HEPBURN LIBRARY OF HERMON

An application having been made by and upon the request of the trustees of the Hepburn Library of Hermon, St. Lawrence County, State of New York, for an amendment of its charter, it was

Voted, That the charter of the Hepburn Library of Hermon, which was granted by the Board of Regents on February 25, 1921, be amended by changing the number of trustees from six to five to conform with the provisions of Education Law §260:1.
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MEMORANDUM RELATIVE TO
AMENDMENT TO CHARTER
OF
HEPBURN LIBRARY OF HERMON

It is recommended that the charter of the Hepburn Library of Hermon, a member of the North Country Library System, be amended to provide for a board of five rather than six trustees.

Jean L. Connor  Director
Division of Library Extension

January 1965
January 18, 1965

Re: Petition for an Amendment of the Charter of

HEPBURN LIBRARY OF HERMON

Memorandum by Counsel

Hepburn Library of Hermon, which was incorporated on February 25, 1921, has now petitioned the Regents for an amendment to its charter to provide for a board of 5 trustees rather than 6, to conform with the present provisions of Section 260.1 of the Education Law.

Included in the petition is a memorandum from the Library Extension Division recommending that the amendment be granted.

A proposed vote has been prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles A. Brind

Enclosure
Board of Regents  
State Education Department  
Albany, New York  

Gentlemen:  

Re: Charter # 2976  

The Board of Trustees of the Hermon Hepburn Library respectfully petitions the Board of Regents of the State of New York for amendment of that section of the Charter of the Said Hermon Hepburn Library pertaining to the selection of Trustees, to conform to the current provisions of Paragraph 260, Section 2, of the Education Law, namely that the Trustees be appointed by the Town Board for terms of five (5) years each, one term to expire each year.  

The names of the present Trustees, together with the dates of expiration of their respective terms of office follow:  

(Mrs.) Rhoda L. Ayers  
December 31, 1966  

Hubert M. Carpenter  
December 31, 1968  

(Mrs.) Ethel M. Cobb  
December 31, 1964  

Rexford Morse  
December 31, 1965  

(Mrs.) Doris G. Dominy  
December 31, 1967  

Respectfully yours,  

(Mrs) Rhoda L. Ayers  
Secretary
To: Director of Library Extension  
From: Robert P. Stewart  
Associate Library Supervisor  
Subject: Amendment of Charter: Hepburn Library of Hermon

Date: January 5, 1965

The Hepburn Library of Hermon is a town public library, chartered to serve the Town of Hermon, New York. It is the successor to the Hermon Free Library, an association library, which was dissolved by action of the Regents, June 20, 1921. Transfer of property of the Hermon Free Library to the Hepburn Library of Hermon was approved by the Regents, May 27, 1921. The present library was chartered by Regents action, February 24, 1921. It is a member of the North Country Library System.

The number of trustees was changed from five to six in 1918, to conform to Education Law (Sec. 1123) then in force. The trustees have been advised that the current provisions of Education Law, Sec. 260.1, mandate five trustees. Education Law, Sec. 260.2, expressly excludes libraries chartered before April 30, 1921 from this requirement until there has been an amendment of charter.

The attached material is the application by the trustees of the Hepburn Library of Hermon to amend their charter to conform to Education Law, Sec. 260.1.

[Signature]

RPS:gs
To: Jean L. Connor  

From: Allen Sevigny  

Subject: Hermon Hepburn Library, Hermon, New York  

Date: December 1, 1964  

The Board of Trustees of the Hermon Hepburn Library are now complying with the Education Law (§260, sub. 2) in regard to the number of trustees and the names of their appointment for town public libraries. Since their revised charter (February 24, 1921) precedes the cut-off date mentioned in law (April 30, 1921), the Board of Trustees have directed the Secretary to submit this petition to the Board of Regents supported by an excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the said Board, asking that their charter be amended to conform to current requirements.

The charter calls for a six member board. Some years ago an auditor pointed out to the Board that by current law a town public library is required to have five trustees, appointed for terms of five years. The Board was reduced to five members by not filling the vacancy when the term of one member expired.

It is recommended that the charter be so amended.

Allen Sevigny
Catalog author & title lists on cards

Accession book Gaylord, large size, which he calls "condensed" because space is given for author, title, source, cost & remarks only.

Shelflist on cards used with P.C. Index as subject catalog


Circulation about 150 books were out. All but 18 came in during week.

Remarks Books had been labeled with Pennison paper labels. These marked with accession no. We removed all these and marked all vols with white lettering. Rewrote book cards. Sent for an oak L.P. case, case, made author, title & name card. Sent for a Gaylord charging box. Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Pierre & Mrs. Risley helped every day.

Inspected by: C.P. Pliefer
Affidavit of chairman

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ...

[Sign]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of ___ 19___
APPLICATION FOR LIBRARY REGISTRY

To the Regents of the University of the State of New York:

The subscribers, elected by the automobiles free library
Association, maintaining a public library for the free use of the inhabitants of
and vicinity,
respectfully represent that action has been taken in accordance with law to establish such
public library, that
was incorporated under the laws of New York
[date], November 19, 1917, and that suitable provision has been made for the
equipment and proper maintenance of the library, as shown by the accompanying certificate
and the following inventory and statement.

Inventory

The trustees have for the purposes of the library

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New York State Education Department
University of the State of New York
Hornon Free Library. Voted, That a provisional charter be granted incorporating

Cynthia L. Mitchell

Hobel C. Jackson

Ertrude C. Hile

Curtis D. Risley

and Jennie L. Knox

and their associates and successors as a free public library under the corporate name of Hornon Free Library, to be located at Hornon, St Lawrence County, N.Y., with five trustees to be at first the persons named as incorporators to hold in the order of their naming for, respectively, one, two, three, four and five years, and their successors to hold for terms of five years to be elected one each year by the members of the corporation, whose number may be increased or decreased in such manner and upon such terms as it, or its trustees by its authority, shall by general rules provide; and that such provisional charter will be replaced by an absolute charter if within five years the corporation shall acquire $1000 worth of property available for its use and support and be maintaining, to the satisfaction of the Regents, a library of proper standards.
APPLICATION FOR LIBRARY CHARTER AND ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

To the Regents of the University of the State of New York:

The subscribers, elected by the [Library Association], trustees of a public library for the free use of the inhabitants of that place, respectfully represent that action has been taken in accordance with law to establish such public library and that suitable provision has been made for its equipment and proper maintenance, as shown by the accompanying certificate and the following inventory and statement.

Inventory

When incorporated the trustees will have for the purposes of the library

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| Other property                              |        |                 |
| Cases and other furniture                   |        | $7.50           |
| Building size 1 1/2 1 1/2 Brick             |        |                 |
| Grounds one [feet] by [feet], located on [Main Street] | | |
| Cash on hand or in bank                     |        | $1.50           |
| Valid subscriptions receivable              |        | $2.50           |
| Other property                              | Library Supplies | $8.00 |
| **Total value of other property**           |        | **$4.02.50**    |
| **Grand total**                             |        | **$4.02.50**    |

New York State Education Department

University of the State of New York

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R. V. W.

[Signature]
Therefore, being satisfied that public interests will be promoted by such action, we hereby ask to be incorporated and admitted to the University of the State of New York as [Here state the name, which preferably should indicate location]

Harmon Free Library

with a charter in accordance with the vote establishing library.

[Sign given names in full]  Mrs. Gertrude C. Hale
Mrs. Cynthia L. Hitchcock
Mrs. Jennie E. King
Mrs. Curtis O. Risley
Mrs. Mabel C. Jackson

Authentication of application

To be adopted by LIBRARY board at a legal meeting

The preceding application was submitted to the trustees at a legal meeting

Sept. 23, 1914, when the following persons were present

Mrs. Cynthia L. Hitchcock
Mrs. Gertrude C. Hale
Mrs. Jennie E. King
Mrs. Curtis O. Risley
Mrs. Mabel C. Jackson

Having been read and approved it was duly adopted as the application of said meeting, and ordered verified by oath of the presiding officer and transmitted to the Regents of the University. Done in obedience to said order this 23 day of Sept, 1914.

