cts} Printer's Bill	1.12
Total Amt Funds ———	\$604.57

Report accepted

On motion Mrs Martha M. Propper was made a member of this Society— she asked protection for one horse only and paid into the Treasury the required fee of \$1.50. The horse protected is of an iron gray color, —right hind foot white and mane black, —stands 15½ hands and is 8 yrs old.

The Treasurer then further reported the total amount of the funds of the Society to be \$606.07 —

Proceeding to the election of Officers the Meeting on motion of C. W. Massomann, ~~was~~ selected for the ensuing year all of the present Officers and Riders.

No other business transpiring, the Meeting on motion adjourned to the third Tuesday of November 1886 at 7 O Clock P.M. at the same place

R. C. Graligh, Sec.

The Third Tuesday of November.

November 16th 1886

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse-Thieves held pursuant to adjournment at the House of Howard Ellsworth on the 16th day of November 1886 at 7 O'clock P.M. - there were present Jacob W Elaeffer, President - David H Pells, vice president - Richard C Graligh, Secretary - Alfred Allendoy Treasurer - John D Seal, Collector and a Quorum of Members.

The Roll being called the following Members were found absent and were each fined .25^c - viz -

Peter G Graligh
Martin Lasher
Edward Martin
John W Benner & Son
Nicholas R Hutton
George L Hicks
Stephen R Burnett

Gustavus Chohwell
Hoffman & Co
James Ross.
Jacob Straat
John H Lipperly
Philip Graligh
Chas White

The Minutes of last meeting were then read and on motion approved.

John D Seal, Collector reported the amount of the fines of last year by him collected to be \$3.00 - of which \$1.50 belonged to the Society. He further reported the non-payment of the fines imposed on Peter Wagner and which now amounts to fifty cents.

On motion his report was accepted and he paid \$1.50 to the Treasurer

Mrs Martha K Proper, Member for one horse, having applied for full membership, paid to the Treasurer One Dollar and Fifty Cents, - thereby raising her fee to the requisite fee of \$2.00, and on motion was made a full Member of the Society

On Motion William M Hoffman was received as a full Member and paid \$2.00 to the Treasurer and the President directed his name to be duly placed on the Roll of Members.

On Motion the Treasurer was directed to pay 75^c to A. Piester for printing notice of

Meeting in Red Hook Journal

The name of Peter H. Wagner was on motion stricken from the Roll of Members

Alfred Allendoy, Treasurer, then reported the following—

Am't Funds in Bank	\$ 621.54
Cash on Hand	2.62
Received from Collector	1.50
" " Memberships	4.50
Total Am't Funds	630.16
Paid Bill for printing	.75
Leaving balance of	\$629.41

Report adopted.

The Meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year and the following officers were on motion declared selected—namely—

for President — Jacob W. Elseffer
 Vice President — David H. Pells
 Secretary — Richard E. Graligh
 Treasurer — Alfred Allendoy
 Collector — John D. Seal

and on further motion

the Riders of last year were declared elected as riders for the ensuing year,—namely

John M. Thompson	Lorenzo Ten Broeck
Philip Graligh	Howard Ellsworth
John L. Berner	David W. Kipp
John H. Decker	James Baxter

On motion the Meeting then adjourned to the Third Tuesday of November 1887 at 7 O'clock p.m. at the same place

R. E. Graligh, Secretary.

The Third Tuesday of November

November 15th 1887

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves held pursuant to adjournment at the House of Howard Ellsworth on the 15th day of November 1887 at 7 O'clock P.M. - there were present Jacob W Clauffer, President - David H Pells, vice president - Richard C Graligh, Secretary - John D Seal, Collector and a Quorum of Members. The office of Treasurer, made vacant by the death of Alfred Allendorf, was not represented.

The Roll of Members being called the following were found to be Absentees and were each fined twenty-five Cents, - viz -

Martin Lasher

Andrew C Seal

Alfred Allendorf

Edward Martin

Samuel Lent Brock

Nicholas R Hutton

Philip Graligh

William M Hoffman

George L Hicks

Gustavus Cholwell

John H Decker

Mrs. Martha H Propper

Jacob Straat

Lorenzo Lent Brock

Chas White

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and on motion approved.

John D Seal, Collector then reported the Amount of Fines of last year by him collected to be \$3.25 - of which one half belonged to the Society. He further reported the non-payment of the fine imposed against Peter G Graligh.

On motion his Report was accepted and he paid \$1.63 into the Treasury.

The fine of Peter G Graligh appearing unjust through representations made by Stephen R Burnett the Meeting on motion remitted said fine of 50 cts.

On motion Mr A Pister's Bill for printing notice of Meeting in Red Hook Journal, was paid out of the sum just received from the Collector.

The firm name of Pitcher and Fellows and the names of L B Curtis and William A Coon were severally presented as applicants for full membership in this Society and each Application

was accompanied by the required fee of Three Dollars - The names were separately voted upon by calling the Ayes and Nays and the Ayes being unanimous at each vote the Chair declared successively, the election to Full Membership of Pitcher & Fellows, L B Curtis and William A Cow and directed the Secretary to enroll their names as Full Members

Peter M Baum applied for membership protecting One Horse only and accompanied the Application with the required fee of One Dollar and Fifty Cents for the same. The Ayes and Nays were called and the Ayes being unanimous, the Chair declared him elected to Membership and directed the Secretary to place his name on the Roll of Members as a Member for One Horse.

On motion the name of John W Benner & Son was changed to John L Benner and the Secretary directed to make the change on the Roll.

The membership of Lewis D Elseffer & Son about to become void according to Article 16 of the Constitution, it was moved by J W Elseffer to substitute therefor the name of Lavinia G Elseffer & Daughters, in order to secure continued protection and accompanied the Motion with the full Membership fee of Three Dollars. Motion was put and carried and the name of Lavinia G Elseffer & Daughters were directed by the Chair to be placed on the Roll as a Full Member.

In the absence of the Treasurer's Report no exhibit of the funds of the Society could be made in these Minutes. The Moneys received and disbursed at the present Meeting are comprehended in the following

Received from Collector	\$1.63
Admission of New Members	13.50

Total Receipts	\$15.13
Paid Printing Bill	.50

Balance cash on hand \$14.63

The Meeting then proceeded to the election

of Officers and the following were chosen for the ensuing year - viz:

President - John L Benner
 Vice President - David H Pells
 Treasurer - E J Massonneau
 Secretary - R E Fraleigh
 Collector - John D Seal

On motion the Riders of last year were elected Riders for the ensuing year with the exception of Howard Ellsworth and John L Benner and on further motion Peter M Baum was elected Rider in the place of Howard Ellsworth and Andrew E Seal in the place of John L Benner

The present Riders are -

John M Thompson	Lorenzo Lint Brock
Philip Fraleigh	David W Kipp
Andrew E Seal	Peter M Baum
John H Decker	James Baxter

On Motion it was -

Resolved - That a Committee of Three be appointed by the Chair, whose duty it shall be to have printed, copies of the Constitution & By Laws of the Society for distribution among Members. Resolution adopted and the Chair Appointed Peter M Baum, Albert Pister and R E Fraleigh as such Committee.

On motion it was

Resolved - That a Committee of Three be appointed to draft Resolutions relative to the removal of our late Treasurer, Alfred Allendorf deceased, - whereupon Peter M Baum, Stephen R Dumett and James Ross were appointed by the chair as such Committee.

On motion the Meeting then adjourned to the Third Tuesday of November 1888 at 7 O Clock p.m. at the same place.

R E Fraleigh Secretary.

The Third Tuesday of November

November 20th 1888

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves held pursuant to adjournment at the House of Howard Ellsworth on November 20th 1888 at 7 O Clock P.M. there were present John L Benner President, David H Pills, vice president, R E Graligh Secretary, E J Massomman Treasurer, J D Seal Collector and a quorum of Members.

The Roll being called the following Members were found absent and were each fined 25[¢] - viz -

Alfred Allendorf	Martin Lasher
Thompson Bros.	Samuel TenBroek
Nicholas R Hutton	Geo. L Hicks
Gustavus Cholwell	John H Decker
Jacob Straat	Loung TenBroek
Philip Graligh	Chas White
L B Curtis	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and on motion approved.

John D Seal, Collector then reported the amount of fines of last year by him collected to be \$3.75 - of which one half belonged to the Society. On motion his Report was accepted and he paid \$1.87 into the Treasury.

The Bill for printing notice of Meeting in Reatook Journal was, by direction of the President paid out of the funds received from the Collector.

E J Massomman, Treasurer reported \$662.⁷² on deposit in the Rhinebeck Savings Bank - he further reported that the Bank Book had not been written up and that Interest had accrued which should have been included in the funds of the Society and the whole amount given as on actual deposit July 1st 1888

Report as presented was on Motion adopted.

Mr P M Baum, chairman of Committee on printing Constitution and By-Laws reported progress.

The Meeting then proceeded to the Election of Officers and on motion all the officers were declared selected for the ensuing year - viz,

John L Berner - President
 David H Pills - Vice-pres.
 R E Fraleigh - Secretary
 E J Massonman - Treasurer
 John D Seal - Collector

And on further motion the Riders of last year were declared elected as Riders for the ensuing year, viz -

John M Thompson	Lorenzo Tru Boeck
Philip Fraleigh	David W Kipp
Andrew E Seal	Peter M Baum
John H Decker	James Baxter

On motion the Meeting then adjourned to the Third Tuesday of November 1889 at 7 O'clock p.m. at the same place.

R E Fraleigh, Secretary.

The Third Tuesday of November

November 19th 1889

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the House of Howard Ellsworth on November 19th 1889 at 7 O'clock p.m. there were present R. E. Fraleigh, Secretary, E. J. Massomann, Treasurer - John D Seal, Collector and a quorum of Members.

John L. Benner, President and David H Pells Vice-president were absent.

The Meeting was called to order by the Secretary and J. W. Elseffer elected President pro tem.

The Roll being called the following Members were found absent and were each fined 25[¢] viz -

David H Pells	Hoffman & Co
Martin Lasher	James Baxter
Peter G. Fraleigh	James Ross
Edward Martin	Jacob Straat
John R. Traver	Philip Fraleigh
Mary & Sarah Shafer	Charles White
Nicholas R. Hutton	William M. Hoffman
Gustavus Cholwell	L. B. Curtis
John H. Decker	William A. Coon
Peter M. Baum	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and on motion approved.

John D Seal, Collector then reported the fines of last year by him collected to be \$3.25 - of which one half belonged to the Society -

On motion his Report was accepted and he paid \$1.62 into the Treasury.

Applications for membership being next in order, the name of Mr Benjamin Seal was presented as an applicant for full Membership and the application was accompanied by the required fee of \$3.00. The Ayes and Nays were called and the ayes being unanimous

The Chair declared him elected a full Member and directed the Secretary to so enroll his name.

