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04.03.1872

Indiana, Indiana Co. Pa.

Organiza—  
tion

Members  
Present

In pursuance of the Act of Assembly of 25 March 1871 entitled, “An Act to incorporate the Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania, and the supplement thereto approved the 3<sup>d</sup> day of April 1872 the corporators of the said Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania, met at the Court House in the Borough of Indiana, Indiana Country to effect an organization, under the Charter and to elect a Board of Trustees: Present, John Sutton, Harry White, Alex M. Stewart, Alex W. Taylor, Silas M. Clark, Alex T. Moorhead, Jr., Dan. S. Porter, D<sup>r</sup>. Robert Barr, Edward H. Wilson, D<sup>r</sup>. Thos<sup>1</sup>. St. Clair, Andrew W. Wilson, David Weamer,<sup>2</sup> Robt<sup>3</sup>. C. Calhoun, Peter Sutton, Alex H. Apple, W<sup>m4</sup> R. Black, Noah Lohr, W<sup>m</sup> R. Allison, D[abre]<sup>5</sup> Thomas, Jos.<sup>6</sup> R. Smith, R. M. Birkman, A. R. Rieder, and Saml.<sup>7</sup> Wolf—23—<sup>8</sup>

On motion of Harry White, John Sutton, Esq. was called to the chair, and Silas M. Clark was chosen Secretary—

The Charter was then read, together with the supplement thereto, approved 3<sup>d</sup> Apl 1872<sup>9</sup>

The following preamble and resolutions, were then read and submitted by Silas M. Clark:—

Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled “an act to provide

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<sup>1</sup> Abbr. Thomas

<sup>2</sup> Most likely Weamer, possibly David Weaver, both men lived in Indiana Country during the late 1800s

<sup>3</sup> Abbr. Robert

<sup>4</sup> Abbr. William

<sup>5</sup> Illegible; Dubre or Dabre: Same name/abbreviation appears throughout manuscript

<sup>6</sup> Abbr. Joseph

<sup>7</sup> Abbr. Samuel

<sup>8</sup> Refers to total number persons present

<sup>9</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1872

for the due training of teachers for the Grammar Schools of the State” approved the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1857, the said State of Pennsylvania was divided into twelve Normal School Districts—the counties of Cambria, Indiana, Armstrong And Westmoreland constituting the ninth district:—

And, whereas, by a more recent act of assembly of the Assembly of said Commonwealth, entitled, “An Act to incorporate the Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania” approved the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1871. John Sutton, Harry White, Alex M. Stewart, A. W. Taylor, W<sup>m</sup> M. Stewart, Silas M. Clark, A. T. Moorhead, Jr., Dan.<sup>10</sup> S. Porter, D<sup>f</sup>. Robt. Barr, E. H. Wilson, Jos. B. Adair, Jno. H. De[?],<sup>11</sup> D<sup>f</sup>. W<sup>m</sup> St. Clair, A. W. Wilson,<sup>12</sup> David Weamer, R. C. Calhoun, Peter Sutton, W. B. Marshall, Alex H. Apple, James Turner, W. R. Black, Noah Lohr, Abraham Mohr, A. J. Bolar<sup>13</sup>, Jno. T. [?],<sup>14</sup> E. P. Hildebrand, W. R. Allison, D[abre]<sup>15</sup> Thomas, J. [?] [?], Geo. J. Kellar, Robert Young, J. R. Smith, R. M. Birkman, Robert M<sup>c</sup>C[?], A. R. Rieder, T. B. [?],

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and Samuel Wolf with such other persons as they may associate with them, were created into a body politic and corporate by the name style and title of the “Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania”, Now, therefore,

Resolved, by the said Corporators, that they accept all and singular the provisions of the aforesaid Act of

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<sup>10</sup> Abbr. Daniel

<sup>11</sup> Illegible name ending

<sup>12</sup> Andrew W. Wilson, Indiana merchant and business partner of John Sutton; First Treasure of ISNS Board of Trustees; Later served as Vice President and President of Board

<sup>13</sup> A. J. Bolar: A.M., Mathematics and English Literature Professor

<sup>14</sup> John T. [last name illegible]