[Sign] Mrs. Gertrude C. Hale

Chairman
Hermow Free Library

Located at Hermow, St. Law. Co., N. Y.
November 10, 1914

Ownership or control Library Association

Support Entertainments, gifts, subscriptions, etc.

Mrs. Curtis D. Rickley; Gertrude C. Hale;

Trustees Mabel C. Jackman; Cynthia D. Hitchcock

Jennie C. Knowe

Building Business building. Center of Main St.

Value (if owned) Pay $4 a month

Number of rooms 1 - about 22 x 26 ft. in dimension - well lighted

Provision for growth yes, abundant

Books 459 on the shelves Have about $108.50

Condition Nearly all new for books; others received by gift

Classification None
CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER OF LIBRARY PROPERTY

This certifies that at a legal meeting of the Hermon Free Library held April 25, 1921, at which were present fifteen members, it was voted as follows:

Voted, That the books and other property of the Hermon Free Library described in the following inventory are hereby given to the Hermon Library of Hermon, a free public library under State supervision as an institution in the University, or to aid in establishing such free public library, in accordance with laws of 1910, ch. 140, \$\text{ 1129} \text{ and 1138}.

[Canceled any words which do not apply]
CERTIFICATE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW LIBRARY

This certifies that at a legal meeting of the Pocantico Free Library Association held September 23, 1914, at which there were present Twenty persons,

it was voted as follows:

(The usual forms of votes are here given for convenience. They can be adapted to special requirements by adding or canceling words.)

Voted, That a public library be hereby established for the free use of inhabitants of this town in accordance with the laws of 1910, ch. 140, § 59, § 1118.

Voted, That Mrs. W. T. Hetchcock, for one year;
Mrs. M. C. Jackson, for two years; Mrs. M. E. Hale for three years; Mrs. Geo. Risley for four years;
Mrs. M. Knox for five years.

be the first trustees of said library, their successors to be elected by the Library Association one each year to serve five years.

Voted, That the sum of $100 be hereby appropriated for the maintenance of said library.

(Add any other votes relating to the library)

Curtis D. Risley
Clerk

Gertrude B. Hale
President

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Hermon Free Library. Voted, That the transfer of the books and other property by the board of trustees of Hermon Free Library, of the town of Hermon, St. Lawrence county, N.Y., by their vote of April 25, 1921, to Hepburn Library of Hermon, of the said town of Hermon, be approved by this Board of Regents of the University and that a certificate of such approval be executed in our behalf under our seal and attested by the official signatures of the Chancellor, or Vice Chancellor, and of the President of the University, and be transmitted to the said board of trustees of the said Hermon Free Library.
The Hermon Free Library. Voted, That, upon the unanimous request of its trustees, voted at their meeting of April 25, 1921, at which every trustee was present, sufficient cause being thereby and otherwise shown, it be and is hereby adjudged and decreed by the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York that the charter of the Hermon Free Library, which was incorporated by the Regents on November 19, 1914, be and the same is hereby revoked, and that an instrument embodying this record and action be executed under the seal of the University and attested by the official signatures of the Chancellor, or Vice Chancellor, and of the President of the University, and recorded in the office of the Regents in their permanent public records, and a certified copy thereof be served upon the secretary of the said corporation.
To the Regents of The University
of the State of New York:

We, the members of the board of trustees of Hermon Free Library, therefore, in accordance with the above resolution, hereby request that the corporation known as Hermon Free Library be dissolved in accordance with said resolution.

1 Cynthia L. Hitchcock
2 Ola A. Johnson
3 Curtis Risley
4 Ellen M. Conant
5 Harriet E. Hitchcock

Dated at Hermon, N.Y., this 25th day of
April 1921.
State of New York  
County of St Lawrence

Cynthia L. Hitchcock, president, and Curtis D. Risley, treasurer of the Hermon Free Library, which was provisionally incorporated by the Regents of The University of the State of New York on November 19, 1914, being duly sworn, depose and say, each for himself, that the Hermon Free Library has no remaining property and no debts.

Cynthia L. Hitchcock  
President

Curtis D. Risley  
Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to before me April 26, 1921.

H. L. Wallace  
Notary Public
This certifies that

At a legal meeting of the board of trustees of the Hermon Free Library held at Hermon, N.Y.,
Present and voting the full board as follows:

1. Cynthia L. Hitchcock
2. Ola A. Johnson
3. Curtis D. P. Ricky
4. Elmer E. Hitchcock
5. Ella M. Cline

It was moved and seconded that the following resolution be adopted:

"Resolved, that when the transfer of the property of Hermon Free Library to Hepburn Library of Hermon of the town of Hermon, county of St. Lawrence and State of New York, is approved by the Regents, the corporation known as Hermon Free Library be dissolved."

Motion that the resolution be adopted unanimously carried.

Attest

Ola A. Johnson, Secretary.

Cynthia L. Hitchcock
Chairman
To the Regents of The University
of the State of New York:

We, the members of the board of trustees of Hermon Free Library, therefore, in accordance with the above resolution, hereby request that the corporation known as Hermon Free Library be dissolved in accordance with said resolution.

1 Cynthia E. Hitchcock 4 Ellen M. Cornell
2 Ola A. Johnson 5 Harriet E. Hitchcock
3 Curtis Risley

Dated at Hermon, N.Y., this 25th day of April 1921.
State of New York  
County of St. Lawrence  

Cynthia L. Hitchcock, president, and Curtis D. Risley, treasurer of the Hermon Free Library, which was provisionally incorporated by the Regents of The University of the State of New York on November 19, 1914, being duly sworn, depose and say, each for himself, that the Hermon Free Library has no remaining property and no debts.

Cynthia L. Hitchcock  
President

Curtis D. Risley  
Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to before me  April 26  1921.

[Signature]  
Notary Public
June 6, 1921

MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Watson

This is to advise you that the Board of Regents at a meeting held May 27, 1921 formally voted that the application for dissolution of the Eronon Free Library be forwarded to the charter committee for consideration.

Copies of the papers are going forward to the several members of the committee today.

Very truly yours,

MD
Hepburn Library of Hermon. The electors of the town of Hermon, in the county of St. Lawrence and State of New York, having, at a special town meeting on the 5th day of November 1918, voted to "accept the offer of A. Barton Hepburn to erect, equip, endow and donate to the town of Hermon a library building, and by such acceptance establish and maintain a free public library to make use of said building and equipment", and the Legislature having, by chapter 298 of the Laws of 1919, which became a law on May 5, 1919, amended section 1119 of the Education Law by adding to the section the words "A resolution duly adopted at a special town meeting in a town, called and held as provided by law, accepting a gift, grant, devise or bequest for public library purposes on condition that a specified annual appropriation shall thereafter be made by the town, shall be of the same force and effect as though such resolution had been adopted by a majority vote at a town meeting in such town at which town officers were elected", and the town board of said town of Hermon having, at a meeting held on the 10th day of August 1920, appointed Clifton A. Northrop, Jane E. Knox, Florence H. Hill, Lucy D. Snow, Judson E. Baker and William E. Beswick as library trustees, and the said board of library trustees having by their written application dated September 20, 1920, requested this Board of
Regents to grant to them, the said trustees, a charter in accordance with the vote establishing the library, incorporating them as a free public library, under the name of the Hepburn Library of Hermon, to be located in the said town of Hermon, with the corporate purpose of making use as a free public library of the building and equipment donated therefor by the Honorable A. Barton Hepburn,

