

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
LIMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "Lima Historical Society." It shall be 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; 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 the requisite dues as shall be set out by the Bylaws. The Board of Trustees may elect honorary members, or designate special classes of membership, as they shall see fit.

ARTICLE IV. ANNUAL MEETING

There shall be an annual meeting of the organization, set in accordance with the Bylaws. All officers and Trustees shall be elected and installed at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Section 1:** The Lima Historical Society shall be governed by a Board of Trustees, to be selected from the membership at large, which shall be charged with all obligations and responsibilities of running the organization.
- Section 2:** The Board of Trustees shall select officers, and can delegate certain authority to those officers to assist in the running of the organization. The officers of the Lima Historical Society shall consist, at a minimum, of a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. All officers shall be selected from the membership of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees may add additional officers as it sees fit.
- Section 3:** The selection of the members of the Board of Trustees, and the officers therefrom, as well as term length, staggering, and other details, shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI. 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 VII. BYLAWS

The Lima Historical Society shall, through its Board of Trustees, promulgate Bylaws that shall govern the organization.

ARTICLE VIII. CHARTER NON-PROFIT STATUS

- Section 1:** The Lima Historical Society shall be chartered under, and maintain its charter under, the New York State Education Law and the New York State Board of Regents.
- Section 2:** The Lima Historical Society shall, at all times, maintain its status as a non-profit organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as well as any equivalent state designations.

ARTICLE IX. 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(c)(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.