

**Constitution
for the
Lima Historical Society**

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Lima Historical Society located in Lima, New York.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The objectives of the society shall be the discovery, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge about the history of Lima and the surrounding area in the state of New York. More particularly, its objectives shall be:

Section 1. To discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of its exploration, settlement, development, and activities in peace and in war, and its progress in population, wealth, education, arts, science, agriculture, manufacturing, trade and transportation; printed materials such as histories, genealogies, biographies, descriptions, gazettes, directories, newspapers, pamphlets, catalogues, circulars, handbills, programs and posters; manuscript material such as letters, diaries, journals, memoranda, reminiscences, vespers, service records, account books, charts, surveys and field books; and museum material such as pictures, photographs, paintings, portraits, scenes, Indian artifacts; and material objects illustrative of life, conditions, events, and activities in the past and present.

Section 2. To provide for the preservation of such material and for its accessibility, as far as it may be feasible, to all who wish to examine or study it; to cooperate with local officials in ensuring the preservation and accessibility of the records and archives of the community and its institutions; to bring about the preservation of historic buildings, monuments and markers.

Section 3. To disseminate historical information and arouse interest in the past by publishing historical material; by holding meetings with addresses, lectures, papers and discussions and by marking historic buildings, sites, trails, and places of historical significance.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Lima Historical Society shall be open to any person upon payment of one year's dues. Only members in good standing shall have the right to vote or hold office in the society. The Board may elect honorary members who shall be exempt from payment of dues.

ARTICLE IV. ANNUAL MEETING

There shall be an annual meeting of the organization in the third week of May with advance notice appearing in the local newspaper. All officers and trustees shall be elected and installed at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND LHS BOARD

Section 1. The officers shall be the president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. The LHS Board shall consist of the president, vice president, secretaries, treasurer, historian, all committee heads, including ways and means, membership, museum, education, preservation, and three trustees from the membership at large; the three trustees will serve three year terms staggered by one year.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. The president shall appoint a three-member nominating committee.

Section 2. The officers and trustees shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. The recording secretary will read from a slate of nominees presented by the nominating committee. If there are any nominations from the floor, then all officers and trustees will be elected by a majority vote. Each officer will be elected for a two year term and will be limited to two consecutive terms unless a replacement cannot be found. The president will appoint replacements for any vacancies of any unexpired term of office.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any general meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of those voting, provided thirty days notice is given; it may be amended at a special meeting called for that purpose with previous notice and a two-thirds vote. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing.

ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

In the event of the dissolution, all of the remaining assets of the Lima Historical Society shall, after necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under section 501(0)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or to another organization to be used in such manner as in the judgment of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York will best accomplish the general purpose for which the Lima Historical Society was formed.