Upon recommendation of the Charter committee, it was

Voted, That a charter be granted incorporating Clifton A. Northrop, Jane E. Knox, Florence H. Hill, Lucy D. Snow, Judson E. Baker and William E. Beswick as a free public library under the corporate name of Hepburn Library of Hermon, to be located in the town of Hermon, in the county of St. Lawrence and State of New York, with the corporate purpose, in accordance with the vote establishing the library, of making use of the building and equipment donated by the Honorable A. Barton Hepburn; the library to have, as provided by law, six trustees to be at first the persons named herein as incorporators, who are the duly appointed library trustees of the said town of Hermon, to hold until their successors shall be chosen by the electors of the town of
Hepburn Library - Hermon

Hermon at their regular town meeting in November 1921, the six elected trustees to hold, as shall thenceupon be determined by lot, two for terms expiring at the end of the year 1923, two for terms expiring at the end of the year 1925 and two for terms expiring at the end of the year 1927; the successors of such trustees to hold for terms of six years, beginning on the January 1st succeeding their election, and to be chosen, in conformity to law, two at each regular biennial town meeting in the said town.
Statement

Of necessity all these statements are merely estimates to indicate more clearly the plans of the trustees. Cancel any words which do not apply.

Field. The library is for the free use for both lending and reference of [specify locality to be served] containing 1495 inhabitants.

There are available to these people one other public libraries. [If there are any, give name and location of each]

Hermion Free Library

Will be transferred to Herndon Library of Hermon when incorporated.

Location. The library will be kept in [describe rooms, building and its location] its own building.

For these quarters the trustees will pay a rental of $... a year.

Hours. The library will be kept open not less than 26 hours on 6 days of each week.

Resources. In addition to the property named in the inventory, an annual appropriation of $100.

Cross out what does not apply

Has been voted by The Town of Hermon

Besides this we expect the following income during the year:

From gifts, subscriptions or other sources $... "

Total $...

[Do not omit estimate of income]

Expenses. We expect to pay out during the year:

For books $... For janitor $...
serials $... insurance $...
salary of librarian $... cases, furniture and fittings $...
assistants, if any $... stationery and other supplies $...
rent $... printing, postage and other incidentals $... fuel and light $...
Catalog

Accession book

Shelflist

Loan system

Circulation

Remarks

Recommended for clerker

Inspected by: Area G. Hall

Library Organizer
Affidavit of Chairman

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF

__55__

__Clifton A. Northrop__, of __Vermont__, in said county, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he presided at the aforesaid meeting, that the foregoing application was submitted to said meeting and that the statements therein are in all respects true, as he verily believes.

(Signed) __Clifton A. Northrop__
Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this __27__ day of __September__ __1920__

__G. T. Chase__,
Notary Public
CERTIFICATE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW LIBRARY

special

This certifies that a legal meeting of the town of Hermon, county of St. Lawrence and State of New York, held November 5, 1918, at which there were present 289 ballots were cast.

it was voted as follows:

That the town of Hermon accept the offer of A. Barton Hepburn to erect, equip, endow and donate to the town of Hermon a library building, and by such acceptance establish and maintain a free public library to make use of said building and equipment.

Voted, That William E. Bowman (one year), Judson Baker (two years), Lucy Corey (three years), Jennie Knox (four years) and C. A. Northrop (five years) be the first trustees of said library, their successors to be elected by each year to serve years.

Voted, That the sum of $10,000 be hereby appropriated for the maintenance of said library.

(Add any other votes relating to the library)

[Signatures]

[Addresses]
To the Town Clerk of the Town of Hermon,
St. Lawrence County,
New York.

Sir:

We, the undersigned, twenty-five taxpayers of the Town of Hermon, St. Lawrence County, State of New York, do hereby petition as follows:

That you bring or cause to be brought before the electors of the said Town of Hermon, on due notice, at the annual election to be held on November 5th, 1918, or at a special Town Meeting to be held within sixty days from the date of this petition, to be voted on by the electors of the said Town at such time for acceptance or rejection, the following offer:

To the Town of Hermon.
County of St. Lawrence, and
State of New York:

I hereby propose to the Town of Hermon and the Electors thereof, to erect on some suitable site located in the Village of Hermon, a suitable Library Building, so situated as to meet the convenience of citizens of said Town, and to properly furnish and equip the same, on and subject to the following terms and conditions:

FIRST: The Library Building, when completed, and on which the same shall be constructed, shall be conveyed to the Town of Hermon, or to the Trustees, to be elected as provided by law, or in such manner as may be prescribed by an act of Legislature, applicable thereto, as a gift to said Town, and shall be held under and subject to the provisions of the Education Law of the State of New York.

SECOND: In addition to said Library Building to be constructed as aforesaid, I will give, subject to the conditions hereinafter named, the sum of $20,000, the income annually arising thereon to be used in paying the salary of the Librarian and in purchasing books, periodicals and other publications and equipment as required by the said Library, and in meeting the expenses, from time to time incurred, in the proper care, conduct and maintenance of said Library.

THIRD: The Town of Hermon shall, by not less than a two-thirds vote, at the next annual election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, accept the foregoing gift and proposition and shall bind itself in the manner provided by law to tax as necessary, the said building and grounds, and also to protect the said fund of $20,000 against loss, and to annually tax the said fund in such amount as may be necessary to produce in each such year the annual income from said fund which, together with the annual income from said fund, shall amount to the sum of $2,000.

The said Library Building and its equipment shall be kept insured in a sum equal to the value of the structure, its fixtures and equipment, and in case of the partial or total loss by fire, the said building shall be repaired or rebuilt and its equipment replaced.

I do not wish to carry out the above proposition unless the same is received by the same be accepted by the Town with practical unanimity, and have for that reason included the requirement that the same be accepted by at least a two-thirds majority.

FOURTH: So long as the Town keeps the above covenant the said sum of $20,000 shall be absolutely under the control of said Town of Hermon, but to insure proper care in the management of said Library and to impress a sense of responsibility, as shall be necessary to make the income available for the maintenance of said Library, together with the income from said fund of $20,000, amount in the aggregate to at least $2,000, then and in that event the said fund of $20,000 donated by said A. Barton Hepburn, to said Town of Hermon, shall at the option of said A. Barton Hepburn, his heirs, executors or legal representatives, become due and owing to the said A. Barton Hepburn.

FIFTH: The control and administration of the Library will be fully and absolutely vested in the electors of the Town, and in order to prevent a politics from entering into the administration, and in order to insure the election of Trustees of a high order of ability and through them the selection of a most efficient Librarian, it shall be agreed upon the part of the Town that the Librarian selected shall be one trained and educated in the administration of libraries.

SIXTH: In case the foregoing offer shall be accepted, there shall be such acceptance, be established and maintained a free public library as provided by Section 1112 of the Education Law of the State of New York, to make use of said building and equipment of Hermon, as provided by the laws of the State of New York applicable thereto. The Supervisors and Town Clerk of the Town shall be duly authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the Town, with said A. Barton Hepburn, embodying the above terms.

SEVENTH: Experience proves that those Libraries are most successful which are made the centres of social activities. This Library will be provided with a lecture-room, which may also be used as an entertainment room. A kitchen or annex will be provided so that refreshments may be served. The Library will be a convenient meeting place for the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association or any society connected with any religious denomination, or a literary or business organization; in short, it will furnish conveniences for any activity of an social nature, all in the interest and subject to the control of the Trustees.

A. BARTON HEPBURN.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereto subscribed their names on and subsequent to the 4th day of Oct., 1918.

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I, Millard L. Knox, Clerk of the Town of Hermon, County of Saint Lawrence, State of New York hereby certify: That at a meeting of the Town Board held in the Town Clerks office of the said Town, County & State on the tenth day of August, 1930, the following persons were appointed to the office of Library Trustees to act until the next biennial town meeting:

Dr. C. A. Northrup, Jennie Knox, Florence Hill, Lucy Snow, Judson Baker & William Paswick. The postoffice address of all being Hermon, N. Y. with the exception of Judson Baker, whose address is Richville, N. Y.