Mrs Katharine A Allendorf applied for membership protecting One horse only and accompanied the application with the required fee of One Dollar and fifty cents - The eyes and rays were called and the eyes being unanimous the Chair declared her elected to membership and directed the Secretary to place her name on the Roll as a Member for One Horse

The Membership of the firm of Pitcher and Fellows, lapsing according to Art. 17 of the By-Laws, on the date of this Meeting by reason of its dissolution, the name of Pitcher & Fellows, as appearing on the Roll, was on motion changed to E Mr Pitcher and protection continued to E Mr Pitcher upon his application for Membership for One Horse and paying the required fee of One Dollar and fifty cents. Subsequently Mr Pitcher paid One Dollar and fifty cents to the Treasurer and described the horse he wished protected as follows - "Bay mare about 15½ Hands high and having strip in face and the left hind foot white" - The Secretary duly enrolled his name as a Member for One Horse.

The settlement of Bills following, Mr A. Piester was on Motion paid Seventy-five Cents for printing notice of Meeting in Red Hook Journal.

E J Massonman, Treasurer then reported the funds of the Society on deposit in the Rhinebeck Savings Bank with Interest accrued thereon up to July 1st 1889 to be \$704.11

Received from Collector	1.62
" " New Memberships	6.00
Am't carried forward to page 51	\$711.73

Amt brot forward	\$ 711.73
Paid Bill for printing	.75
Total Amt Funds	<u>\$ 710.98</u>

In accordance with Article 16, relating to deceased Members, the name of Alfred Allendorf was on Motion stricken from the Roll.

The resignation of the retiring President, J L Bonner and his absolute withdrawal from the Society by reason of change of residence, was here read by the Secretary and on Motion was received by the Meeting and placed on file and the Chair directed that his name be taken from the Roll of Members.

Proceeding to the election of Officers, on Motion
Mr J W Elseffer was unanimously elected
president for the ensuing year.

Mr Howard Ellsworth then moved the reelection of the remaining Officers of last year and all of the Old Riders -

Mr S R Burnett called for a division of the Question and moved the selection of Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and Collector only. Motion carried.

The present Officers are —

President — Jacob W. Elzeffer
Vice president — David H. Pells
Secretary — Richard E. Fraleigh
Treasurer — Edward J. Massonneau
Collector — John David Seal

On motion of Mr E J. Massomee

Mr S R Burnett was elected a Rider in
the place of Peter M Barrow

The wisdom of selecting Riders that can be quickly summoned was here considered but on further Motion the remaining Riders of last year were elected Riders for the ensuing year - namely -

ing year - namely - Philip J. Saley's
John M. Thompson over

Stephen R Burnett
 Lorenzo Furbrook
 John H Decker

Andrew E Teal
 David W Kipp
 James Baxter

On Motion the Meeting then
 adjourned to the Third Tuesday of
 November 1890 at 7 O Clock P.M.
 at the same place.

R E Fraleigh, Secretary.

The Third Tuesday of November

November 18th 1890

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse-Thieves held pursuant to adjournment at the House of Howard Ellsworth on November 18th 1890 at 7 O'clock p.m. there were present David H Pells, Vice President - R E Fraleigh, Secretary - E J Massonneau Treasurer - J D Seal, Collector and a quorum of Members.

The President being absent the Vice-President occupied the chair.

The Roll was called and the following Members not responding to their names, were each fined Twenty five Cents, viz -

Jacob W Elseffer	Philip Fraleigh
Martin Lasher	Charles White
Andrew E Seal	L B Curtis
Nicholas R Hutton	William A Coon
Gustavus Cholwell	Lavinia G Elseffer & Daughters
James Baxter	Peter M Bann
Jacob Straat	E W Pitcher
Mrs Catharine A Allendorf	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and on motion approved.

The President entering during the reading of the Minutes, he at its conclusion assumed charge of the Meeting.

John D Seal Collector, then reported the amount of fines by him collected to be four Dollars - One half of which belonging to the Society, he paid into the Treasury -

He farther reported the non-payment of the fines imposed against Peter M Bann - the estate of N R Hutton and the estate of Jacob Straat.

On motion Report was accepted.

The name of Charles H Massonneau was presented as an Applicant for full membership and the application was accompanied by the required fee of Three Dollars, — The Ayes and Nays were called and the Ayes being unanimous the Chair declared him elected a full Member and directed that he be so enrolled.

On Motion Mr A Pieter was paid Seventy-five Cents for printing notice of Meeting in Red-Hook Journal.

On Motion the Treasurer was authorized to furnish paper to the Secretary for the use of the Society

C. J. Massonneau Treasurer, then reported the funds of the Society on deposit in the Rhinebeck Savings Bank with Interest accrued thereon up to July 1st 1890 to be — — — — — \$732.36

Recd from Collector 2.00

" New Membership 3.00

Total \$737.36

Paid for Printing \$0.75

" " Paper .25

Balance in Treasury \$736.36

On Motion the Report was adopted

In accordance with Article 16 of the By-Laws, relating to deceased Members the Chair directed that the name of Nicholas R Hutton be stricken from the Roll.

The advisability of dividing the Society's funds among different Savings Banks was discussed but no action was taken

On Motion of Mr Chas W Massonneau

All the Officers of last year were declared re-elected to their respective Offices for the ensuing year - namely -

President, Jacob W Elseffer.
 Vice-Pres't, David H Pells.
 Secretary, Richard E Fraleigh
 Treasurer, Edward J. Massonman
 Collector, John D Seal

And on further Motion the Riders of last year were declared elected as Riders for the ensuing year - namely

John M Thompson	John H Decker
Philip Fraleigh	Andrew E Seal
Stephen R Burnett	David W Kipp
Lorenzo Lunt Brock	James Baxter

On Motion the Meeting then adjourned to the Third Tuesday of November 1891 at 7 O Clock P.M. at the same place

R E Fraleigh, Secretary.

The Third Tuesday of NovemberNovember 17th 1891

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Howard Ellsworth on November 17th 1891 at 7 O Clock P.M. - there were present, Jacob W. Clauffer President - David H. Pells Vice President - Richard C. Fraleigh Secretary - Edward J. Massonneau Treasurer - John D. Seal Collector and a Quorum of Members.

The Roll was called and the following Members not responding to their names, the usual fine of twenty five cents was imposed by the Chair against each absentee - viz -

Albert Piester	John H. Decker
Martin Lasher	Mrs Martha K. Popper
Andrew C. Seal	Jacob Straat
Edward Martin	Charles White
John R. Traver	Mrs A. Coon
George L. Hicks	Peter M. Bann
Gustavus Cholwell	Mrs Catharine A. Allendorf

The Minutes of last meeting were read and on motion approved.

John D. Seal, Collector then reported the amount of fines by him collected to be Three Dollars, - one half of which he paid into the Treasury as belonging to the Society - He further reported the non-payment of the fines imposed against Peter M. Bann, the Estate of Nicholas R. Hutton and the Estate of Jacob Straat, and on motion his Report was accepted.

The non-payment of the fines imposed against Peter M Bann and amounting to Fifty Cents, required, under Article Twelve of the Constitution, the action of the Meeting in relation thereto, - and on motion it was Resolved - That the name of Peter M Bann be stricken from the Roll of Members -

Resolution adopted.

In accordance with Article Sixteen relating to deceased Members the names of Nicholas Q Hutton and Jacob Straat were on motion, erased from the Roll of Membership.

Mr C W Massouneau then presented the following -

Resolved - That Article Two of the Constitution, as amended by Article Eighteen, be further amended by making the Membership fee for One Horse, Five Dollars instead of One Dollar and Fifty Cents - and for Two or more horses Eight Dollars instead of Three Dollars.

Resolution adopted.

Mr Henry Proseus applied for Membership protecting One horse only, and accompanied the application with the required fee of Five Dollars - The eyes and nays were called and the eyes being unanimous the Chair declared him elected to Membership and directed the Secretary to enroll his name as a Member for One Horse.

At the request of Mr E W Picher the protection of this Society was on motion, transferred from the Horse described in his Application for Membership and since sold, to One now owned by him, and which, it was not deemed necessary to have described so long as he owns but One Horse.

On motion Mr A Piester was paid Seventy-five Cents from the fines handed in by the Collector, for printing notice of Meeting in Redhook Journal.

E. J. Massonneau, Treasurer reported the Funds of the Society on deposit in the Rhinebeck Savings Bank with Interest accrued thence up to January 1st 1891 to be

	\$ 747.34
Rec'd from Col.	1.50
New Memberships	5.00
Total	\$ 753.84
Paid printing	.75

Total Unit Funds Nov. 17th 1891 \$ 753.09 Together with the Interest accruing on the Deposit of \$747.34 from Jan 1st 1891 and which was not included in the Report

On motion the Report was accepted.

The question of a reduction of the Funds of the Society was then presented for consideration - and the uselessness of keeping so large a sum of money on hand, was urged - that four Hundred Dollars seemed ample to leave in the Treasury and whatever remained over and above four Hundred Dollars, be divided among the Members; - Whereupon it was on motion Resolved, - That a division of the Funds be made among the Members of such amount as is above four Hundred Dollars, leaving four Hundred Dollars in the Treasury.

The Chair called for an expression of the Meeting, after which the Resolution was put and unanimously adopted - and on further Motion it was

Resolved, - That a Special Meeting be called, to convene at the Hotel of Howard Ellsworth on the Second Tuesday of January 1892 at 7 O'clock P.M. for the purpose of making such division - Adopted -

It was moved by Mr Henry Prosser that a Committee be appointed to draft Articles of Incorporation for this Society and named the President Secretary and Treasurer to form such Committee. The Treasurer expecting to be absent declined to serve — whereupon the Chair suggested the following amendment — That Mr Henry Prosser and Mr R E Fraleigh act with him, the President, and constitute the Committee to report at the Special Meeting as to the necessity or advisability of such Incorporation — The amendment was accepted and the Resolution adopted as amended.

Proceeding to the election of Officers, all the Officers of last year were on motion declared re-elected for the ensuing year with the exception of the Treasurer, E J Massonneau, who declined a reelection, and on further Motion, E Mr Pitcher was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. The present officers are —

President,	Jacob W Elseffer
Vice President,	David H Pells
Secretary,	Richard E Fraleigh
Treasurer,	Edward W Pitcher
Collector,	John D Seal

On Motion the Riders of last year were declared elected as Riders for the ensuing year — namely —

John M Thompson	John H Decker
Philip Fraleigh	Andrew E Seal
Stephen R Burnett	David W Kipp
Lorenzo Sen Brock	James Baxter

On Motion the Meeting then adjourned to the Third Tuesday of November 1892 at 7 O'clock p.m. at the same place.

R E Fraleigh, Secretary.

The Second Tuesday of January

January 12th 1892

Pursuant to a Resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting, the "Independent Society for the detection of Horse-Thieves" convened at the Hotel of Howard Ellsworth on the Second Tuesday of January 1892 at 7 O Clock p.m.

There were present Jacob W Elseffer President, R E Fraleigh Secretary E W Pitcher Treasurer and a Quorum of Members.

The object of the Meeting was briefly stated by the Chair.