<sup>15</sup> See footnote 5

Assembly of 25<sup>th</sup> March in 1871, constituting the charter of the Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania, and in furtherance of the objects and purposes contemplated therein do hereby associate with them the following named persons, to wit: William Hindman, Thos. Sutton, Samuel M<sup>c</sup>Cartney,<sup>16</sup> J. M. Guthrie, Geo. S. Christy, J. S. Nesbit,<sup>17</sup> I. H. Lichteberger, Simeon Imby, J. J. Barnes, I. F. Smithoff,<sup>18</sup> M. C. Getty, John Ebey, Robert C. Taylor, David Ellis, Lawrence Keslar, Adam Row<sup>19</sup>, Allison & Getty, W<sup>m</sup> B. Hildebrand, Jos. & I. C. Thompson, H. C. Howard, Jos. P. Carter, Charles M. Gessler, Samuel M<sup>c</sup>Creery,<sup>20</sup> John Weir, A. S. & J. M. Cunningham, Executors of the Last Will & Testament of John H. Cunningham, dec<sup>d</sup>,<sup>21</sup> J. Martin, J. Jamison, Geo. W. Bodenhammer, John R. Campbell, Henry Hall, Conrad Bley, Abel Stewart, Joseph H. Flude[?]<sup>22</sup>, Jos. Mitchell, Young Bros., W. N. Coleman, A. L. M. Luckey, Albert Patton, A. S. Thompson, Martin Earhart, A. J. Purrington, Patrick Burns, Jno. P. Blair,<sup>23</sup> John G. Coleman, Geo. R. Legwig,<sup>24</sup> James R. Daugherty, Jacob Creps, T. M. Carnahan, Jos. Moorhead, Frederick Wegley, John C. Jamison, Jos. B. Adair, Jos. P. Leech, John St. Clair, Alexander Kinghorn, George Duncan, William Howe, W<sup>m</sup> R. Loughery, I. S. Thompson, R. W. M<sup>c</sup>Kee, Rev. W. Owens, John Nagel, John Lowry, Geo. W. M<sup>c</sup>Henry, John N. Banks, Isaac Empfield, William Crawford, H. Sylvann Thompson, A. M. Bell, Harry Bryant, Alfred & Allison, J. J. Anthony, A. J. Hamilton, W. T. Wilson, S. A. Douglass,

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<sup>16</sup> Sometimes written as M<sup>c</sup>Cartney

<sup>17</sup> James S. Nesbit

<sup>18</sup> Illegible

<sup>19</sup> Misspelled as "Rowe" in other parts of manuscript

<sup>20</sup> Professor at Indiana Normal School

<sup>21</sup> Abbr. Deceased

<sup>22</sup> Illegible; Possibly begins with F, J, I or T

<sup>23</sup> Judge

<sup>24</sup> Possibly Lugwig

I. T. Taylor, John Hartman, Jno. B. Allison, James M. Sutton, Geo. W. Kelly, Jacob Peelor, Clarence Hassinger, H. A. Thompson, I. W. Thompson, William Duncan, Simeon Fisher, John C. Cochran, Robert Mitchell, Samuel Pilson, Martha J. Weamer, James M<sup>c</sup>Creary, Archibald Nickle, D<sup>r</sup>. John Hazlett, John Hendricks, David Simmons, J[?] Bros. James M. Stewart, Conrad Hoffman, I. Roof, Paul Vogel, James Todd, John M. Ray, W. B. Fleming, Joseph M. Thompson, J. D. M<sup>c</sup>Kalip, B. B. Tiffany, John Robertson, W<sup>m</sup> Lewis, Reese R. Ellis, R. W. Allison, I. H. Barnes, Noah Lohr, John

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D. Patton, Charlotte C. Banks, James H. St. Clair, Frank M. Smith, James B. Samson, I. H. Bodenhammer, I. S. Fleming, Jos. M. [?],<sup>25</sup> Hugh S. Thompson, R. M. St. Clair, Samuel Grove, Irwin M<sup>c</sup>Farland, Isaac St. Clair, I. N. Hamilton, D<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup> Anderson, W<sup>m</sup> T. Hammil, Geo. T. Hamilton, Samuel Wolf, John Weir, Geo. W. Simpson, and all other persons who have become or shall hereafter become subscriber or owner of the Capital Stock of the said Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania, and that the persons so associated with them shall be and are hereby entitled to the like rights, privileges, and immunities under the said charter as the corporators named in the said act—

Upon motion made, the foregoing resolutions were adopted by an unanimous vote of the corporators present—

The following resolutions were then offered—

Whereas the several subscriptions which have been heretofore made to the Capital Stock of the Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania, by the corporators, and others this day associated with them have been by the terms of their said

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<sup>25</sup> Illegible; Possibly begins with M or W and might end with K

subscriptions made “payable at anytime after five hundred shares have been subscribed, and to such person or persons as the subscribers shall by a vote of a majority of shares designate.”