Dated. Hermon, N. Y.

September 31st, 1930.

Millard L. Knox
Town Clerk.
STATE OF NEW YORK : ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE :

On the 3rd day of October, 1918 before me personally appeared G. N. Rysley, C. A. Northup, H. H. Reed, W. R. Fairbanks, W. J. Fairbanks, Vernon A. Green, H. J. Alexander, M. L. Knox, to me known to me and to be persons described in and who executed the foregoing petition, and they severally duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

G. L. Bartlett
A Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF NEW YORK : ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE:


to me known and known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing petition, and they severally duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

G. L. Bartlett.
A Justice of the Peace.
Town of Hermon. It having been duly made known to the Regents of the University, by the certificate of Millard J. Knox, town clerk of the town of Hermon, St Lawrence county, N.Y., that at the special town meeting of the town of Hermon held November 5, 1918, it was voted to accept the offer of A. Barton Hepburn to erect, equip, endow and donate to the town of Hermon a library building upon the conditions, among others, that the town of Hermon shall protect the endowment of $25000 against loss and shall annually raise by taxation or otherwise, for the support and maintenance of said library, such sum as shall be necessary to produce in each year a fund which, together with the annual income from said $25000, shall amount to the sum of $2000; and the Legislature having, by chapter 298 of the Laws of 1919, which became a law on May 5, 1919, amended section 1119 of the Education Law by adding to the section the words "A resolution duly adopted at a special town meeting in a town, called and held as provided by law, accepting a gift, grant, devise or bequest for public library purposes on condition that a specified annual appropriation shall thereafter be made by the town, shall be of the same force and effect as though such resolution had been adopted by a majority vote at a town meeting in such town at which town officers were elected"; and the conditions of the foregoing stated gift and vote of acceptance having been duly considered by the Regents, upon the recommendation of their educational extension committee, it was

Voted, That the Regents of the University approve the acceptance by the town of Hermon, St Lawrence county, N.Y., of the aforesaid conditional gift from A. Barton Hepburn, as voted at the special town meeting of said town held November 5, 1918, and that an instrument embodying this record of their approval be executed by and in behalf of this Board of Regents under their seal and attested by the official signatures of the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor and of the President of the University, and be recorded in the University's book of charters.
County of St Lawrence

Town of Hermon

I, the town clerk of the town of Hermon, do hereby certify that the records on file in my office show that at a special town meeting of the town of Hermon, St Lawrence county, N.Y., held on November 5, 1918, it was voted that the town of Hermon accept the offer of A. Barton Hepburn to erect, equip, endow and donate to the town of Hermon a library building, and by such acceptance establish and maintain a free public library to make use of said building and equipment.

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Dated at Hermon, N.Y. 28th, 1920

[Signature]

Town Clerk
Return of votes cast for Library Trustees. (ONE YEAR)

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Library Trustees for ONE YEAR.

Total number votes cast 370
Total Voted 83
Total Blank 287
Total 370

T. E. Beswick received greatest number votes.

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Total 83
Return of votes cast for Library Trustee (TWO YEARS)

Judson Baker 24
M. L. Knox 3
Eva Fairbanks 2
Harriet Hitchcock 1

Library Trustee for TWO YEARS

Total number of votes cast 370
Total voted 77
Total Blank 273
Total 370

Judson Baker received greatest number of votes.

Lucy Corey 2
G. L. Bartlett 1
M. G. Hale 2
K. L. Knox 3
J. E. Robinson 1
K. A. Babcock 1
Jennie Knox 4
William Beswick 4
W. G. Pople 1
Blanche Richardson 5
Harry Reed 2
Orrin Blandin 1
G. T. Chaney 1
Clara Wallace 2
V. A. Groen 1
Mrs. M. G. Hale 1

Total 77
Return of votes cast for Library Trustees (FIVE YEARS)

Dr. C. A. Northup 52
Curtis Risley 2
W. G. Popple 1

Library Trustees for FIVE YEARS.

Total number of votes cast 370
Total voted 95
Total Blank 275
Total 370

Dr. C. A. Northup received the greatest number of votes.

Carey Graham
Gertrude Hale 1
E. J. Alexander 1
Clara Wallaco 2
Ethel Green 1
W. B. Reswick 1
Carlton P. Day 1
H. L. Knox 2
C. H. Richardson 2
Dora Cocor 1
Harry Reed 1
F. H. Galo 1
C. D. Haddock 1
Jennie Knox 1
V. A. Babcock 1
V. O. Halo 1

Total 95.
Return of votes cast Library Trustee (FOUR YEARS)

Jennie Knox
J. E. Robinson
Minnie Conant

Library Trustee for FOUR YEARS.

Total number votes cast 370
Total voted 85
Total Blank 285
Total 370

Jennie Knox received the greatest number of votes.

H. L. Wallace
"Va Fairbanks
Harry Reed
D. I. Chaney
Judson Baker
"M. Hitchcock
Bertha Balmat
Mrs. V. G. Haas
Calob Reed
Dr. C. A. Northrup
Mrs. D. I. Chaney
G. H. Risley
Laura Williams
C. L. Westurn
Bertha Beswick
Henry Day
John Wells
B. E. Wells
Lex Northur
Harold Parker
Merrill Murray

Total 85
Return of votes cast for Library Trustee (THREE YEARS)

Lucy Corey .................................................. 21
G. N. Risley ................................................... 5
Fl. L. Wallace ................................................ 6

Library Trustee for THREE YEARS.

Total number of votes cast 370
Total voted 82
Total Blank 288
Total 370

Lucy Corey received the greatest number of votes.

Ward Parker .................................................. 2
Judson Baker .................................................. 4
T. E. Beavick ................................................ 2
Clara Wallace ................................................ 1
Curtis Risley ............................................... 1
Caleb Read ................................................... 1
Carrie Dewey ............................................... 1
Mr. Hitchcock ................................................ 3
Mrs. H. G. Hale ........................................... 2
S. G. Maine .................................................. 1
Mrs. D. F. Conant .......................................... 1
E. F. Peppers ................................................ 1
Bert Hallogas ................................................ 1
G. T. Chafee ............................................... 5
Leslie Reed .................................................. 1

Total ........................................................... 82
30th day of January, One thousand nine hundred and nineteen, by and between A. Barton Hepburn, of the City, County and State of New York (hereinafter at times designated as the "Donor"), party of the first part, and the TOWN OF HERMION, a municipal corporation organized under and pursuant to the Laws of said State (hereinafter at times designated as the "Donee"), party of the second part, as follows:

WHEREAS the Donor did on the 12th day of September, 1918, make the proposal in writing to the Donee, pursuant to which the Donor offered to erect a substantial and creditable Library Building, and to properly furnish and equip the same and to contribute a fund amounting to Twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) for the purposes and in the manner set forth; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the statutes of the State of New York, and on petition of twenty-five taxpayers of the said Town of Hermion, the proposal made by the Donor was, on due notice, submitted to the electors of the said Town of Hermion at a regular election duly held on the 8th day of November, 1918, for the acceptance or rejection of said electors in the following form:

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**PROPOSITION NUMBER I.**

Shall the Town of Hermion accept the offer of A. Barton Hepburn to erect, equip, endow and donate to the Town of Hermion a Library Building, and by such acceptance establish and maintain a free public library to make use of such building and equipment? Said offer is in the following form, to-wit:

To the Town of Hermion,

County of C. Lawrence, and

State of New York:

I hereby propose to the Town of Hermion and the Electors thereof, to erect on some suitable site located in the Village of Hermion, a substantial and creditable Library Building which shall be associated to the convenience of citizens of said Town, and in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

FINALLY: The Library Building, when completed, shall be dedicated to the Town of Hermion, and shall be maintained as such. The Town, or any successor thereto, shall be entitled to the use and enjoyment thereof, from time to time as the same shall be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the said Library, and shall be held under the power of the State of New York.