Mr E W Pitcher, Treasurer then reported that in pursuance of the Resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting of the Society on the 17th of Nov. last he has withdrawn from the Rhinebeck Savings Bank the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty-nine $\frac{22}{100}$ Dollars which ^{with} Five $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars received at last Annual Meeting, makes the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-five $\frac{67}{100}$ Dollars, which he holds on deposit at the First National Bank of Red Hook, ready for distribution in accordance with said Resolution - and that, of the funds of the Society there remains at said Savings Bank on deposit to the credit of this Society the sum of four Hundred Dollars, as of the first day of January A.D. 1892.

At the conclusion of the Treasurer's Report a Motion was made that it be accepted, placed on file and entered among the Minutes - Carried.

Mr S R Burnett offered the following Resolution
Resolved - That the Treasurer as soon

as may be done by him, make distribution among the Members of this Society of the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents, withdrawn by him for that purpose from the Rhinebeck Savings Bank as now here reported - less cost of Envelopes and Stamps needed for such distribution, - so that all full Members receive each full share thereof pro rata and all half or One Horse Members receive each one half of a full share pro rata.

Resolution Adopted.

Mr Henry Prosser then submitted the following Report -

To the "Independent Society for
the detection Horse Thieves" of Red Hook, N.Y.

Your Committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting on the 17th day of November last, to consider and report at the adjourned Meeting to be held on the 12th day of January 1892, as to the necessity and advisability of effecting an Incorporation of this Society, would respectfully report - That they have ascertained that there are ample provisions of law (Code § 1919) whereby voluntary associations consisting of Seven or more persons may by the President or Treasurer thereof, bring and maintain an action at law or a special proceeding to protect the interests of the Society, - and such action or proceeding may be brought against the Society in like manner -

Wherefore your Committee after due consideration of the matter referred to them, would say, - that the status of the Society would not be strengthened in the Law by any formal act of Incorporation, and that the Society as now existing and organized has an adequate standing in the Law for offence

— over —

and defence in all matters pertaining
to its mutual or common interests and
in the opinion of your Committee an
"Incorporation" is neither necessary or
advisable.

Respectfully Submitted
Dated Jan. 12th 1892

J. W. Elseffer } Committee
R. E. Fraleigh }
Henry Proseus }

On motion the Report was accepted
and the Committee discharged

No further business transpiring
on motion, the Meeting adjourned sine die

R. E. Fraleigh, Secretary

The Third Tuesday of November.

November 13th 1892

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves held pursuant to adjournment at the House of Howard Ellsworth November 13th 1892 at 7 O'clock P.M. at which time the Meeting was called to order by President Clauffer — there were present
 Jacob W Clauffer, President
 David H Pells, Vice President
 Edward W Pitcher, Treasurer
 John D Seal, Collector, and a quorum of Members

In the absence of Secretary Richard C J. Raleigh, on Motion of C W Massonneau, Henry Prosser was elected Secretary pro tem

The Roll was called and the following not responding to their names the usual fine of twenty-five Cents was imposed by the chair against each Absentee, as follows

Martin Lasher	George L Hicks
Gustavus Cholwell	John H Decker
James Baxter	James Ross
Martha K Proper	William M Hoffman
Lavinia G Clauffer & Daughters	Catharine A Allendorf

The Minutes of Meetings, Nov. 17th 1891 and Jan'y 12th 1892 were read and on Motion approved.

John D Seal Collector presented his Report of Am't of fines by him collected to be three Dollars, of which One Dollar and Fifty Cents was paid to the Treasurer as belonging to the Society — On Motion his Report was accepted

On Motion Seventy-five Cents were

ordered paid to Albert Piester for printing Notice of Meeting in Red Hook Journal

Treasurer E W Pitcher reported that he had received from E J Massonneau, late Treasurer, Seven Hundred and Forty-seven Dollars and Thirty four Cents — which with Interest due January 1st 1892 amounted to \$769.92

Collected at Meeting Nov. 17th 1891 \$5.75

Total Amt Funds \$775.67

Withdrawn from Rhinebeck Savings Bank Jan. 7th 1892 \$369.92

Amt received at last Meeting \$5.75

Divided among Members \$375.67

and leaving a Balance of Four Hundred Dollars on deposit in Rhinebeck Savings Bank with Interest

Amt paid 33 Full Members each \$9.74 \$340.90

" " 7 Half " " 4.87 34.09

" " Postage and Envelopes .68

\$375.67

On Motion the Report was accepted and the Treasurer discharged from Division of Distribution

On Motion of E W Massonneau all the Officers and Riders were declared duly reelected, as follows

President — Jacob W Elseffer

Vice President — David H Pells

Secretary — Richard C Fraleigh

Treasurer — Edward W Pitcher

Collector — John D Seal

Riders

John M Thompson

Stephen R Burnett

John H Decker

David W Koipp

Philip J Fraleigh

Lorenzo Ten Broeck

Andrew C Seal
James Baxter

On Motion the Meeting
adjourned to meet at the House of Howard Ellsworth
the Third Tuesday in November 1893 at 7 O'clock P.M.

Henry Prosser Secretary pro tem.

The Third Tuesday of NovemberNovember 21st 1893

At the Regular Annual Meeting of
the Independent Society for the detection
of Horse Thieves held pursuant to adjournment
at the house of Howard Ellsworth
November 21st 1893 at 7 O Clock P.M.

There were present

Jacob W Elseffer,	President
David H Pells,	Vice President
Richard C J. Raleigh,	Secretary
Edward W Pitcher,	Treasurer
John D Seal	Collector

And a Quorum of Member

The Meeting was called to order
by President Elseffer

The Roll was called and the
following Members not responding to
their names, the usual fine of twenty-five
Cents was imposed by the Chair against
each Absentee - Namely -

E J Massorneau	Gustavus Cholwell
Martin Lasher	Electus Seals
Estate of Andrew C Seal	John H Decker
Peter G J. Raleigh	Hoffman & Co
James Ross	Estate of Charles White
Philip J. Raleigh	William A Coon
L B Curtis	C H Massorneau
Mrs Catharine Allendorf	

The Minutes of last Annual Meeting
were read and on motion approved.

John D Seal Collector, then reported
the Amount of fines of last year by him
collected to be \$2.25 - of which one half
\$1.12 was paid to the Treasurer as belonging
to the Society. On Motion his Report
was accepted.

On Motion Seventy-five Cents were ordered paid to Albert Piester for printing Notice of Meeting in Red Hook Journal.

Edward W Pitcher Treasurer, presented the following Report—

Amount Funds in Rhinebeck Savings Bank	
with Interest accrued thereon up to July 1 st 1893	\$424.48
Proceeds of Meeting	Cash on Hand
	37
Total	\$425.60

On Motion Report was accepted.

On Motion of Charles W Massonneau duly seconded, it was

Resolved— That the personal appearance of a Member during Roll Call and before the next order of business has been entered on, shall exempt such Member from the fine for non-attendance
Adopted

On Motion of Stephen R Bennett duly seconded it was

Resolved— That for admission of new Members hereafter, the fees be as follows
for One Horse, \$3.00
for Two or More Horses, \$5.00
Resolution Adopted

On Motion of Charles W Massonneau all the Officers of last year were declared re-elected for the ensuing year—viz

President, Jacob W Clauffer
Vice President, David H Pells
Secretary, Richard C J. Valaigh
Treasurer, Edward W Pitcher
Collector, John D Seal.

On Motion of Charles W Massonneau George L Hicks was elected Rider in the place of Andrew C Seal deceased. and on further Motion the remaining Riders of last year were declared

selected for the ensuing year - the
Riders as elected are as follows -

John M. Thompson

Stephen R. Burnett

John H. Decker

David W. Kipp

Philip J. Raleigh

Lorenzo Len Brock

James Baxter

George L. Hicks

On Motion the Meeting
adjourned to meet at the House of
Howard Ellsworth the Third Tuesday
in November 1894 at 7 O'clock P.M.

R. E. Raleigh Sec.

The Third Tuesday of November

November 20th 1894

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Howard Ellsworth on November 20th 1894 at 7 O'clock P.M. there were present

Jacob W. Elseffer - President
Edward W. Pitcher - Treasurer
Richard C. J. Raleigh - Secretary
John D. Seal - Collector

and a

Quorum of Members

The Vice President David H. Pells was present at the Meeting but entered too late to answer to his name.

The Roll was called and the following Members not responding to their names the usual fine of 25^{cts} was imposed by the Chair against each Absentee, - viz

David H. Pells	Gustavus Chohwill
Martin Lasher	John H. Decker
Andrew C. Seal	Hoffman & Co.
Edward Martin	John H. Lipperly
David W. Kipp	Patrick Butler
Mary & Sarah Shafer	Philip J. Raleigh
George L. Hicks	Charles White
William A. Coon	Catharine A. Allendorf

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were then read, and were objected to by Charles W. Massonneau, - objection withdrawn, and on Motion the Minutes were approved as read.

John D. Seal, Collector reported the amt of fines of last year by him collected to be three dollars and fifty cents, - of which one half he paid to the Treasurer as

belonging to the funds of the Society -
On Motion the Collector's Report was
accepted.

In accordance with Article Sixteen of
the Constitution as relating to deceased Members
the names of Charles White and
Patrick Butler were on Motion of Charles
W. Masson duly seconded, ordered
stricken from the Roll.

The name of Andrew E Seal deceased
was on Motion stricken from the Roll of
Members, in compliance with a request
that the Meeting take such action.

The Membership of Ellsworth & Minkler
having lapsed according to the provisions of
Article Seventeen of the Constitution, as relating
to Copartnerships, - On motion of Howard
Ellsworth the name of Ellsworth & Minkler
was ordered stricken from the Roll -
and for a like cause, on Motion of
John M. Thompson, the name of
Thompson Bros, was likewise stricken
from the Roll of Members.

Mr Howard Ellsworth applied for membership
protecting two or more horses and accompanied
the application with the required fee of
five dollars, - The Ayes and Nays were called
and the Ayes being unanimous, the Chair
declared him elected and directed the
Secretary to enroll his name as a Full Member.

Mr Clarence W Martin applied for
membership protecting one horse only and
accompanied the application with the
required fee of Three Dollars, - The Ayes and
Nays were called and the Ayes being unanimous
the Chair declared him elected and directed the
Secretary to enroll his name as a Member for
one horse.

Mr Nathan Cairns applied for Membership protecting one horse only and accompanied the application with the required fee of Three Dollars - The Ayes and Nays were called and the Ayes being unanimous the Chair declared him elected and directed the Secretary to enroll his name as a Member for one horse.

On Motion Mr Albert Piester was paid Fifty Cents for printing Notice of Meeting in Red-Hook Journal.

Edward W Pitcher Treasurer then reported the following -

Amount of Funds in Rhinebeck Savings Bank with Interest accrued thereon up to July 1 st 1894	\$ 441.45
Received from Collector	1.75
Amt Membership Fees	11.00
Cash on hand	1.12
	<u>455.32</u>
Printing Bill deducted	.50
Total Balance of Funds of Society	\$ 454.82

On Motion the Treasurer's report was adopted.