And whereas, five hundred shares have been subscribed to the said Capital Stock according to the terms of the said Subscription, therefore—

Resolved by the said subscribers and stockholders that the said several subscriptions, heretofore made as aforesaid shall be paid to the said Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania as the proper person, designated to secure the same under the terms of the said several subscriptions, at such time or times and in such amounts as the Board of Trustees of the said Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania for the time being shall from time to time require.

Upon motion made, and carried this resolution now voted upon by a call of the subscribers or stockholders who should vote aye or no, upon the passing of the resolution, upon the shares held or subscribed by them respectively. The call being had, the following persons voted aye, ~ Harry White, John Sutton, W<sup>m</sup> Hindman, A. W. Wilson, E. H. Wilson, A. M. Stewart, Samuel M<sup>c</sup>Cartney,

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Joseph R. Smith, Silas M. Clark, Peter Sutton, Geo. S. Christy, J. S. Nesbit, Thomas St. Clair, A. T. Moorhead, Jr., Dan. S. Porter, Lawrence Keslar, W<sup>m</sup> R. Black, David Weamer, Jos. & I. C. Thompson, A. W. Taylor, C. M. Gessler, A. R. Rieder, M. J. Jamison, Geo. W. Bodenhammer, John R. Campbell, Henry Hall, R. C. Calhoun, A. F.

Purrington, John P. Blair, Geo. R. Lewis, T. M. Carnahan,  
D[?]<sup>26</sup> Thomas, James P. Leech, D<sup>r</sup>. Robert Barr, William  
R. Loughery, John Nagle, John Lowry, John N. Banks,  
W. S. Thompson, Harry Bryan, Alford & Allison A. J.  
Hamilton, S. A. Douglass, I. B. Allison, J. W. Thompson,  
S. Pilson, Noah Lohr, Arch<sup>d</sup> Nickle,<sup>27</sup> David Simmons,  
Geo. W. Bodenhammer, Jno. M. Ray, I. M. Thompson,  
I. D. M<sup>c</sup>Kalip, John Robertson, William Lewis, Frank  
Smith, Jas. B. Sansom, I. S. Fleming, I. N. Hamilton,  
D<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup> Anderson, W. T. Hammil, Geo. T. Hamilton, Mo[?]<sup>28</sup>  
R. M. Birkman, Samuel Wolf, A. H. Apple, John Weir,  
& Geo W. Simpson— The whole amount of stock sub-  
scribed being \$53,850. allowing \$25. to each share  
the whole number of votes which could be cast  
is—2154—the persons voting aye, representing  
a subscription of \$31,500. cast 1262 votes in favor  
of the resolution, and it was accordingly declared  
adopted. The vote being an unanimous vote of  
all the subscribers or stockholders present—

On motion of Harry White it was—  
Resolved:— That I. N. Bank, Esq. and Jas. B. Sansom,<sup>29</sup>  
be and are hereby appointed letters to act as such  
as the election for trustees to be held in the Court rooms  
of the Court House, in Indiana at 10 O'Clock AM,  
on the first Tuesday of May next which is the 7<sup>th</sup>  
day of May. Of which elections public notice shall  
be given through the county papers by the officers  
of this meeting, and that when this meeting adjourn<sup>30</sup>

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<sup>26</sup> See footnote 5

<sup>27</sup> Abbr. Archibald

<sup>28</sup> Illegible ending; Possibly in reference to Hamilton [preceding] or Birkman [following]

<sup>29</sup> 1826-1885; Editor of *Indiana Democrat*

it do adjourn to meet at the time and place above mentioned.