SECOND: In addition to said Library Building to be constructed as aforesaid, the sum of $20,000, the income annually arising therefrom to be used in part in paying the salary of a librarian and the purchase of books, periodicals and other publications and equipment as required by law, and for the maintenance and repair of said Library, and to meet the expenses therefor, and to the extent of such income as shall not be necessary to produce in such year a fund which, together with the annual income from said $20,000, shall amount to the sum of $20,000.

The said Library Building and its equipment shall be held forever in such a manner as shall be agreed upon by the Town and such librarian, as to its location and equipment, in all the circumstances, and in case of part or any part to be hereafter abandoned or destroyed, the equipment shall be replaced, if not the Town will accept and carry out the above proposition unless the same is rejected by the Town with practical unanimity, and have for that reason inserted the requirement that the same be accepted by at least two-thirds majority.

THIRD: So long as the Town keeps the above proposition the said $20,000 shall be deposited under the control of said Town of Hermion, but to insure the management above proposed, the Town shall be bound to accept and carry out the above proposition, and shall be vested with the power to make the income available for the maintenance of said Library, and to the extent of the said sum of $20,000, amount in the aggregate to at least $1,600, to be paid over to the librarian, or to the Town, as the same shall be determined by the Town. To any city or town the said sum of $20,000 donated by said A. Barton Hepburn, to the maintenance of said Library, shall be in the event of said A. Barton Hepburn, his heirs, executors or legal representatives, and the heirs of the same, shall be enforceable against said Town of Hermion in any proper Court of Law of the State of New York.

FOURTH: The control and administration of the Library shall be vested in the hands of the Town, and in order to prevent political control or the securing of ability, or through them, the selection of a most efficient Librarian, it is hereby resolved that the Town that the Librarian selected shall be tested and selected in the administration of the Library.

FIFTH: If the foregoing offer shall be accepted, there shall be such a proposition shall be established and maintained a free public library as provided for in the School Law of the State of New York, to be managed and controlled as provided in the School Law of the State of New York applicable thereto.

SIXTH: If the foregoing offer shall be accepted, there shall be such a proposition shall be established and maintained a free public library as provided for in the School Law of the State of New York, to be managed and controlled as provided in the School Law of the State of New York applicable thereto.

SEVENTH: The said offer of A. Barton Hepburn, embracing the above terms and conditions, is hereby accepted, and the Town of Hermion shall be bound by the same and is hereby accepted, and the Town of Hermion shall be bound by the same.

New York, December 13, 1918.
and

WHEREAS at said election duly held and on notice duly
given, as aforesaid, 389 votes were cast on the proposition
then submitted, of which 238 were in favor of, 28 against, II
blank and 2 void, the acceptance of said proposition; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said vote, the Supervisor and Town
Clerk of the said Town of Hermon were in due form authorized to
enter into a contract in the name of the Town of Hermon with
the said donor providing for the carrying out of the terms of the
said proposition,

REXXX

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and in
conformity with the authority and power vested in the Supervisor
and Town Clerk, it is CONTRACTED, COVENANTED AND AGREED,

FIRST: The Donor hereby expressly binds himself, his
heirs, executors and administrators to the faithful performance
and execution of all the terms, provisions and conditions of
said offer made by the Donor and submitted to and accepted by the
electors of the said Town of Hermon on the terms and subject to
the conditions in said proposal heretofore set forth.

SECOND: The Town of Hermon contracts and agrees to
accept, and does hereby accept, the offer made by the Donor and
expressly binds itself to take proper care of said Library Build-
ing and the grounds as set forth in XXX said proposal, and to
properly invest, conserve and protect the said sum of Twenty
thousand dollars ($20,000) provided to be given by the Donor as
in said proposal stated, against any and all los, and to annually
raise by taxation, or otherwise, and appropriate for the support
and maintenance of said Library such sum as shall be necessary
to produce in each year a fund, which, together with the annual
income from said Twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) donated as
aforesaid, shall amount to the sum of Two thousand dollars
($2000) per annum.
THIRD: The said Town of Hermon hereby expressly binds itself to do, perform, execute and carry out any and all the conditions, undertakings and obligations of every kind and nature set forth in said offer, according to the intent and purpose of said offer, made by said Donor and accepted by the electors of the said Town of Hermon, as aforesaid, and hereby expressly binds itself to the faithful performance of any and all obligations growing out of or connected with the said offer by the said Town of Hermon, undertaken to be performed, done, executed and committed; and in case the said Town of Hermon shall refuse or fail to faithfully perform the said conditions, undertakings and obligations by it assumed, as in the proposal by the said Donor provided, then and in that event the said fund of Twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) provided to be paid by the Donor, as hereinbefore stated, shall revert to and become the property of the said Donor, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and shall demand, be paid over to the said Donor, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Donor has hereto set his hand and affixed his seal, and said Town of Hermon, in conformity with the vote of its Electors given and had as aforesaid, has caused these presents to be executed in its behalf by William F. Hitchcock, its Supervisor, and Millard L. Knox, its Clerk, and its corporate seal to be affixed the day and date first above mentioned.

A. Barton Hepburn (SEAL)
TOWN OF HERMON

ATTEST:

By William F. Hitchcock
Supervisor.

Millard L. Knox
Town Clerk.
At the Town Meeting held in the Town of Hermon on Nov. 6th, 1918 the following persons were elected trustees for the proposed Hepburn Library,

William E. Beswick, Trustee for one year.
Judson Baker,       *   two   *
Lucy Corey,        *   three  *
Jennie Knox,       *   four   *
Dr. C. A. Northup, *   five   *

No nominations were made before the election for the office of trustees. The names were written in by the electors and the result showed as above.

M. L. Knox
Town Clerk.
31 January 1919

Town Clerk
Hermon, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

We have recently learned that the town of Hermon has accepted the Hepburn offer of a library building and endowment and we shall much appreciate the favor if you can supply us with the following documents and information.

We should like to have a copy of the petition to have the offer submitted to a vote at the special town meeting, a copy of the notice of the town meeting including Mr Hepburn's offer, copies of such ballots as may have been used in voting to accept the proposition and voting to establish a free public library and in voting for trustees. We should also like a statement of the results of the various votes and information as to whether the trustees determined upon the length of office by lot, as provided for in section 1123 of the Education Law.

We assume that the trustees, in accordance with the provisions of the law, will soon make application for incorporation and we shall need all of the above information in connection with the application.

Very truly yours

WKF-HCC
Wm. R. Watson,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:—

Enclosed you will find, I believe, the different papers ask for in your letter of Jan. 31st.

Now I am going to ask for a little information.

As you no doubt know there is a Library in this Town chartered under the State. This is known as the Hermon Free Library. When Mr. Hepburn has his new building ready it is intended that the Hermon Free Library will cease to exist. All books and equipment will be moved to the new Library. Will it be necessary to apply for a new charter or would it be alright to simply have the name changed on the present charter?

I would be very thankful to you for the full information of the proper course of procedure in this matter. I am,

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Town Clerk.
5 February 1919

Mr M. L. Knox
Hermion, N.Y.

My dear Mr Knox:

We appreciate your promptness in sending copies of the papers used in connection with the offer and acceptance of the Hepburn library proposition. We shall be glad to have a statement of the number of votes cast for each trustee.

Unfortunately the proposition as submitted to your town called for the election of five trustees instead of six. The law was amended last year and now provides for six trustees, two to be elected each year to serve for terms of six years.