Proceeding to the election of officers, the Officers of last year were on Motion declared re-elected for the ensuing year

On Motion Howard Ellsworth and Clarence W Martin were elected riders to fill vacancies and on further Motion the remaining Riders of last year were elected Riders for the ensuing year

On Motion a vote of thanks was extended to Mr Howard Ellsworth for his kind attention and courtesy

On Motion the Meeting adjourned to meet at the House of Howard Ellsworth the third Tuesday in November 1895 at 7 O'clock P.M.

R E Fraleigh, Sec.

The Third Tuesday of November

November 19th 1895.

At the regular Annual Meeting of the Independent-Society for the detection of horse-thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Howard Ellsworth on November 19th 1895 at 7 O-Clock P.M. there were present

Jacob W. Clauffer, President
David H. Pells, Vice President
Edward W. Pitcher, Treasurer
Richard E. Fraleigh, Secretary
John D. Seal, Collector

and a quorum of members

Meeting called to order by President Clauffer who directed the Secretary to call the roll and the following members not responding to their respective names the usual fine of Twenty-five Cents was imposed by the Chair against each absentee, viz

Martin Lasher	Hoffman & Co
Peter G. Fraleigh	James Bayler
Edward Martin	Mrs Martha K. Profer
Samuel Ten Broeck	John A. Sipsbury
Mary & Sarah Shafer	Philip J. Fraleigh
Gustavus Cholwell	William M. Hoffman
Electric Seals	William A. Coon
John H. Decker	Mrs Catharine A. Allendorf
Benjamin Seals	

The Minutes of last Annual Meeting were read and on motion approved.

John D. Seal Collector then reported the amount of fines of last year by him collected to be \$2.25 of which one half belonged to the Society. On motion his report was accepted and he paid \$1.27 into the Treasury

Report accepted

On motion of Mr C W Massonneau the fine imposed last year against Vice President Pells and duly collected, was returned to him out of the funds of the Society

In accordance with Art. 16th relating to deceased Members and on motion of Mr Stephen R Burnett the names of Edward Martin, John H Lipperly and William M Hoffman were stricken from the Roll.

Mr Edward W Pitcher desiring protection for two or more horses instead of one as heretofore, raised his fee to the required amount of \$5.00 by paying into the Treasury an additional \$2.00 — (whereupon the Chair directed the Secretary to enroll his name as a full member.

On motion Mr Albert Piester was paid .75 cts for printing notice of meeting in Red Hook Journal.

Mr Edward W Pitcher Treasurer then reported the following, —

Amount funds in Rhineback Savings Bank with Interest accrued thereon up to July 1 st 1895 - to be	\$472.90
Received from Collector	1.37
Half fee raised to that of full Membership	2.00
Total	<u>476.27</u>

Paid A Piester	.75	
" D H Pells	.15	
" H Ellsworth	.10	1.00
Total Amt Funds of Society		<u>\$476.27</u>

On Motion the Treasurer's Report was adopted

On motion of Mr C W Massonneau all the old Officers and Riders were reelected for the ensuing year, viz -

For President, Jacob W Elsaffer
" Vice President, David H Pells

For Secretary, Richard E. J. Raleigh
 " Treasurer, Edward W. Pitcher
 " Collector, John D. Seal
 and for Riders - Howard Ellsworth
 Clarence W. Martin
 Stephen R. Burnett
 John H. Decker
 David W. Kipp
 Philip J. Raleigh
 Lorenzo Ten Brock
 James Baxter
 George L. Hicks

On motion the Meeting adjourned to meet at
 the House of Howard Ellsworth the Third
 Tuesday in November 1896 at 7 O'Clock P.M.

R. E. J. Raleigh, Secretary

Roll of Members

Revised Nov. 19th 1895

No.	Names	Full Member	One Horse
✓ 1	Jacob W Elseffer	"	"
2	David H Pells	"	"
3	Richard E Jraligh	"	"
✓ 4	Edward W Pitcher	"	"
5-	John D Seal	"	"
✓ 6	Edward J. Massonneau	"	"
7	Jacob W Jraligh (Nov. 16th 1897)	"	"
✓ 8	Albert Piester	"	"
✓ 9	Martin Lasher	"	"
✓ 10	David W Kipp	"	"
11	Samuel Len Bonck (Nov. 15th 1898)	"	"
12	John R Chasen (Nov 15th 1898)	"	"
13	Mary and Sarah Seffer	"	"
14	John W Allendorf	"	"
✓ 15-	George L Hicks	"	"
✓ 16	Stephen R Burnett	"	"
17	Gustavus Chubbuck (Nov. 15th 1898)	"	"
18	Electus Seal	"	"

over

Roll Continued

Number	Names	Full Number	One Hour
✓ 19	John H Decker	" "	
✓ 20	Hoffman & Co.	" "	
✓ 21	James Baxter	" "	
22	James Ross (Nov. 21 st 1899)	" "	
23	Mrs Martha K. Porter	" "	
✓ 24	Loring Ten Brock	" "	
✓ 25	Charles W Massonman	" "	
26	Philip Fraleigh	" "	
✓ 27	L B Curtis	" "	
✓ 28	William A Coon	" "	
29	Lavinia G. Elzeffer & Daughter (Nov 15 th 1898)		
30	Mrs Catharine A Allendorf		" "
31	Benjamin Leats	" "	
✓ 32	W H Massonman	" "	
✓ 33	Henry Prosser		" "
✓ 34	Howard Ellsworth	" "	
✓ 35	Clarence W Martin		" "
36	Martha Cairnes (Nov. 15 th 1898)		" "
✓ 37	Peter G. Fraleigh (Nov. 16 th 1899)	" "	
✓	John W Waldorf		" "

December 31st 1895

Pursuant to call a special meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, was held at the House of Howard Ellsworth on Tuesday December 31st 1895 at 7 O Clock P.M.; — There were present a full board of officers and a quorum of Members.

President Elseffer occupied the chair and stated the object of the meeting to be, to audit the Bills covering the expenses incurred in the recovery of (Mr Nathan Cairns horse) — to receive new Members and to transact such other business as might appear necessary.

The Roll was then called.

On motion Mr Albert Piester was allowed \$1.00 for printing notice of Meeting in Red Hook Journal.

On motion a Bill for telephoning, amounting to Twenty-five Cents, was allowed and ordered paid.

A Motion was made and duly seconded that the Bill of Charles Van Steinburgh for returning horse and amounting to \$3.25 be paid — motion carried and the chair directed the Treasurer to pay this and the two foregoing Bills out of the funds of the society.

No other business transpiring the Meeting was declared adjourned sine die

R E Fraleigh Secretary

Third Tuesday of November

Red Hook November 17 1896

At the regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to an adjournment on November 17 1896 at the house of Howard Ellsworth at 7 O'clock P.M. There were present

Jacob W Elseffer	President
David H Pells	Vice so
Edward W Pitcher	Treasurer
John D Deal	Collector

and a quorum of members

President Elseffer in the Chair

On motion of Chas W Massoniere Henry Prosen was Elected Secretary pro tem in the absence of Secy R E Fraleigh

The President ordered the roll to be Called. The following members not responding to their names, the usual fee of twenty five Cents was imposed by the Chair against each absentee

Viz

Jacob W Fraleigh	Albert Piester
Martin Lasher	John R Traver
Mary Sarah Shafer	John W Allendorf
George L Hicks	Gustavus Chiswell
Mrs Martha K Proper	Lavina S Elseffer ^{Daughters}
Mrs Catharine A Allendorf	Nathan Cairns
Peter S Fraleigh	

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read, and on motion approved.

Minutes of the Special Meeting held Dec 31. 1895 were read and approved

John D Deal Collector presented his report. The amount of fines Collected by him was \$3²⁵ of which one half belonged to this Society. On Motion his report was accepted and he paid \$1⁶³ in the Treasury

Charles P White applied for membership protecting one Horse only, accompanied the application with the required fee, of three dollars. On motion Mr White was unanimously Elected, and the Chair ordered his name on the roll as a member for one Horse.

On motion Albert Piester was directed to be paid 75 cts for publishing notice of this meeting.

Excused H Pitcher, ^{Dras} presence & his report as follows

Nov 19, 95	Balance at Close of meeting	475.27	
July 1/96	Int on money in Rhinebeck		
	Saving Bank		19.10
Nov 17/96	Fines from Collector		1.63
"	" Membership Chas P White		3.00
			499.00
	Paid A Piester printing Special Meeting	1.00	
"	H R Telephone Messages	1.00	
"	Chas Van Stenburgh for		
	going after H Cairns Horse	3.25	5.25
	Balance Cash on hand		493.75

On motion of C W Massonneau, all the present officers and riders were re-elected for the ensuing year viz

President	Jacob W Elshoff
Vice do	David H Pells
Secretary	Richard E Fraleigh
Treasurer	Edward W Pitcher
Collector	John D Neal

Riders

Howard Ellsworth	Clarence W Martin
Stephen R Burnett	John H Decker
David W Kipps	Philip Fraleigh
James Bayler	Geo L Hicks
Lorenzo Ten Broeck	

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet at the house of Howard Ellsworth the third Tuesday in November 1897 at 7 o'clock

Henry Prosser Secy At

Third Tuesday of November

Red Hook November 16th 1897

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves held pursuant to adjournment on November 16th 1897 at the House of Howard Ellsworth at 7 O'clock P.M. there were present—

Richard E. Fraleigh, Secretary
John D. Seal — Collector
and a Quorum of Members.

Jacob W. Elaeffer President and David H. Pells Vice president being absent the Meeting organized by electing Henry Prosser Chairman pro tem.

The Roll was then called and the following Members not responding to their names the usual fine of Twenty-five Cents was imposed by the Chair against each Absentee, viz—

Jacob W. Elaeffer	Philip Fraleigh
Martin Lasher	L. B. Curtis
John R. Traver	Lavinia G. Elaeffer & Daughters
Mary & Sarah Shaffer	Mrs Catharine A. Allendorf
Gustavus Cholwell	C. H. Massomear
Hoffman Hcs.	Nathan Cairns

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and on motion approved.

John D. Seal, Collector presented his Report. The Amount of Fines collected by him was Two Dollars - of which one half belonged to this Society - he further reported the wish of John R. Traver to have his membership cease, which later the Meeting acted upon. On motion his Report was accepted and he paid One Dollar in the Treasury.

John W Waldorf applied for Membership protecting one horse only and accompanied the application with the required fee of Three Dollars - The Ayes and Nays were called and the Ayes being unanimous the Chair declared him elected and directed the Secretary to enroll his name as a member for one horse

The Bill of Mr A Piester, amounting to Seventy five Cents, for printing notice of Meeting in Red Hook Journal was paid by order of the Chair out of the funds of the Society

E W Pitcher Treasurer left the following Report with the Secretary who duly presented it

Received from Collector Nov. 17 th 1896	1.63
Memberships C White	3.00
On deposit with accrued Interest July 1 st 1897	508.68
Total	513.31
Pd printing	.75
Deposited Balance on hand Nov. 16 th 1897	\$ 512.56

On motion the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

In accordance with Article 16 relating to deceased Members, the name of Peter G. Graligh was on motion stricken from the Roll.

