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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

The Ruckman Heritage Foundation, Inc.

The undersigned, acting as Incorporator(s) of a corporation under Section 27, Article I, Chapter 31 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

- I. The undersigned agree to become a corporation by the name of The Ruckman
Heritage Foundation, Inc.

(The name of the corporation shall contain one of the words "corporation," "company," "incorporated," "limited" or shall contain an abbreviation of one of such words.)

- II. The address of the principal office of said corporation will be located at _____
Rt. 1, Box 2B street, in the city, town or village of
Leivasy, county of Nicholas, State of West Virginia,
ZIP 26676.

IF either the principal office or the principal place of business of said corporation is NOT located in the State of West Virginia, give address of the exact location.

- III. The purpose or purposes for which corporation is formed are as follows:

(Please type double space. If not sufficient space to cover this point, add one or more sheets of this size.)

To do all things lawful to encourage, facilitate and promote an interest in the heritage of the Ruckman Family; to provide for the organization and maintenance of the Annual Ruckman Reunion held in Pocahontas County, West Virginia on the 1st Sunday in July of each year; and to act only as a non-profit corporation and to do all things which a non-profit corporation may lawfully do in furtherance of the

By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors

VI. The full names and addresses of the incorporator(s), including street and street numbers, if any, and the city, town or village, including ZIP number, are as follows:

ADDRESS

<u>Timothy R. Ruckman</u>	<u>Rt. 1 Box 2B, Leivasy, WV 26676</u>
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VIII. The name and address of the appointed person to whom notice or process may be sent:

Timothy R. Ruckman
Rt. 1, Box 2B
Leivasy, WV 26676

ADDRESS

Timothy R. Ruckman	Rt. 1, Box 2B, Leivasy, WV 26676

(All Incorporators must sign below. Names and signatures must appear the same throughout the Articles of Incorporation.) Xerox copies of Signatures are not acceptable.

STATE OF West Virginia
COUNTY OF Nicholas

I, Mary A. Bailey, a Notary Public,

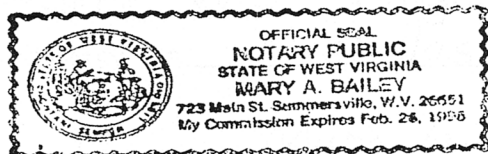
In and for the county and state aforesaid, hereby certify that

Timothy R. Ruckman

whose name(s) are signed to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, (names of all incorporator(s) as shown in Article VII must be inserted in this space by official taking acknowledgment)

bearing date, 11th day of December, 1987, this day personally appeared before me in my said county and severally acknowledged their signature(s) to be the same.

Given under my hand and the official seal this 11th day of December, 1987.



Mary A. Bailey
Notary Public

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

My Commission expires: 2/26/96

Articles of Incorporation

prepared by: (Name and Address)

Timothy R. Ruckman
Rt. 1 Box 2B
Leivasy, WV 26676

organization. This was necessary because of the collecting and distributing of money through the Ruckman Heritage Scholarship Fund. The Articles of Incorporation were finalized by our new secretary Tim Ruckman, at the request of the Scholarship Committee. We appreciate so much the work of the committee and the retiring President, Lynn Cochran and Secretary, Keith Ruckman.

Ruckman Ancestors and Education: A Historical Prospective

Quoted from the 1981 Pocahontas County History "The vicinity of Marvin Chapel was rather noted as an educational center early in the century. John McNulty and Wm. Auldridge had their homes there and taught schools. Early in the 1830's David L. Ruckman taught several sessions. He was succeeded by Joseph Fields from Nelson County, then Mr. Frazier, a Scotchman, about 1840; then James E. Moore, Charles Ruckman, 1841, Col John W. Ruckman, 1846, John H. Ruckman, 1848, Joseph Moore, 1850, and Clark Kincaid, 1851." This school was located at the present Ruckman Cemetery .3 mile off Route 219, .7 mile north of Mill Point, W.Va., and was burned during the Civil War. The land for the present Ruckman School, located at the eleven mile marker on Route 219 north of Mill Point, W.Va., was given by Col. John W. Ruckman and his wife Margaret Ann Moore Ruckman in June of 1869. This was the first public "free" school in Little Levels District and was always known as No. 1 Ruckman. The first teacher was Cornelius Stulting, uncle of the noted author Pearl Sydenstricker Buck.

David L. Ruckman's will of 1845 states "It is my wish and desire that all the children should have as much schooling as they can conveniently get; and that it be paid for out of their respective shares of the estate."

The Scholarship Committee will be awarding a scholarship for the academic year 1989-90. Let us continue the tradition of our ancestor David L. Ruckman and contribute to education through our scholarship fund. Every dollar will go to some student of higher education, no custodial or administrative fees. If your gift is in memory of a loved one and you wish someone notified that the gift was received, please specify.

Max L. Gum, Pres.