With regard to your question concerning the Hermion Free Library, this is an entirely distinct institution from the free public library which you have just voted to establish but of course you will not wish to maintain two libraries and as soon as the newly elected trustees of the Hepburn library have applied for incorporation and received a charter it will be in order for the trustees of the Hermion Free Library to apply to the Regents for permission to transfer their property to the new institution and to ask that their corporation be dissolved. It will not be necessary to take any steps in regard to that until the new library has been incorporated. Enclosed herewith are copies of our handbooks which may prove of use in connection with the establishment of the new library.

Very truly yours

Very truly yours
Mr. Wm. R. Watson,
Albany, New York.
My dear Mr. Watson:—

Your letter of the fifth inst. received and contents noted. The best that I have to offer you as to the statement of the votes cast for each trustee is the enclosed carbon copy of the record I have on file in this office. This was made up by me after the election. You will see that I had to take the return sheets from the three different districts in the Town and bring them together. As there were no nominations made before the election for the Trustees names were written in and it made some muss in counting up. However I trust that this will satisfy your office. If it will not come again and I will try and give you more data.

The forms for the voting of this proposition and the Trustees was drawn up by Mr. Hepburn's lawyer and we took it for granted that it was correct and went ahead to carry out his forms.

Now, a little more information, please. As you state, we are short one trustee. Will it be necessary for the Town Board to make an appointment? I don't see how it will be possible to elect one new trustee each year as Towns hold Town Meetings only once in two years. It would not seem
just proper to oblige the Town to go to the expense of calling
a special Town Meeting each year to elect a trustee. Can you
suggest a way around this difficulty. There will be a regular
Town Meeting held this fall at the time of general election.

I wish to thank you for the pamphlets sent with
your letter and will see that they are placed in the hands of
the New Hepburn Library Trustees. I am,

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Town Clerk.
8 February 1919

Mr. M. L. Knox
Town Clerk
Hermon, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Knox:

Thank you very much for the additional information in regard to the election of the trustees of the new library. The information as you have given it will we think serve our purpose. We do not think that it will be necessary to call another town meeting for the election of the sixth trustee but we are unable at this date to state just what procedure should be followed. We will communicate with you later in regard to the matter, however, and will at that time send the necessary forms on which the trustees may make formal application for incorporation. It was because of the difficulty of electing a trustee each year in a town that the law was changed to provide for six trustees to be elected two at each regular town meeting to serve for terms of six years.

Very truly yours

WRT-HCC
Hermon July 1920

Educational Dept.
Division of Libraries
Albany
N.Y.

Gentlemen;

We have organized the board of trustees of The Hepburn Library at Hermon and write for the necessary blanks in order to make an application for a charter under the Regents for said library as a public library.

[Signature]
Pres.

[Signature]
Sec.
24 July 1920

Dr. C. A. Northrop
President, Hepburn Library of Hermon
Hermon, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request we are sending you herewith forms on which to make application for the incorporation of the library established by action of the voters at the town meeting held Nov. 5, 1918. The documents and correspondence on file in this office show that at that meeting it was voted to "accept the offer of A. Barton Hepburn to erect, equip, endow and donate to the town of Hermon a library building, and by such acceptance establish and maintain a free public library to make use of such building and equipment"; and that William E. Beswick, Judson Baker, Lucy Corey, Jennie Knox and C. A. Northrop were elected as library trustees. Library trustees of a town public library are town officers, and in the absence of legal provisions to the contrary they are subject to the laws governing the election or appointment of town officers. There is no provision for the election of town officers at a special town meeting and it has been held that no officer can be elected at such meeting (People ex rel. Thomas V. Sackett (1897), 15 App. Div. 290, 44 N.Y. Sup. 583; People ex rel. Hyde vs Potter (1903), 40 Misc. 485, 86 N.Y. Sup. 649, aff'd. (1903), 88 App. Div. 239, 85 N.Y. Sup. 460). It seems clear, therefore, that the library trustees elected at the special town meeting held Nov. 5, 1918, were elected contrary to the provisions of the Town Law and that they are therefore without authority to act as the board of library trustees.

In accepting the Hepburn gift the electors voted to "establish and maintain a free public library" and section 1123 of the Education Law provides that such a library established by a town shall have a board of six trustees. With the establishment of the library by the
vote of Nov. 5, 1919, six offices were thereby created
and as the electors are without power, until the regu-
lar town election, to elect trustees to fill these of-
ices vacancies now exist in all of them unless they
have been filled by the appointment of library trust-
tees by the town board or by the election of six trus-
tees at the biennial town meeting held in November 1919.
Section 130 of the Town Law authorises the town board
to fill existing vacancies in town offices until the
next biennial town meeting, and in accordance with
this provision the town board should appoint six li-
brary trustees to hold until their successors are
elected at the biennial town meeting in 1921 unless
such action has already been taken by the town board
or unless trustees were elected at the regular town
meeting in November 1919. Inasmuch as the five trus-
tees chosen at the special town meeting held Nov. 5,
1918, undoubtedly represented the wishes of the voters
as to the persons who should serve as library trustees
it would seem appropriate for the town board to name
these five persons and one other as library trustees to
provide the full number required by law if the offices
were not filled at the November 1919 town election.
If the library trustees were elected at the town meeting
in November 1919 they should meet and choose their terms
of office by lot in the presence of the town clerk, two
for the term ending Dec. 31, 1921, two for the term end-
ing Dec. 31, 1923 and two for the term ending Dec. 31,
1925. If the trustees were appointed by the town board,
however, terms of office should not be chosen as the
terms of all six will expire Dec. 31, 1921.

The trustees should make application to the Regents
for incorporation on the forms enclosed herewith. In
addition to the application we shall need a certified
statement by the town clerk showing the appointment of
the trustees by the town board, if they were appointed,
or the result of the vote for trustees at the town
election in November 1919 if the trustees were elected.
In filling out the form of application for charter please see that at least one Christian name of each trustee is given in full, not merely initials or a contraction of the given name.

We hope it will be possible to arrange for a meeting of the trustees at a very early date in order that your application may be placed before the Regents for their action with as little delay as possible.

Very truly yours

William R. Watson
RECEIPT FOR TRANSFERRED LIBRARY PROPERTY

We, the trustees of the [Public Library of [Village/Small town] Free Library], have received from the trustees of the [Public Library of [Village/Small town] Free Library] the books and other library property described in the following inventory and transferred by them to us by vote of [April 25, 1921] to be used for a free circulating library for the inhabitants of this [Village/Small town].

Inventory

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<td>Pamphlets</td>
<td>446</td>
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<td>Unbound magazines</td>
<td>252</td>
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<td>Maps</td>
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<td><strong>Total books</strong></td>
<td><strong>4794</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1069.40</strong></td>
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Other property

| Cases and other furniture                  | $85.50 |
| Building: size material when built         |        |
| Grounds by feet, located on                |        |
| Cash on hand or in bank                    | 14.28  |
| Valid subscriptions receivable             |        |
| Other property 164 Cook books @ $.50 each  | $82.00 |
| **Total value of other property**          | **$181.28** | **$1220.68** |

Having received the approval of the Regents under seal we give this receipt in accordance with laws of 1910, ch. 140, §68:6, §1129 and §1138, by which the entire responsibility for the said property is transferred and hereby accepted.

[Signed] Florence H. Hill, Sec.

[Sign both copies. Send one to Education Department, Albany, N. Y. Attach the other to the Regents' approval and file with the board making the transfer as evidence of full relief from further responsibility for the property]
Voted, That in compliance with the request of its trustees, the Hepburn Library of Hermon, which has been found on official inspection to be meeting the requirements of the Regents, be registered as maintaining a proper standard.
APPLICATION FOR LIBRARY REGISTRATION

To the Regents of The University of the State of New York:

The subscribers, elected by [name of association or of municipality], maintaining a library for the free use of the inhabitants of [specify locality to be served], respectfully represent that such library was incorporated under the laws of New York on [date], and that suitable provision has been made for its equipment and proper maintenance, as shown by the following inventory and statement.