The name of Jacob W. Graligh deceased was on motion stricken from the Roll of Membership by request

In recognition of the earnest desire of John R Traver to withdraw from this Society and as an expression of consideration and respect because of his advanced age and long membership, a motion was made and seconded, that last year's fine be remitted and his membership continued over

in full force to the Third Tuesday of November 1898, when it shall cease and his name taken from the Roll of Members.

Motion Carried

Proceeding to the election of Officers and Riders
 - On motion, all the present Officers and Riders were re-elected for the ensuing year
 Viz -

President	-	Jacob W Elseffer
Vice President	-	David H Pells
Secretary	-	Richard E J. Raleigh
Treasurer	-	Edward W Pitcher
Collector	-	John D Seal

Riders

Howard Ellsworth	Clarence W Martin
Stephen R Burnett	John H Decher
David W Kipp	Philip J. Raleigh
James Baxter	George L Hicks
Lorenzo Sen. Brock	

On Motion the Meeting adjourned to meet at the house of Howard Ellsworth in the village of Red Hook on the Third Tuesday of November 1898 at 7 O-Clock P.M.

Richard E J. Raleigh, Secretary.

Third Tuesday of NovemberRed Hook November 15th 1898.

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the House of Howard Ellsworth on November 15th 1898 at 7 O Clock p.m., there were present Richard C. Lraligh, Secretary, John D Seal, Collector and a quorum of Members.

The president and vice-president of the Society being absent the Meeting organized by electing Henry Prosser chairman pro tem.

The Roll was then called and the following Members not responding to their names the usual fine of Twenty-five Cents was imposed by the Chair against each Absentee, - viz -

Jacob W Elseffer	Electric Seats
David H Pells	James Baxter
Edward W Pitcher	James Ross
Martin Lasher	Lavinia G Elseffer & Daughters
David W Kipp	Benjamin Seats
May & Sarah Shafer	Clarence W Martin
George L Hicks	
Stephen R Burnett	

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and on motion approved.

John D Seal collector then reported the Amount of fines by him collected to be Two Dollars, - of which he paid One Dollar into the Treasury as belonging to the Society. He further reported the recurring delinquency of several Members in the payment of their fines, which called for the action of the Meeting in accordance with the Rules of the Society governing such cases. - On motion his report was accepted.

By order of the Chair, Seventy-five cents were paid to Albert Piester for printing notice of Meeting in Red Hook Journal, out of the funds of the Society.

it was
Resolved, - That Three Hundred Dollars be withdrawn from the Rhinebeck Savings Bank and placed on deposit in the Savings Bank at Poughkeepsie, and that the Treasurer be instructed in regard to the Resolution and its requirements and to effect the change at the proper time.

Resolution adopted.

Proceeding to the election of officers all the old Officers and Riders of last year were on Motion declared re-elected for the ensuing year, viz -

President -	Jacob W Elseffer
Vice. President,	David H Pells
Secretary	Richard E. Traligh
Treasurer	Edward W Pitcher
Collector	John D Seal

Riders	
Howard Ellsworth	Clarence W Martin
Stephen R Burnett	John H Decker
David W Kipp	Philip Traligh
James Baxter	George L Hicks
Lorenzo Ten Brock	

On motion the Meeting adjourned to meet at the house of Howard Ellsworth in the village of Red Hook on the Third Tuesday of November, 1899 at 7 O-Clock P.M.

Richard E Traligh, Secretary

Third Tuesday of November

Red-Hook Nov. 21st 1899

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse-Thieves held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Howard Ellsworth on Nov. 21st 1899 at 7 O Clock p.m. there were present

Jacob W. Claesser - President
Richard O. Raleigh - Secretary
Edward W. Pitcher - Treasurer

and a quorum of Members, - the seats of the Vice President David A. Pells and that of John D. Seal Collector were both vacant.

The Roll was called and the following Members not responding to their names the Chair imposed the usual fine of Twenty-five cents against each Absentee, viz -

Martin Lasher	Mrs Martha A. Proper
Mary & Sarah Schaeffer	James Ross
George L. Hicks	Benjamin S. Seals
Electus Seals	Clarence W. Martin

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and on motion approved.

Owing to the death of the Collector John D. Seal, there was no report submitted of fines collected, and the Chair directed that the fines imposed last year be included and collected with those of the present year.

A Bill for printing notice of Meeting in Red-Hook Journal, amounting to 75.cts was presented by Mr Albert Piester, and there being no available funds on hand the Chair instructed the Secretary to have it paid at such time when the fines imposed shall be collected and said payment to be duly reported by the Collector at the next Annual Meeting

Over

E W Pitcher Treasurer, then made the following Report

Total amount funds on deposit in the Rhinebeck Savings Bank with accrued Interest thereon up to July 1st 1899 to be — \$547.⁵² — he further reported that the Resolution of a year ago embodying a change in the disposition of the Society's funds had not been acted upon and that the entire amount still remained in the Rhinebeck Savings Bank

On motion Report was accepted

Proceeding to the election of Officers the following were on motion selected for the ensuing year - viz

President	Jacob W Claesser
Vice President	David H Pells
Secretary	Richard E Gralough

E W Pitcher the retiring Treasurer positively declined a reelection to office, to the unanimous regret of the Meeting and on motion William S Massoumeau was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

On Motion James Baxter was elected Collector for the ensuing year, — and on further Motion the Riders of last year were elected Riders for the ensuing year, viz -

Howard Ellsworth	Clarence W Martin
Stephen R Burnett	John H Decker
David W Kipp	Philip Gralough
James Baxter	George L Hicks

According to Art. 16 relating to deceased Members the name of James Ross was taken from the Roll.

Referring to the Resolution passed Nov. 15th 1898, the Chair stated before the Meeting that said Resolution still holds good and under its provisions the present Treasurer William S Massoumeau be and is hereby instructed to withdraw \$300.⁰⁰ from

the Rhinebeck Savings Bank and place
the same on deposit in the Savings Bank at
Poughkeepsie

No other business transpiring, on Motion
the Meeting adjourned to meet at the house
of Howard Ellsworth in the Village of Red Hook
on the Third Tuesday of November 1900 at
7 O Clock p.m.

Richard E. Fraleigh, Secretary

The Third Tuesday of November

November 20th 1900

The Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the Detection of Horse Thieves was held pursuant to adjournment at the House of Howard Ellsworth on November 20th 1900 at 7 O'clock P.M. The President Vice President and Secretary being absent the Meeting organized by electing Stephen Q. Burnett Chairman and E. W. Pitcher Secretary pro tem

The Roll was called and a fine of 25 cts imposed by the Chair upon those not responding to their names -

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and on Motion approved.

James Baxter Collector reported the amount of fines by him collected to be \$3.⁰⁰ - one half of which he paid into the Treasury as belonging to the Society - On motion Report was accepted

By Order of the Chair Albert Peiter was paid .75^c for printing Notice of Meeting.

W. S. Massomeau, Treasurer informed the Society that in obedience to its instructions he had withdrawn \$300. of its funds from the Rhinebeck Savings Bank and placed the same on deposit in the Savings Bank at Poughkeepsie, and made the following report

Received from E. W. Pitcher, former Treasurer,	\$547.02
Interest accrued thereon up to July 1 st 1900	19.78
Total	\$566.80

The Money is deposited as follows

Rhinebeck Savings Bank	\$260.80
Poughkeepsie Savings Bank	306.00
	\$566.80

On motion Report was accepted.

According to Article 16 relating to deceased members, the names of Lorenzo Ten Broeck and John W. Allendorf were on motion ordered stricken from the Roll.

Proceeding to the election of Officers a motion was made and carried that all the old officers and Riders be declared reelected for the ensuing year.

On Motion the meeting adjourned to meet at the House of Howard Ellsworth in the village of Red-Hook on the Third Tuesday of November 1901 at 7 O'clock P.M.

E W Pitcher, Secretary pro tem.

Third Tuesday of NovemberNovember 19th 1901

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Howard Ellsworth in the village of Red Hook on November 19th 1901 at 7 O'clock P.M. - there were present

Jacob W Elseffer, President
 Richard E Jraligh, Secretary
 William S Massonman, Treasurer
 James Baxter, Collector
 and a Quorum of Members

The Vice President David H Pells was absent.

The Roll was called and the following Members not responding to their names the usual fine of 25^c was imposed by the chair against each absentee, viz

John D Seal	John H Decker
Martin Lasher	Mrs Martha K Proper
David W Kipp	L B Curtis
Mary & Sarah Schaffer	Henry Prosser
Electus Seal	Mrs Katharine A Allendorf
John W Waldorf	

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were then read and on motion approved

James Baxter Collector, reported the amount of fines of last year by him collected to be \$1.⁵⁰ of which one half belonged to the Society - On motion his report was accepted and he paid 75^c into the Treasury.

Application for membership being next in order, the name of John Bottomfelat was presented for full membership and the application was accompanied by the required fee of \$5.⁰⁰ - The Ayes and Nays

were called and the Ayes being unanimous the chair declared him elected a full member and directed the secretary to so enroll his name.

By order of the Chair Mr A Piester was paid 75^{cts} for printing notice of meeting in the Red-Hook Journal.

W S Massouneau Treasurer, submitted the following Report

Amt funds on hand at last report	\$566.80
Received from Collector	1.75
Interest on deposit in Rhinebeck Sav. Bank	10.52
Int. on Deposit in Poughkeepsie Savings Bank	12.36
	<u>591.43</u>
Paid A Piester for printing	1.50
Total Amt Funds in Treasury	<u>589.93</u>

On motion the report was accepted and the Treasurer handed \$5.99 the net proceeds of the present meeting, thereby bringing the total amount on hand to \$594.93

A motion was made and seconded that the names of John D Seal, Mary and Sarah Schaffer, Electus Seal and Martha K Proser be stricken from the Roll — carried

A motion by the President and duly seconded, creating James Baxter a Committee of One, to inform Mrs John D Seal that the protection and benefits of this Society secured by Mr Seal's membership became void at the expiration of Eighteen Months following his decease, and as an expression of the regard in which Mr Seal was held it was the unanimous wish of all the members present to have her join the Society, and on further motion of W S Massouneau, Mrs John D Seal was elected a full member provided she complied with the By-Law defining the rule of over

Membership within ten days from the date of this meeting - Both motions prevailed.

Proceeding to the election of Officers and Riders, all the old Officers and Riders of last year were on motion declared re-elected for the ensuing year, viz -

President, Jacob W Elseffer
 Vice President, David H Pells
 Secretary, Richard E Jraligh
 Treasurer, William S Massonman
 Collector, James Baxter

The Riders as elected are as follows

Howard Ellsworth
 Clarence W Martin
 Stephen R Burnett
 John H Decker
 David W Kippy
 Philip Jraligh
 James Baxter
 George L Hicks

No other business transpiring -
 On motion the Meeting adjourned to meet at the House of Howard Ellsworth in the village of Red Hook on the Third Tuesday in November 1902 at 7 O Clock P.M.

