

This is to certify that at a Public Meeting held in the Village of Battle Creek in the County of Calhoun and State of Michigan for the purpose of organizing a buying ground Corporation in the Township of Emmett in said County of Calhoun under an act passed by the Legislature of said State entitled an act relating to buying grounds approved February 12th 1855. A warrant for that purpose having been issued by Erastus P. Mattler Esq. one of the Justices of the Peace in & for said County of Calhoun directed to Gideon F. Smith, upon the application of Gideon F. Smith, Alonzo Hobbes and William H. Coleman, and due notice of said Meeting having been given as required by said warrant appointing said Meeting to be held at Makelaes Hall in said Village of Battle Creek on the 22nd day of August A.D. 1855 at 2 o'clock P.M. & more than five persons having met in pursuance of such notice such meeting was organized by appointing John Meacham President & Walter W. McElmough Secretary

Said Meeting having been thus organized did then & there elect by ballot, at their first meeting the following persons for officers of said Corporation Gideon F. Smith, President, John Meacham Clerk, Francis M. Sanderson, Treasurer and Ogden Gunn, Secretary

Said Meeting did also resolve that the corporate name of said Corporation shall be the "Cathill Cemetery" Company

Dated August 25th 1855
 G. F. Smith, President
 John Meacham Clerk

Recorded August 30th 1855
 Samuel S. Lacey
 Clerk