Inventory

The trustees have for the purposes of the library

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<td>Unbound magazines [complete volumes]</td>
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<td>1.00</td>
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<td><strong>$13.31</strong></td>
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<td>Valid subscriptions receivable</td>
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<td>Other property [real estate, bonds, mortgages etc.]</td>
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<td><strong>Total value of additional property</strong></td>
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**Grand total** $74.76
Therefore, being satisfied that public interests will be promoted by such action, we hereby ask to have this library registered by The University of the State of New York as maintaining a proper standard, under the name of [Give the exact corporate name of the library. If a branch library give name of library followed by name of branch]

Hepburn Library ofachsen

[Actual signatures are required. Give at least one Christian name in full. Married women should sign their personal names]

Florence F. Hill

Lucy E. Sower

Jane E. Tung

Thelma E. Briner

Jackson E. Baker

Authentication of application

To be adopted by LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES at a legal meeting

The preceding application was submitted to the trustees at a legal meeting held on June 16, 1921, when the following persons were present [Give names of those present. Actual signatures not necessary here]

William E. Baswick, Pres.

Lucy E. Sower

Darr E. Knox

Having been read and approved it was duly adopted as the application of said meeting, and ordered verified by oath of the presiding officer and transmitted to the Regents of the University.

Done in obedience to said order this 20th day of __________ 1921

[Signed] E. D. Smith

Chairman
Hepburn Library of Hermon

Located at Hermon, St. Lawrence Co. N.Y.

Inspected, June 29, 1921

Ownership or control Town of Hermon

Support Endowment of $20,000 from Mr. A. Barton Hepburn; town tax for library maintenance of $1000 a year.


Building Erected by Mr. Hepburn

Value (if owned) Estimated at between $40,000 and $50,000.

Number of rooms Two reading rooms, stack room and librarian's office on main floor; large auditorium and social room with kitchen in basement.

Provision for growth Abundant

Books About 2500 volumes.

Condition Mostly good

Classification Decimal system
to be the first trustees of the aforesaid library; and the said library trustees having determined by lot that, in the order of their foregoing naming, their respective terms of office shall expire, one in each of the years 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925, at the time of expiration in such years of the terms of office, generally, of officers appointed by the mayor and common council of the said city, as provided by its charter; and the said board of library trustees having, by their written application dated December 15, 1920, requested this Board of Regents to grant to them, the said trustees, a charter, in accordance with the vote establishing the library, incorporating them as a free public library, under the name of the Corning Public Library, to be located in the aforesaid city of Corning,

On recommendation of the charter committee, it was

Voted, That a charter be granted incorporating Luella C. Gage, Thomas H. Derrick, Mary D. Shea, Elias D. Bostwick and Leigh R. Hunt as a free public library, in accordance with the vote establishing the same, under the corporate name of Corning Public Library, to be located in the city of Corning, in the county of Steuben and State of New York; the library to have, as provided by law, five trustees, to be at first the persons named herein as incorporators, who have been appointed to be such trustees by the mayor and common council of the said city of Corning; such trustees to hold, in the order of their foregoing naming, as they have determined by lot, for respective terms expiring one in each of the years 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925, at the time of expiration in such years of the terms of office, generally, of officers appointed by the mayor and common council of the said city, as provided by its charter; and their successors shall be likewise appointed, one in each year, to hold for terms of five years commencing on the first day of January of the year in which the appointment is required to be made.

Hepburn Library of Hermon. Upon motion of Regent Moot, it was

Voted, That the charter committee be discharged from the consideration of the application for incorporation from the board of trustees of the Hepburn Library of Hermon, and that this application be considered by the Board of Regents as a whole.

Regent Bridgman was excused from voting.
The electors of the town of Hermon, in the county of St Lawrence and State of New York, having, at a special town meeting on the 5th day of November 1918, voted to “accept the offer of A. Barton Hepburn to erect, equip, endow and donate to the town of Hermon a library building, and by such acceptance establish and maintain a free public library to make use of said building and equipment,” and the Legislature having, by chapter 298 of the Laws of 1919, which became a law on May 5, 1919, amended section 1119 of the Education Law by adding to the section the words “A resolution duly adopted at a special town meeting in a town, called and held as provided by law, accepting a gift, grant, devise or bequest for public library purposes on condition that a specified annual appropriation shall thereafter be made by the town, shall be of the same force and effect as though such resolution had been adopted by a majority vote at a town meeting in such town at which town officers were elected,” and the town board of said town of Hermon having, at a meeting held on the 10th day of August 1920, appointed Clifton A. Northrop, Jane E. Knox, Florence H. Hill, Lucy D. Snow, Judson E. Baker and William E. Beswick as library trustees, and the said board of library trustees having by their written application dated September 20, 1920, requested this Board of Regents to grant to them, the said trustees, a charter in accordance with the vote establishing the library, incorporating them as a free public library, under the name of the Hepburn Library of Hermon, to be located in the said town of Hermon, with the corporate purpose of making use as a free public library of the building and equipment donated therefor by the Honorable A. Barton Hepburn.

Upon recommendation of Regent Moot, it was

Voted, That a charter be granted incorporating Clifton A. Northrop, Jane E. Knox, Florence H. Hill, Lucy D. Snow, Judson E. Baker and William E. Beswick as a free public library under the corporate name of Hepburn Library of Hermon, to be located in the town of Hermon, in the county of St Lawrence and State of New York, with the corporate purpose, in accordance with the vote establishing the library, of making use of the building and equipment donated by the Honorable A. Barton Hepburn; the library to have, as provided by law, six trustees to be at first the persons named herein as incorporators, who are the duly appointed library trustees of the said town of Hermon, to hold until their successors shall be chosen by the electors of the town of Hermon at their regular town meeting in November 1921, the six elected trustees to hold, as shall thereupon be determined by lot, two for terms expiring at the end of the year 1923, two for terms expiring at the end of the year 1925, and two for terms expiring at the end of the year 1927.
for terms expiring at the end of the year 1925 and two for terms expiring at the end of the year 1927; the successors of such trustees to hold for terms of six years, beginning on the January 1st succeeding their election, and to be chosen, in conformity to law, two at each regular biennial town meeting in the said town.

Provisional Charters Granted

Argyle Free Library. Voted, That a provisional charter be granted incorporating Verna K. Burch, James H. Dean, Susie W. Todd, William J. Kilmer, Letta V. W. Stevenson, Artie L. Stillman and Theodore G. Safford and their associates and successors as a free library under the corporate name of Argyle Free Library, to be located at Argyle, Washington county, N. Y., with seven trustees to be at first the persons named as incorporators to hold, in the order of their naming, two for one year, two for two years and three for three years, and their successors to hold for terms of three years to be elected, two or three, as terms expire, each year by the members of the corporation, whose number may be increased or decreased in such manner and upon such terms as it, or its trustees by its authority, shall by general rules provide; and that such provisional charter will be replaced by an absolute charter if within five years the corporation shall acquire $1000 worth of property available for its use and support and be maintaining, to the satisfaction of the Regents, a library of proper standard.