Richard E Jraligh, Secretary.

Order of Business

Organization

Roll-Call

Reading of Minutes

Collector's Report

Admission of Members

Settlement of Bills

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Miscellaneous Business

Election of Officers

Adjournment

Roll of Members

No.	Names	Remarks
1	Jacob W Elseffer	Died Nov. 15 th 1907
2	David H Pills	✓ Died May 17 th 1902
3	Richard E Fraleigh	
4	Hoffman & Co.	
5	James Baxter	Died Dec. 31 st 1908.
6	Edward W Pitcher	
7	Edward J. Massouman	✓ Died May 21 st 1905
8	Albert Piester	
9	Martin Lasher	✓ Died March 18 th 1905
10	David W Kipp	✓ Died March 23 rd 1904
11	George L Hicks	Died June 28 th 1911
12	Stephen R Burnett	Died Sept 30 th 1911
13	John H Decker	Died June 28 th 1911
14	Charles W Massouman	Died October 1910.
15	Philip Fraleigh	
16	L B Curtis	✓ Died August 1 st 1906.
17	William A Coon	
18	Catharine A Allendorf	✓ Resigned Nov. 21 st 1905
19	Benjamin Teats	✓ Died Aug. 21 st 1901
20	C H Massouman	
21	Henry Prosser	✓ Died Dec. 21 st 1902
22	Howard Ellsworth	
23	Clarence W Martin	✓ Died May 7 th 1904
24	John W Waldorf	✓ Died Sept 2 nd 1901
25	John Bottomfeldt	
26	Frederick W Lee	
27	Arthur Marshall	
28	Red Hook Milling Co.	
29	Iwing P. Fraleigh	
30	Theodore F. Cookingham	
31	John A. Curtis	
32	George S. Ancock	
33	John Troy	

Third Tuesday of November

November 18th 1902

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Howard Ellsworth in the village of Red-Hook, on November 18th 1902 at 7 O'clock P.M. — There were present

Jacob W. Elseffer, President
 Richard E. Jraligh, Secretary
 William S. Massonman, Treasurer
 James Baxter, Collector
 And a Quorum of Members

The Vice-President, David H. Pells was absent

The Roll was called and the following Members not responding to their names the usual fine of Twenty-five Cents was imposed by the Chair against each Absentee, — Namely —

David H. Pells	William A. Coon
Martin Lasher	Catharine A. Allendorf
David W. Kipper	Henry Prosser
George L. Hicks	John Bottomfeldt

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were then read and on Motion approved

James Baxter, Collector reported the amount of Fines of last year by him collected to be One Dollar and Eighty Cents — half of which belonged to the Society — On Motion his Report was accepted and he paid Ninety Cents into the Treasury

Frederick W. Lee made application for full Membership and accompanied the same with the required fee of Five Dollars — The Ayes and Nays were called and the Ayes being unanimous, the Chair declared him elected a full Member and directed the Secretary to

to so enroll his name.

By Order of the Chair Mr A Puster was paid twenty-five Cents for printing Notice of Meeting in the Red Hook Journal.

W S Massonneau, Treasurer submitted the following Report—

Cash on hand at last Report	589.93
Received from Memberships Fee	5.00
Received from Collector	.75
Received Interest on Deposits	23.88
	<u>619.56</u>
Paid Red Hook Journal for Annual Notice	.75
Total Amount Funds Nov. 18 th 1902	\$ <u>618.81</u>

Funds of Society deposited as follows

Pokepsie Savings Bank	336.55
Rhinbeck Savings Bank	282.26
	<u>618.81</u>

On Motion the Treasurer's Report was adopted.

James Baxter, Committee reported that Mrs John D Seal had concluded not to join the Society — Committee discharged

Proceeding to the election of Officers—
 Jacob W Elshoff was on motion reelected President
 Edward J Massonneau was elected Vice-President in the place of David H Pells deceased
 Richard E Fraleigh reelected Secretary
 William S Massonneau reelected Treasurer
 James Baxter reelected Collector

On Motion all the Riders of last year were declared reelected for the ensuing year, — namely
 Howard Ellsworth
 Stephen R Burnett
 Philip Fraleigh
 Clarence W Martin
 John H Decker

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David W Kipp
James Baxter
George L Hicks

No other business transpiring the Meeting on
Motion adjourned to meet at the House of
Howard Ellsworth in the Village of Red-Hook
on the Third Tuesday in November 1903 at
Seven O-Clock P.M.

Richard E. J. Raleigh Secretary

Third Tuesday of November

November 17th 1903

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Howard Ellsworth in the village of Red Hook on November 17th 1903 at 7 O'clock P.M. there were present.

Jacob W Elaeffer, President

William S Massomeau, Treasurer

James Baxter, Collector and a Quorum of Members. William S Massomeau was made Secretary Pro Tem.

The Roll was called and the following Members not responding to their names the usual fine of .25^c was imposed by the chair against each Absenter, Namely -

David H Pells

Catharine A Allendorf

Richard E Graligh

Benjamin Leats

Albert Piester

Henry Prosser

John H Decker

John W Waldorf

Philip Graligh

John Battonfeldt

Frederick W Lee.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were then read and on Motion approved.

James Baxter Collector reported the fines of last year by him collected to be .75^c - one half of which belonged to the Society. On Motion his Report was accepted and he paid .38^c into the Treasury

William S Massomeau, Treasurer then submitted the following Report

Amount Funds on hand at last Report	\$618.81
Received from Collector	.90
" " Membership	5.00
Interest on Deposit in Pohuipai Savings Bank	13.68
" " " Rhinebeck "	11.38
Total	649.77
Paid Albert Piester for printing	.75
Total amt Funds on hand	\$649.02

and deposited as follows

Pohuipai Savings Bank	355.38
Rhinebeck " "	293.64
	\$649.02

over

On Motion the Treasurers Report was accepted
 Pursuant to Article 16 relating to deceased
 Members the names of David H Pells, Benjamin Leats
 and John W Waldorf, were on Motion stricken from the Roll.

Proceeding to the election of Officers, all the old Officers
 and Riders were on Motion declared reelected for the
 ensuing year, Namely —

Jacob W Clauffer, President
 Edward J. Massonneau, Vice-President
 Richard C. Graligh, Secretary
 William S. Massonneau, Treasurer
 James Baxter, Collector

Riders —

Howard Ellsworth
 Stephen Q. Burnett
 Philip J. Graligh.
 Clarence W. Martin
 John H. Decker
 David W. Kipp
 James Baxter
 George L. Hicks

The Meeting adjourned to meet at the House
 of Howard Ellsworth in the village of Red-Hook on the
 Third Tuesday in November 1904 at 7 O'clock P.M.

William S. Massonneau Sec. pro. Tem.

Third Tuesday of November

November 15th 1904

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Howard Ellsworth in the village of Red-Hook on November 15th 1904 at 7 O'clock p.m. there were present—

Edward J. Massonneau, Vice President

William S. Massonneau, Treasurer

James Baxter, Collector and a Quorum of Members

The President being absent the Vice President occupied the chair and Edward W. Pitcher was elected Secretary pro tem.

The Roll was called and the following Members not responding to their names the usual fine of .25[¢] was imposed by the Chair against each absentee, viz—

Albert Pister

George L. Hicks

Richard E. Gralagh

Catharine A. Allendorf

Martin Lasher

Henry Brouss

David W. Kipp

Clarence W. Martin

John Bottomfeldt

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and on Motion approved.

James Baxter Collector reported the fines of last year by him collected to be \$2.00. One half of which belonged to the Society—On Motion the Report was accepted and he paid \$1.00 into the Treasury.

William S. Massonneau, Treasurer then submitted the following Report

Cash on hand at last Report \$649.02

Received from Collector .38

Interest on deposit in Pokupsie Savings Bank 14.34

" " " Rhinebeck " " 11.84

Total \$675.58

And deposited as follows—

Pokupsie Savings Bank \$369.72

Rhinebeck " " 305.48

In Treasurer's hands .38 \$675.58

On Motion the Report was accepted

Over

A Bill of \$1.50 presented by A. Piester for two years advertising of notice, was read and on Motion ordered paid.

Pursuant to Article 16 relating to deceased Members the name of Henry Proseus was stricken from the Roll.

Howard Ellsworth presented the following Resolution which on Motion was unanimously adopted —
Resolved - That on January 10th 1905 the Treasurer be directed to pay a dividend from the funds in his hands of Twenty Dollars to each membership of the Association as certified to him by the Secretary as entitled to the same — The Resolution embodied a division so unequal that the Secretary who was absent from the Meeting later called upon Mr Ellsworth and both he and a majority of the Members directed that it be amended so as to read Twenty Dollars to each \$5.⁰⁰ or Full Membership and Twelve Dollars to each \$3.⁰⁰ or Half membership, and which Mr Ellsworth declared to be his meaning.

Proceeding to the election of Officers, the following were unanimously elected

Jacob W. Clepper, President, Frederick W. Lee Vice President
 Richard E. Graligh Secretary - Wm. S. Massounean Treasurer
 James Baxter Collector

Riders

Howard Ellsworth - Frederick W. Lee - Stephen R. Burnett
 John H. Decker - Edward W. Pitcher - Philip Graligh
 James Baxter - George L. Hicks

On Motion the Meeting adjourned to meet at the House of Howard Ellsworth in the Village of Red Hook on the Third Tuesday of November 1905 at 7 O'Clock P.M.

Edward W. Pitcher
 Secretary pro Tem.

Third Tuesday of November

November 21st 1905

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of horse thieves held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Howard Ellsworth, in the village of Red Hook on November 21st 1905 at 7 O'clock p.m. the Meeting was called to order by the President J W Claesser.

The following Officers were present, Jacob W Claesser President, Frederick W Lee Vice-President William S Massomeau Treasurer, and James Baxter Collector, and also a Quorum of Members.

William S Massomeau was elected Secretary pro tem. The Roll was called and the following members not responding to their names, the usual fine of 25 cts was imposed by the Chair against each Absentee as follows—

Stephen R Burnett	David W Kipp
John H Decker	Catharine A Allendorf
Edward J Massomeau	John Bottomfeldt
Martin Lasher	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and on Motion approved.

The Collector James Baxter reported the following fines as having been collected.

Albert Piester	25 cts
Richard E Spaligh	50 cts
George L Hicks	25 cts
Clarence W Martin	25 cts
John Bottomfeldt	25 cts

Total collected \$1.50. Half of this belonging to the Society, he turned over the sum of 75 cts as its share. On Motion the Report was accepted.

Arthur Marshall having applied for admission for two horses, he paid the required fee of Five Dollars and was duly elected a full member.

Albert Piester's Bill of 75 cts for publishing Notice of Meeting was read and on Motion ordered paid.