Resolved. That at the election for trustees to be held  
On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May votes of Stockholders  
shall be given of desired by proxy—  
The following persons were then nominated for

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trustees to be voted for in the election on the 1. Tuesday  
in May next. John Sutton, Silas M. Clark, Harry  
White, Saml. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney, John R. Campbell, W<sup>m</sup> R. Black,  
Peter Sutton, William Anderson, D<sup>r</sup>. Thos. St. Clair, A. W.  
Wilson, Jas.<sup>31</sup> B. Sansom, James Turner, Jas. R. Daugherty,  
Isaac Empfield, Geo. W. Bodenhammer, John B. Allison,  
A. T. Moorhead Jr., A. J. Hamilton, Rev. W. S. Owens,  
Saml. Wolf, Saml. Pilson, D<sup>r</sup>. R. McChesney, M. J. Jamison,  
A. R. Rieder, Jos. P. Carter, A. M. Stewart, Hon. Jos. Thompson,  
H. A. Thompson, A. W. Taylor, G. W. Simpson, David Weamer,  
J. N. Hamilton, D[?]<sup>32</sup> Thomas, Henry Hall, & William  
Hindman

On motion adjourned,

Silas M. Clark

Secretary:—

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May 7<sup>th</sup> 1872, The Corporators, Subscribers & Stockholders  
met at the Court House, in the Borough of Indiana  
pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of the previous

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<sup>30</sup> Illegible, most likely accidental repetition

<sup>31</sup> Abbr. James

<sup>32</sup> See footnote 5

Election of  
Officers

meeting held on the            day of           <sup>33</sup> last were read  
by the Secretary, and were adopted by an unanimous vote.  
Upon motion of Silas M. Clark, proceeded to the election  
of a Board of trustees—Robert S. Sutton and Saml. Cunningham  
were appointed Secretaries to assist in the election. John  
Sutton, Esq. being in the Chair—and Silas M. Clark Sec'y<sup>34</sup>—  
Whereupon, the election of trustees was proceeded with by  
the tellers, John M. Banks, and Jas. B. Sansom, Esquire,  
upon motion of Harry White, it was unanimously agreed  
that the election should be by ballott<sup>35</sup>—

A ballott being had, by the report of the tellers, it  
appeared that Silas M. Clark received—1958 votes—  
John Sutton received 1950 votes. A. T. Moorhead, Jr., 518  
votes, William R. Black 614 votes, Harry White 1602  
votes, D. S. Porter 714 votes, David Weamer 492 votes,  
Saml. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney 1732 votes, W<sup>m</sup> R. Loughery 536 votes,  
Thos. St. Clair 1330 votes, G. W. Bodenhammer 1510 votes,  
Geo. S. Christy 1388 votes, Jos. R. Smith 1358 votes, Peter  
Sutton 1366 votes, Geo. R. Lewis 20 votes, A. W. Taylor  
342 votes, Jos. M. Thompson 10 votes, Irwin M<sup>c</sup>Farland 60 votes,

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J. S. Nesbit 10 votes, James Fumer 10 votes, W. B.  
Marshall 20 votes, E. H. Wilson 60 votes, J. P. Blair  
4 votes, I. B. Allison 10 votes, and Saml. Wolf 10 votes.<sup>36</sup>

It appearing that Silas M. Clark, John Sutton,  
Harry White, Saml. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney, Thos. St. Clair, G. W.  
Bodenhammer, Geo. S. Christy, Jos. R. Smith and

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<sup>33</sup> Dates not filled in; Most likely refers to meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1872

<sup>34</sup> Abbr. Secretary

<sup>35</sup> Original spelling

<sup>36</sup> 17, 624 total votes cast



Peter Sutton, had received the higher vote, they  
Were thereupon declared elected trustees—

Upon motion adjourned,

Silas M. Clark

Sec'y

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05.13.1872

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1872 May 13<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees of the Indiana  
Normal School of Pennsylvania, met at the office  
of Stewart & Clark in the Borough of Indiana, in  
pursuance of previous personal notice to each of  
the persons constituting the said board.