Berkshire Free Library. Voted, That a provisional charter be granted incorporating Miriam A. Patch, James Bernard Darnody, Louisa Darbonnier, Eugene F. Lynch, Alfred H. Ford, Irving H. Cleveland, Samuel S. Dewitt, Bessie K. Ball and Harper H. Prentice and their associates and successors as a free library under the corporate name of Berkshire Free Library, to be located at Berkshire, Tioga county, N. Y., with nine trustees to be at first the persons named as incorporators to hold, in the order of their naming, three for one year, three for two years and three for three years, and their successors to hold for terms of three years to be elected three each year by the members of the corporation,
Amendment to the Rules of the Board of Regents Approved

The Board of Regents at its meeting on December 19, 1964, adopted an amendment to the Rules of the Board of Regents presented at its meeting on January 1965, and due notice of the proposed action having been sent each to the call for the January meeting, it was

that article II of the Rules of the Board of Regents, subsection 3 thereof (which appears as subdivision (a), section 3.2. of Title 8 in the “Official Compilation—Codes, Rules, and Official Notices of the State of New York”), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Committees. 1. On or before the fifteenth day of April in each year, the Board shall appoint the following standing committees and designate the chairman of each committee:

a. Administration and Law
b. Higher and Professional Education
c. Elementary, Secondary and Adult Education
d. Cultural Education [and Special Services]

Charters Amended

DeVeaux School. An application having been made by and on behalf of the trustees of DeVeaux School, Niagara Falls, for an amendment of its charter, it was

Voted, That the absolute charter granted by the Board of Regents on January 29, 1954, to the DeVeaux School, Niagara Falls, which was formed by the consolidation of Cary Collegiate Seminary, Oakfield, Genesee County, and De Veaux School, Niagara Falls, Niagara County, be and the same hereby amended by deleting from paragraph 4 of said charter the following provision:

The board shall have power to adopt bylaws, including therein provisions fixing the method of election and the term of office of trustees, and shall have power also, by vote of three-fourths of all the members of the board of trustees, to change the number of trustees, to be not more than 15 nor less than 9.

by substituting the following provisions:

The board shall have power to adopt bylaws, including therein provisions fixing the method of election and the term of office of trustees, and shall have power also, by vote of three-fourths of all the members of the board of trustees, to change the number of trustees, to be not more than 25 nor less than 15.

Hepburn Library of Hermon. An application having been made by and upon the request of the trustees of the Hepburn Library of Hermon, Lawrence County, State of New York, for an amendment of its charter, it was

Voted, That the charter of the Hepburn Library of Hermon, which was granted by the Board of Regents on February 24, 1921, be amended by changing the number of trustees from 6 to 5 to conform with the provisions of Education Law § 260.1.
University of the State of New York

Certificate of Registration
of
Hannan Free Library

This Instrument Witnesseth That the Regents of the University of the State of New York

At their meeting of March 4, 1915
Voted that
Hannan Free Library

Having been found on official inspection to be meeting the requirements of the Regents for registration as maintaining a proper standard.

Granted March 4, 1915, by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, executed under their seal and recorded in their office September 25, 1915

Clint T. Deaton
Vice Chancellor

John H. Dimon

President of the University

and Commissioner of Education
The University of the State of New York

DESTRUCTION OF THE CHARTER
OF
HELMER FREE LIBRARY

This instrument, executed by and on behalf of the Regents of the University of the State of New York, do hereby declare

having been considered by the Regents at their meeting on June 29, 1921,

It was at the said meeting of the Board of Regents,

Resolved, that, upon the unanimous request of the trustees,

voted at their meeting of April 26, 1921, at which every trustee was

present, sufficient names being thereon or otherwise shown, it be and

is hereby adjudged and decreed by the Board of Regents of the University of

the State of New York that the charter of the Berme Free Library, which

was incorporated by the Regents on November 15, 1916, be and the

same is hereby revoked, and that an instrument embodying this record and

action be executed under the seal of the University and attested by the

official signatures of the Chancellor, of Vice Chancellor, and of the

President of the University, and recorded in the office of the Regents

in their permanent public records and a certified copy thereof be served

upon the secretary of the said corporation.

In witness whereof, as therein directed, this instrument has been executed by

and in behalf of the Regents of the University of the State of New York

and under its seal. Under Seal.

[Signature]
Chancellor of the University

[Signature]
President of the University
The University of the State of New York

APPROVAL OF TRUSTEE OF LIBRARY PROPERTY

HERMON LIBRARY OF HERMON

HERMON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THIS DOCUMENT WITNESSETH that the Board of the University of the State of New York

At their meeting of May 27, 1933

FIVED, THAT the transfer of the books and other property by the board of trustees of Hermon Free Library, of the town of Hermon, at Lawrence meeting, by their vote of April 28, 1933, to Hermon Library of Hermon, of the said town of Hermon, be approved by this Board of Trustees of the University; and that a certificate of such approval be signed by our behalf and under our seal and attested by the official signatures of the Chancellor, or Vice Chancellor, and of the acting President of the University, and be transmitted to the said Board of Trustees of the said Hermon Free Library.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, therein directed, this instrument has been accepted by and on behalf of the Board of the University of the State of New York and under their seal.

Robert Page
Chancellor of the University

Frank Chute
Acting President of the University
University of the State of New York

APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL GIFT FOR FULTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

To 255

State of New York, County of Albany

This instrument, executed by and on behalf of the Regents of the University of the State of New York, is made in the following:

At the meeting of their board, held in Syracuse, N.Y., on June 23, 1970, it having been made known to the Regents of the University, by the certificate of William L. Paine, town clerk of the town of Hermon, in Lawrence county, N.Y., that at the special town meeting of the town of Hermon held November 8, 1912, it was voted to accept the offer of an Edward Ryburn, Esq., to erect, furnish, and donate to the town of Hermon a library building and contents, among others, that the town council shall protect the endowment of $1000 against loss and shall annually raise by taxation or otherwise, for the support and maintenance of such library, such sum as shall be necessary to provide in each year a fixed sum, together with the annual income from said $1000, amount to the sum of $500, and the legislature having, by chapter 170 of the Laws of 1912, which became a law on May 6, 1912, amended section 1219 of the Education Law by adding to the section the words "a resolution only adopted at a special town meeting held in a town, called and held as provided by law, accepting a gift, grant, devise or bequest for public library purposes to authorize that a specified annual appropriation shall hereafter be made by the town, shall be of the same force and effect as though such resolution had been adopted by a majority vote at a town meeting in such town at which town officers were elected" and the conditions of the foregoing stated gift and vote of acceptance having been duly considered by the Regents, upon the recommendation of their executive council committee, it was

Resolved, that the Regents of the University approve the acceptance by the town of Hermon, in Lawrence county, N.Y., of the abovementioned conditional gift from J. Burton Ryburn, as voted at the special town meeting of said town held November 8, 1912, and that an instrument embodying this record of their approval be executed by one in behalf of this board of regents under their seal and attested by the official signature of the chancellor of the university as the president of the University, and be recorded in the university's book of charters.

In accordance with the foregoing, as herein directed, this instrument has been executed by one in behalf of the Regents of the University and under their seal, Dated 1970.

Chancellor of the University

[Signature]

[Seal]

[Signature]

[Seal]
University of the State of New York

Provisional charter of

Vermont Free Library

This instrument witnessed that the Regents of the University of the State of New York

have granted this provisional charter incorporating

Cynthia L. Hitchcock, Matthew C. Jackman, Ingrid L. Hole, Curtis D. Rieley, and Terrence J. Know

and their associates and successors as a free library under the corporate name of Vermont Free Library, to be located at Vermont, St. Lawrence County, N.Y., with five trustees to be at first the persons named as incorporators to hold in the ending their names for, respectively, one, two, three, four and five years, and their successors to hold for terms of five years to be elected one each year by the members of the corporation, whose number may increase or decrease in such manner and upon such terms as it, or its trustee by its authority, shall by general rules provide, and that such provisional charter will be replaced by an absolute charter if within five years the corporation shall acquire $1,000 worth of property available for its use and support and be maintaining, to the satisfaction of the Regents, a library of proper standard.

Granted December 19, 1914, by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, executed under their seal and recorded in their office, number 2432.

St Clair Keelung
Chancellor of the University

John W. Finley
President of the University