The Treasurer William S Massonneau then submitted his Annual Report, as follows —

Cash on hand at last Report	\$675.58
Received of James Baxter Collector	1.00
Int. on Deposit in Pokessee Savings Bank	7.38
Int. on Deposit in Rhinebeck Savings Bank	12.10
Total	696.06

Disbursed —

Dividends as per Resolution at last Meeting	
Jacob W Clauffer \$20. ⁰⁰	Hoffman & Co \$20. James Baxter \$20.
Richard E Lraligh \$20.	Edward W Pitcher \$20.
Edward J. Massonneau \$20.	George L Hicks \$20.
Stephen R Burnett \$20.	John H Decher \$20. Philip Lraligh \$20.
Charles W Massonneau \$20.	Le Grand B Curtis \$20.
William A Cow \$20.	E Harris Massonneau \$20.
Howard Ellsworth \$20.	John Bottomfeldt \$20.
Frederick W Lee \$20.	Catharine A Allendorf \$20.
Albert Piester \$12.	Martin Lasher \$12. Estate of
Clarence W Martin \$12.	
Total dividends paid out	\$388.00
Paid Albert Piester	1.50
Total paid out	\$389.50

Balance on hand in Rhinebeck Savings Bank \$306.56.
On Motion the Report was accepted.

Pursuant to Article 16 relating to deceased Member the names of David W Kipp and Clarence W Martin were stricken from the Roll of Membership

The resignation of Catharine A Allendorf as a Member was presented and on motion was accepted

The following Officers were unanimously elected for the coming year

President, Jacob W Clauffer
Vice President, Frederick W Lee
Secretary, Richard E Lraligh
Treasurer, William S Massonneau
Collector, James Baxter

Readers, - Howard Ellsworth, Frederick W Lee
Stephen R Burnett, John H Decher, Edward W Pitcher

Philip J. Walsh and James Baxter

On Motion the Meeting adjourned to meet at the Hotel of
Howard Ellsworth in the village of Red Hook N.Y. on the
third Tuesday of November 1906 at 7 O'Clock p.m.

William S. Massonman

Secretary pro tem

The Third Tuesday of NovemberNovember 20th 1906

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horae. Liviae, held pursuant to adjournment at the House of Howard Ellsworth in the village of Red-Hook, N.Y. on November 20th 1906 at 7 O-Clock P.M., there were present—

Frederick W Lee, Vice-President

Richard E. Raleigh, Secretary

James Baxter, Collector and a quorum of Members.

Jacob W. Clauffer, President and William S. Masserman Treasurer, were absent.

The Vice-President, Frederick W Lee occupied the Chair Ex Officio and called the Meeting to order

The Roll was called and the following Members not responding to their names the usual fine of 25 Cents was imposed by the Chair against each Absentee, - viz

Albert Piester

George L. Hicks

Philip J. Raleigh

Le Grande B. Curtis

John Boltonfeldt

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were then read and on Motion approved.

James Baxter, Collector reported the Amount of Fines of last year by him collected, to be 75-Cents; - to which Sum, 25 cents were added at the Meeting, by Charles Hoffman paying a fine for Catharine A. Allendorf. One half belonging to the Society the Collector turned over 50 cents as its share. On Motion his Report was accepted.

Owing to the absence of the Treasurer there was no financial Report, other than that incorporated in the Minutes just read.

The usual Bill of 75 cents for printing Notice of Meeting in the Red-Hook Journal was not presented by Albert Piester - It was provided for in part by contribution, thereby raising the sum received from the Collector, to 75 Cents, the sum required in payment thereof and the Chair consented to hand the same to Mr Piester.

A motion made and seconded to change the Date of the Annual Meeting, from the Third Tuesday of November to the First Tuesday of September, was duly put and lost.

On Motion all the Officers of last year were declared re-elected for the ensuing year, and on further Motion the Riders of last year were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The Meeting on Motion, then adjourned to meet at the House of Howard Ellsworth on the Third Tuesday of November 1907 at 7 O'clock p.m.

Richard E. Traligh, Secretary.

The Third Tuesday of November

November 19th 1907

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Howard Ellsworth, in the village of Red Hook, N.Y., on November 19th, 1907, at seven o'clock P.M., there were present Frederick W. Lee, Vice President, William S. Maccombeau, Treasurer, and a quorum of members.

Jacob W. Cheffer, President, & Richard O. Fraleigh, Secretary were absent. The Vice President, Frederick W. Lee, occupied the chair, ex-officio, & called the meeting to order.

William S. Maccombeau was elected Secretary Pro-tem.

The roll was called, & the following members not answering to their names the usual fine of twenty five cents was imposed by the chair against the absentees viz.

Jacob W. Cheffer, Edward F. Maccombeau, John H. Decker, Le Grand B. Curtis & John Battenfeldt.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were then read, and on motion approved.

James Baxter, the Collector, reported the amount of fines collected to be as follows. Albert Piester, George L. Hicks, Philip Fraleigh, Le Grand B. Curtis & John Battenfeldt, in all \$1.25 and turned over to the Society 62 cents, that being the half, or share belonging to the Society.

The following persons applied for membership & paid in the required fees.

Red Hook Milling Co.,	two horses, or more,	\$5.
Irving P. Fraleigh	two horses, or more,	\$5.
Thos. F. Cookingham	two horses, or more,	\$5.
John A. Curtis	two horses, or more,	\$5.
George S. Ducock	two horses, or more,	\$5.
John Troy	one horse	\$3.

On motion all of the applicants were duly elected.

Albert Piester presented his bill of 75 cents for publishing notice of the meeting, which, on motion, was ordered paid.

The Treasurer then presented his report which, on motion, was adopted & ordered spread upon the minutes.

Report of last meeting, when the Treasurer was out of town.

Cash on hand last report	306.56
Interest on deposit	12.46
Collected by James Bonster, Collector	.75
Admission fee Arthur Marshall	5.00
Total	<u>\$ 324.77</u>
Paid A. Piester for printing	.75
Total cash in Rhinebeck Savings Bank	<u>\$ 324.02</u>
Report for this year	
Cash on hand last report	324.02
Interest on deposit	13.08
Collected by James Bonster, Collector	.50
Contributions to pay bill	.25
Total	<u>\$ 337.85</u>
Paid A. Piester for printing	.75
Total cash in Rhinebeck Savings Bank	<u>\$ 337.10</u>

Pursuant to rule the name of Edward F. Wassonmean was dropped from the roll, on order of the Chair.

On motion the following officers for the ensuing year were elected

President Frederick W. Lee
 Vice President Edward W. Pitcher
 Secretary Richard O. Fraleigh
 Treasurer William S. Wassonmean
 Collector James Bonster

Riders - Howard Ellsworth, George S. Ancoet, Arthur Marshall, Edward W. Pitcher, Theodore F. Cookingham, Irving P. Fraleigh & Philip Fraleigh.

No other business appearing before the meeting, on motion, it was adjourned to meet at the house of Howard Ellsworth, on the third Tuesday of November, 1908, at seven o'clock P. M.

Wm S. Wassonmean
 Sec pro-tem.

The Third Tuesday of November

November 17th 1908.

At the Regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Howard Olmorth, in the village of Red Hook, N.Y., on November 17th 1908, at seven o'clock P. M. there were present William S. Maccombean, Treasurer, & a quorum of members.

Frederick W. Lee, President, Edward W. Pitcher Vice President & Richard E. Fraleigh Secretary, were absent & the meeting was called to order by William S. Maccombean the Treasurer & organized by the election of Philip Fraleigh as Chairman Wm. S. Ancock Sec. pro tem.

The roll was called & the following members not answering to their names the usual fine of twenty five cents was imposed by the Chair against the absentees viz.

Jacob W. Cheffer, Edward W. Pitcher, Albert Piester, La Grand B. Curtis, John Battenfeldt, Frederick W. Lee, Arthur Marshall, Red Hook Milling Co., Irving P. Fraleigh, Theodore F. Cookingham & John A. Curtis.

The minutes of last meeting were then read & on motion approved.

James Baister, Collector, reported the amount of fines collected to be as follows John F. Decker & John Battenfeldt in all fifty cents & turned over to the Society twenty five cents, there being the half, or share, belonging to the Society.

The Treasurer then presented his report, which on motion was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Nov. 19 th 1907	Cash in Bank last report	337.10
" "	Received from James Baister Collector	.62
" "	" " Red Hook Milling Co. fee	5.00
" "	" " Irving P. Fraleigh	5.00
" "	" " Theodore F. Cookingham	5.00
" "	" " John A. Curtis	5.00
" "	" " George S. Ancock	5.00
" "	" " John Troy	3.00
	Interest on deposit in Rhinebeck Savings Bank	14.16
	Total	379.88
	Paid A. Piester for printing	.75
	Cash in Rhinebeck Savings Bank	379.13

Pursuant to rule the names of Martin Lacher & La Grand B. Curtis were dropped from the roll by order of the Chair.

On motion the following officers for the ensuing year were elected.

President Frederick W. Lee
 Vice President Edward W. Pitcher
 Secretary George S. Ancock
 Treasurer William S. Massonman
 Collector James Baxter
 Riders - Howard Ellsworth, George S. Ancock, Arthur Marshall, Edward W. Pitcher, Theodore F. Cookingham, Irving P. Fraligh & Philip Fraligh.

No other business appearing before the meeting, on motion, it was adjourned to meet at the house of Howard Ellsworth, on the Third Tuesday of November, 1909, at seven o'clock P. M.

Geo. S Ancock
 Secretary

The Third Tuesday of November

November 16th 1909

at the Regular Annual meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Howard Ellsworth in the village of Red Hook N.Y. on November 16th 1909 at seven o'clock P.M. there were present William S. Massonman, Treasurer and George S. Ancock Secretary and a quorum of members. Frederick W. Lee President, Edward W. Pitcher Vice President, were absent and the meeting was called to order by Wm S. Massonman, Treasurer and organized by the election of S. R. Burnett as chairman.

The roll was called and the following members not answering to their names the annual fine of twenty five cents was imposed by the chair against the absentees viz

Edward W. Pitcher, John H. Decker, John Bottenfield, F. W. Lee, J. F. Cookingham, John A. Curtis, John Gray.

The minutes of last meeting were then read and on motion approved. James Baxter, Collector, ^{being aided by the Treasurer Wm S. Massonman} reported the amount of fines collected to be as follows: Albert Presler, Fredk W. Lee, Arthur Marshall, Red Hook Milk Co, J. P. Fraligh, J. F. Cookingham and John A. Curtis, in all one dollar and seventy five cents and turned over to the society ^{the whole amount} ~~eighty seven cents~~. ~~This being the half or share belonging to the Society.~~

The Treasurer then presented his report, which on motion was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Nov 17, 1908	Cash on hand last report	379.13
" " "	Recd from James Baxter Collector	25
	Interest on Deposit in Chamber Savings Bank	15.30
		<u>\$394.68</u>

Bill of a Printer for \$1⁵⁰/₁₀₀ for printing notices was ordered to be paid

Pursuant to rule the name of Jacob W. Ellsiffur was dropped from the roll by order of the choir.