Board

Organized

Present, Saml. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney, G. W. Bodenhammer,  
G. S. Christy, Peter Sutton, Jos. R. Smith, D<sup>f</sup>. Thos. St. Clair,  
Harry White and Silas M. Clark, absent John  
Sutton:—

Upon motion of D<sup>f</sup>. Thomas St. Clair, John Sutton  
was chosen President of the Board. Saml. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney  
Vice President, and Silas M. Clark Secretary—

The following persons were nominated for treasurer

Alex. M. Stewart

W<sup>m</sup> B. Marshall

& Adam Rowe

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Joseph R. Smith moved that the election of treasurer  
be postponed until the next meeting, carried,  
S. M. Clark moved a reconsideration of the last  
motion, carried. The question coming up on  
the original motion the same was lost, and the  
board proceeded to the election of a Treasurer—

Upon the first ballott W<sup>m</sup> B. Marshall rec<sup>d37</sup> 2 votes

Adam Rowe ~ 3 votes

A. M. Stewart ~ 3 votes

On the second ballott Adam Rowe rec<sup>d</sup> 5 votes,

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W<sup>m</sup> B. Marshall rec<sup>d</sup> 1 vote and A. M. Stewart  
3 votes—whereupon, Adam Rowe, having rec<sup>d</sup> a  
majority of the votes cast, was declared elected Treasurer.

Upon motion the Treasurer was required to give bond  
in \$20,000— The Secretary was authorized to procure  
a seal, also a minute book and an Order Book.

The following members of the Board, were appointed  
a committee to visit, such of the Normal School of  
the State, as in their judgment might be neccessary<sup>38</sup>  
in order to form an estimate of the character of buildings  
required, viz. Harry White, Silas M. Clark, S. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney,  
and Peter Sutton—

Upon motion of S. M. Clark, adjourned to meet at  
Office of Secretary on Friday next at 8 O'Clock AM.

Silas M. Clark

Sec'y

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05.17.1872

1872 May 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees met at the Secretary's  
office, pursuant to adjournment, Present, S. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney,  
Vice Pres't<sup>39</sup>, in the Chair, Jos. R. Smith, Dr. Thos. St. Clair,  
Peter Sutton, G. S. Christy and Silas M. Clark. The minutes

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<sup>37</sup> Abbr. Received

<sup>38</sup> Original manuscript spelling

<sup>39</sup> Abbr. Vice President

Adam Rowe  
Declined

Election of  
Treasurer

of the previous meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, were read, and approved.—A communication was received from Adam Rowe, declining to accept the office of Treasurer of the Corporation, which resignation was received and accepted— Jos. R. Smith nominated Alex M. Stewart as a candidate for Treasurer after the vacancy caused by Mr. Rowe resignation, Silas M. Clark nominated W<sup>m</sup> B. Marshall, a ballot being had. A. M. Stewart rec<sup>d</sup>, five votes and W<sup>m</sup> B. Marshall, one vote. Whereupon A. M. Stewart was declared elected Treasurer, and was required to give bond ~ \$20,000. to be approved by Mr. Bra[?]d.<sup>40</sup>

On motion adjourned to meet at the call of the  
President. Silas M. Clark  
Sec'y

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06.08.1872

1872 June 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees of the Indiana Normal School of Penn<sup>a</sup>. met at the office of the Secretary at the call of the President of the Board. Present Peter Sutton, Geo. S. Christy, Thos. St. Clair, S. M. Clark,

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Committee  
of Visitation  
Reported

Jos. R. Smith, Geo. W. Bodenhammer, John Sutton, & Saml. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney. John Sutton Pres't. in the Chair. The minutes of the previous meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> of May was read and approved. The Committee appointed to visit the Normal School of the State having discharged the duties of

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<sup>40</sup> Last name illegible; Possibly Braid or Brand

their appointment made an informed report.

Adjourned to meet at the U. S. Assessors Office  
in Indiana, Tuesday evening next at 7 ½ O'Clock

P.M. Silas M. Clark

Sec'y—

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06.11.1872

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1872 June 11<sup>th</sup> 7 ½ O'Clock P.M., Board of Trustees  
met at the U.S. Assessors Office, in Indiana, Pa  
Present, John Sutton, Pres. in Chair— D<sup>f</sup>. Thomas  
St. Clair, Jos. R. Smith, Geo. W. Bodenhammer, Geo. S.  
Christy, Peter Sutton, Silas M. Clark, Saml M<sup>c</sup>Cartney,  
and Harry White—

Voting on  
a site

D<sup>f</sup>. Thomas St. Clair moved that we now proceed to vote  
viva voce<sup>41</sup> for a suitable site for the Indiana  
Normal School Buildings—carried—

Considerable discussion being had of the ad-  
-vantages & disadvantages of the several locations  
proposed—the vote was taken, which resulted as  
follows.

