

**CHARTER, GRANTED SEPTEMBER 29, 1891, OF THE
RITTENHOUSE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.**

TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
No. 2, FOR THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

THE UNDERSIGNED, all of whom are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having associated themselves together for the purpose of organizing and establishing "The Rittenhouse Memorial Association," and being desirous of becoming incorporated agreeable to the provisions of the Act of Assembly entitled: "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April twenty-ninth, Anno Domini, 1874, and the Supplements thereto, Do hereby Certify:—

- I. The name of the proposed corporation is: **THE RITTENHOUSE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.**
- II. The corporation is formed for the purpose of forming and continuing a Genealogical Tree of the Rittenhouse blood kindred; to establish a Library and Museum of family and historical relics of public interest; to cultivate, teach, develop, and bring forth in coming generations, genius, talent, and general scientific knowledge; to preserve the birthplace of David Rittenhouse, the astronomer, and also the old chapel, situated on same grounds on Wissahickon Creek, and allow the same to be used by the Association as a place of meeting and a Library and Museum, and for the erection of a Monument and Statue in memory of the Hon. David Rittenhouse.
- III. This Association shall transact the business in the County of Philadelphia and the State of Pennsylvania.
- IV. The said corporation is to exist perpetually.
- V. To have power to institute, maintain, and defend judicial proceedings; to enter into any obligation necessary to transact its ordinary business.
- VI. To make and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure.
- VII. To hold, purchase, and transfer such real and personal property as the purposes of the said corporation require, not exceeding the amount limited by this charter, or by the laws of the Commonwealth.
- VIII. To make by-laws not inconsistent with the laws of the Commonwealth for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs; to appoint and remove such subordinate officers and agents as the business of the corporation requires, and to allow them a suitable compensation.
- IX. The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows: Alvah Rittenhouse, M. D., 2001 Marshall Street, Philadelphia; Nicholas