Arthur Marshall was appointed Collector in place of James Baxter deceased.

On motion the following officers for the ensuing year were elected

President Frederick W. Lee

Vice President Edward W. Pitcher

Secretary George S. Auncok

Treasurer William S. Mussonman

Collector Arthur Marshall

Riders Howard Ellsworth, George S. Auncok, Arthur Marshall, Edward W. Pitcher, Theodore L. Cookingham, Irving P. Haligh & Philip Haligh

No other business appearing before the meeting on motion it was adjourned to meet at the house of Howard Ellsworth on the Third Tuesday of November 1910 at seven o'clock PM
George S. Auncok Secretary

The Third Tuesday of November

Nov 15th 1910

At the Regular annual meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Hounid Ellsworth, in the Village of Red Hook N.Y. on November 15, 1910. at seven o'clock P.M. there were present William S. Massonman Treasurer & George S. Ancork Sec. & a quorum of members Frederick W. Lee President & Edward W. Pitcher vice President were absent & the meeting was called to order by William S. Massonman Treasurer and organized by the election of S. R. Bennett as chairman. The roll was called & the following members not answering to their names the usual fine of twenty cents was imposed by the chair against the absentees viz

Richard E. Traligh James Baxter E. W. Pitcher. C. W. Massonman Philip Traligh John Bottomfield - Red Hook Milling Co. Irving P. Traligh I. F. Cookingham John A. Curtis & John Iny.

The minutes of last meeting were then read & on motion approved Arthur Marshall, Collector, reported the amount of fines collected to be as follows E. W. Pitcher John Bottomfield J. W. Hecker, I. F. Cookingham John A. Curtis John Iny & F. W. Lee in all & turned over to the society. that bring the half or share belonging to the society.

The Treasurer then presented his report, which on motion was adopted and ordered spread on the minutes

Nov 15 1909 Cash on hand last report	\$ 394.68
Fines collected by ^{me} no fee being retained	175
Interest on deposit in Rhumball Savings Bank	15.92
Total	412.35
Bill of a Printer for Printing	1.50
Paid on hand.	\$ 410.85

Bill of a Printer for 75 cents for printing notices was ordered to be Paid

Pursuant to rule the name of James Baxter was dropped from the roll by order of the chair

On motion the following officers for the ensuing year were elected

President Frederick W. Lee
 Vice President Edward W. Pitcher
 Secretary George S. Ancork
 Treasurer W. S. Massonman
 Collector Arthur Marshall

Reads Howard Ellsworth George S. Aucock Arthur Marshall
 E. W. Peckham J. L. Cookingham Irving P. Raleigh Ed. Phelps Haley

No other Business appearing before the meeting on motion
 it was adjourned to meet at the house of Howard Ellsworth
 on the Third Tuesday of November 1911 at Seven o'clock P.m.

George S. Aucock Secretary

The Third Tuesday of November

Nov 21/1911

at the regular annual meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Howard Ellsworth, in the village of Red Hook. N.Y. on Nov. 21/1911 at seven o'clock P.M. there were present William S. Massonman Treasurer George S. Aucock Secretary & a quorum of members. Induct W. Lee President & Edward W. Pitcher Vice President were absent & the meeting was called to order by William S. Massonman Treas & organized by the election of Albert Presler as chairman.

The roll was called & the following members not answering to their names, the usual fine of twenty five cents was imposed by the Chair against the absentees viz

R. E. Haleigh, Edward W. Pitcher, C. W. Massonman Philip Haleigh John Bollingfeldt, Red Hook Milling Co, Irving P. Haleigh F. F. Hookingham John A. Curtis, John Day.

The minutes of last meeting were then read & on motion approved Arthur Marshall, Collector, reported the amount of fines collected to be as follows Richard E. Haleigh C. W. Massonman Philip Haleigh John Bollingfeldt Red Hook Milling Co Irving P. Haleigh F. F. Hookingham John A. Curtis in all two dollars & turned over to the society one dollar that being the half or share belonging to the society.

The Treasurer then presented his report which on motion was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Nov 21/1911	To Cash on hand at last report	410 85
	Share of fines collected	1 15
	Int on deposit in Savings Bank	16.56
		<u>\$428 56</u>
	Paid A. Presler for annual notes	75
	Bal on hand in Chambers Savings Bank	<u>\$427 81</u>

On motion the following officers for the ensuing year were elected
President Induct W. Lee

Vice President Albert Presler

Secretary George S. Aucock

Treasurer William S. Massonman

Collector Arthur Marshall

Riders Howard Ellsworth, George S. Aucock, Arthur Marshall E. W. Pitcher F. F. Hookingham, Irving P. Haleigh & Philip Haleigh.

No other business appearing before the meeting on motion it was adjourned to meet at the house of Howard Ellsworth on the third Tuesday of November 1912, at seven o'clock P.M.

George S. Aucock Secretary.

The Third Tuesday of November
Nov 19/12

At the regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Howard Ellsworth in the Village of Red Hook N.Y. on November 19/1912 at seven o'clock P.M. there were present W.S. Massonman Treas. Geo. S. Ancock Secretary and a quorum of members

Frederick W. Lee President, Albert Piester Vice President were absent and the meeting was called to order by Geo. S. Ancock Secretary and organized by the election of Howard Ellsworth as chairman

The roll was called and the following members not answering to their names the annual fine of twenty five cents was imposed by the chair against the absentees viz

R. E. Traligh Edw. W. Fitcher Albert Piester Philip H. Galigh John Butterfield F. W. Lee Red Hook Milling Co. Irving P. Galigh J. L. Cookingham John A. Curtis,

The minutes of last meeting were then read ^{on motion} and approved Arthur Marshall collector reported the amount of fines collected as follows John A. Curtis, J. L. Cookingham Irving P. Galigh F. W. Lee Red Hook Milling Co John Butterfield Philip Galigh Richard Galigh in all Ten dollars and turned over to the Society one dollar that bring the half or share belonging to the Society.

The Treasurer then presented his report which on motion was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes

Nov 19 To Cash on Hand at Last report	\$ 427.81
To share of fines recent	1.00
To Interest on Savings Bank deposit	17.24
	\$ 446.05
Paid A. Rushin for Publishing notice of meeting	75
To Bal in Savings Bank	\$ 445.30

Pursuant to rule the names of Geo L. Hicks S. R. Burnett John H. Drcker were dropped from the roll by order of the Chair

On motion the following officers for the ensuing year were elected

F. W. Lee President
Albert Piester Vice President
Geo. S. Ancock Secretary
W. S. Massonman Treasurer
Arthur Marshall Collector

Riders Howard Ellsworth Geo. S. Ancock Arthur Marshall
 Edw M. Ritcher S. L. Buckingham Irving P. Traligt El Philp
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No other Business appearing before the meeting on motion
 it was adjourned to meet at the house of Howard Ellsworth
 on the third Tuesday of November 1913 at seven o'clock P.M.

George S. Ancock Secretary

The Third Tuesday of November Nov 18/13

At the regular Annual Meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves, held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Howard Ellsworth in the village of Red Hook N.Y. on Nov 18/13 at seven o'clock PM there were present W. S. Massonman Treas. Geo. S. Ancock Sec. and a quorum of members.

The meeting was called to order by Frederick W. Lee President. The roll was called and the following members not answering to their names the annual fine of twenty five cents was imposed by the chair against the absentees viz Richard Fraleigh Edward W. Peckham C. H. Massonman John Buttfield J. F. Cookingham John A. Curtis.

The minutes of last meeting were then read and on motion approved.

Arthur Marshall collector reported the amount of fines collected as follows A. Peckham Philip Fraleigh John Buttfield & Mr. Lee Red Hook Village Irving P. Fraleigh & J. Cookingham J. A. Curtis in all five dollars and turned over to the society one dollar that being the one half or share belonging to the society.

The Treasurer then presented his report which on motion was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

To Cash on hand at last report	445.30
Amount of fines received	1.00
To Interest on deposit in Phenix Bank Savings Bank	18.00
	\$ 464.30

On motion the following officers for the ensuing year were elected

Frederick W. Lee President
 Albert Peckham Vice President
 Geo. S. Ancock Secretary
 W. S. Massonman Treasurer
 Arthur Marshall Collector

Riders Howard Ellsworth Geo. S. Ancock Arthur Marshall
 J. F. Cookingham Irving P. Fraleigh & Philip Fraleigh

no other business appearing before the meeting on motion it was adjourned to meet at the house of Howard Ellsworth on the third Tuesday of November, 1914 at seven o'clock P.M.

George S. Aucock Secretary.

The Third Tuesday of November 1914

at the regular annual meeting of the Independent Society for the detection of Horse Shewers held pursuant to adjournment at the house of Howard Ellsworth in the village of Red Hook N.Y. on Nov 17/14 at seven o'clock P.M. there were present F.W. Lee President W.S. Massonum Treas Geo. S. Aucock Sec. and a quorum of members. The meeting was called to order by F.W. Lee Pres. The roll was called and the following members not answering to their names the annual fine of twenty five cents was imposed by the Chair against the absentees viz Richard E. Dalrymple E.W. Pelkin Albert Reester Philip Dalrymple John Bollenfeldt Red Hook mfg Co J. P. Dalrymple J. L. Cookingham John A. Curtis and John Day.

The minutes of last meeting were then read and on motion approved. Arthur Marshall collector reported the amount of fine collected as follows C.W. Massonum J. Bollenfeldt J. A. Curtis, F. L. Cookingham in all one dollar and returned over to the society fifty cents that being the one half or share belonging to the society.

The Treasurer then presented his report which on motion was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

To cash on hand at last report	\$ 464.30
To amt of fines received	1.00
To interest on deposit in Rhinecliff Sav'g Bank	18.74
	\$ 484.04
To amount paid Albert Reester on acct of Bee, 150	1.00
Bal on hand in Rhinecliff Sav'g Bank	\$ 483.04

On motion the following officers for the ensuing year were elected

F.W. Lee President
 Albert Reester Vice President
 Geo. S. Aucock Secretary
 W.S. Massonum Treasurer
 Arthur Marshall Collector

Readers Howard Ellsworth Geo. S. Ancient Arthur Marshall
L. F. Cookingham Iris P. Tralig & Phoebe English

The following resolution was presented by Howard Ellsworth
Whereas the usefulness of this organization has passed
and its place taken by the efficient method of detecting
criminals through the Sheriff's office and the telephone
Resolved that a meeting of the organization be called
for the third Tuesday of Dec - Dec 15/14 at the Hotel
of Howard Ellsworth at 7 P.M. to consider the following
resolution

Resolved that we disband and divide up the funds of
the organization between the members

The following names were struck from the roll

Geo L. Hicks S. R. Burnett, John W. Drake & Charles W. Masson

No other business appears before the meeting on motion
it was adjourned to meet at the Hotel of Howard Ellsworth
on the third Tuesday of Dec. Dec 15/14.

Geo. S. Ancient Secretary

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