D<sup>f</sup>. Thomas St. Clair, Joseph R. Smith, Geo. W. Bodenhammer,  
Peter Sutton, and Saml. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney voted in favor  
of the site upon lands of John Sutton, in the Borough  
of West Indiana, adjoining lands of the heirs of James  
Sutton, dec<sup>d</sup>, the Indiana Bch. of Penna. R. R. lands<sup>42</sup>  
of the Indiana Agricultural Society and others containing  
about twelve acres offered at \$7,000—

S. M. Clark and G. S. Christy voted in favor of the

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<sup>41</sup> Latin; “By word of mouth” [“viva voce” OED]

<sup>42</sup> Unknown abbreviation; Possibly “Branch” or abbreviated name of railway system

site on the lands of Jos. R. Carter, in White Township on west side of borough said, containing ten acres, offered at \$2,000—

John Sutton & Harry White, refusing to vote—

Site chosen.

The first named site was thereupon declared as the site selected and the Secretary was instructed by the Board to prepare the necessary papers to secure the title thereto

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The Secretary of the board was further instructed to notify the State Sup't of Com Schools<sup>43</sup> of the selection of the site by the board, requesting his approval of the same.

Adjourned to meet at the Secretary's Office on Tuesday evening next at 7 ½ O'Clock P.M.

Silas M. Clark

Sec'y

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06.14.1872

1872 June 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees met at the office of the Secretary at 7 ½ O'Clock P.M. Present John Sutton President in the Chair— D<sup>r</sup>. Thomas St. Clair, Joseph R. Smith, Saml. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney, Peter Sutton, G. W. Bodenhammer, Geo. S. Christy, and Silas M. Clark.— The minutes of the meetings of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June was read and approved—

Adjourned to meet at the Secretary's Office at the call of the President—

Silas M. Clark

Sec'y

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<sup>43</sup> Reference to State Superintendent of Common Schools, J. P. Wickersham



The minutes of the previous meeting of the 6<sup>d</sup> last were read and approved.

The following resolution was offered by Jno. R. Smith, Resolved that an appeasement of ten percent upon the Capital Stock subscribed to the Indiana Normal School of Penna. be and is hereby levied—and payment thereof required on or before the 15<sup>d</sup> day of August next, the same to be paid to Alex. M. Stewart, Treas.<sup>47</sup> Notice of this appeasement to be given in the *Indiana Democrat, Indiana Messenger, & Indiana Progress*—

1<sup>st</sup> assess-  
ment.

A motion having been made for the adoption of the above resolution—the same was adopted by an unanimous vote of the trustees present—

Harry White coming into the board after the passage of the above resolution—and being informed of this action of the board, retired—<sup>48</sup>

Adjourned to meet at the Secretary's office on Thursday evening next at 7 ½ O'Clock P.M.

Silas M. Clark

Sec'y—

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07.18.1872

1872 July 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees of the Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania, met at the office of the Secretary at 7 ½ O'Clock P.M., Present Harry White, Saml. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney, Geo. W. Bodenhammer, Jos. R. Smith, Geo. S. Christy, Silas M. Clark

Adjourned to meet Saturday next at 7 ½ O'Clock P.M.

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<sup>47</sup> Abbr. Treasurer

<sup>48</sup> Harry White subscribed \$5,000 in stock shares, the highest amount collected. This resolution would require those who pledged money to pay ten percent of pledge to the Board. White refused, and a lawsuit resulted: *The Indiana Normal School v. Harry White and James Turner*. The matter was eventually settled in favor of ISNS, and White promised to pay the assessment in 1874.

At the Sec'y's office.

Silas M. Clark

Sec'y—

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07.20.1872

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1872 July 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees of the Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania, met at the office of the Secretary pursuant to adjournment. Present John Sutton in the chair, D<sup>r</sup>. Thos. St. Clair, Peter Sutton, Saml. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney, Harry White, Geo. S. Christy, Jos. R. Smith, G. W. Bodenhammer, & S. M. Clark  
The minutes of the previous meetings of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July were read

Voted to re—  
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-tived.

Samuel M<sup>c</sup>Cartney moved to reconsider the motion selecting the grounds of John Sutton, as the location of the Normal School Building, the motion was seconded by Harry White, the question being considered and that the following persons voted aye. Samuel M<sup>c</sup>Cartney, Harry White, G. S. Christy and S. M. Clark (4) and the following persons voted no. Peter Sutton, John Sutton, Thos. St. Clair, Jos. R. Smith & Geo. Bodenhammer (5) and the motion was lost. Whereupon Mr. Harry White retired—

Propositions from architects were received as follows  
Samuel Sloan, Phila<sup>d</sup>— offered & proposed to prepare drawings & pay one such to the ground at 2 ½ pc. of cost of building, cash  
Proposal for  
drafting build—  
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C. Roetzl, Danville, proposed to finish the drawings and specifications complete, & guarantee satisfaction at 3 pc., or give general supervision at 5 pc., cash  
Jos. R. Leech, proposed as follows



Full professional services, including super[?] <sup>49</sup> 3 ½ pc  
for precursory <sup>50</sup> studies, general drawing specifications 1 ½ pc  
For general drawing, details & specifications—2 pc  
On the first offer \$1500. in stock & on the second \$500. in  
stock and on the third \$1000.00 in stock—

James W. Drum proposed for preparation of all drawings,  
specifications, and general supervision of the work

2 ½ pc of the cost. \$500— of that sum to be paid in  
stock. D<sup>r</sup>. Thos. St. Clair moved that the proposition

Drum's prop.  
accepted.

of Mr. Drum be accepted. The motion being put  
John Sutton, Thos. St. Clair, P. Sutton, G. S. Christy, J. R. Smith,  
G. W. Bodenhammer, S. M. Clark voted aye. S. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney  
voted no. Whereupon the proposition of Mr. Drum was  
declared accepted.

Board adjourned to meet at call of the President.

Silas M. Clark sec'y

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07.23.1872

1872 July 23<sup>d</sup> Board of Trustees of the Indiana Normal  
School of Pennsylvania met at the office of the Secretary  
pursuant to notice given to the members of the Board  
at the instance <sup>51</sup> of the President. Present John Sutton in the  
chair, Jos. R. Smith, Thos. St. Clair, Geo. S. Christy, G. W. Bodenhammer  
Peter Sutton, and Silas M. Clark, absent Harry White and  
Saml. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney

The minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> met. were read and

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<sup>49</sup> Illegible

<sup>50</sup> Illegible, most likely precursory

<sup>51</sup> Most likely the Secretary meant "insistence"

McCartney &  
Clark, to go  
On a tour of  
inspection

approved by the Board. Messieurs M<sup>c</sup>Cartney and Clark were appointed a committee to visit, such of the Normal School buildings in the state, as in their judgment shall be deemed necessary or advisable, with a view to perfecting a plan of the proposed buildings of the corporation.

The President & Secretary having submitted to the board for consideration, a written agreement, of purchase of the grounds of John Sutton, heretofore selected as the site for the said buildings, D<sup>r</sup>. St. Clair submitted the following resolution & John Sutton called M. Smith to chair

Agreement  
for purchase  
of site.

Resolved, that the articles of agreement bearing this date, 23 July 1872 between John Sutton, and the Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania, for the purchase of eleven acres and ninety-six perches of land in West Indiana, Indiana, Co. is approved by the board and that Jos. R. Smith, Pres. Pro Tem<sup>52</sup>, of the board and the Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the same in the name of the board, and offers the seat of the corporation thereto as soon as the same is procured.

Which resolution, upon a call of the ayes and noes,<sup>53</sup> was unanimously adopted—

Whereupon, Board adjourned to meet at call of the President.

Silas M. Clark  
Sec'y

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08.12.1872

1872 August 12. Board of Trustees of the Indiana County

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<sup>52</sup> Abbreviation for Pro Tempore, i.e. temporary

<sup>53</sup> Original Manuscript Spelling

Committee on  
inspection  
report.

Normal School of Penn<sup>a</sup> met at the office of the Secretary pursuant to notice given. Present Jno. Sutton in the chair, M<sup>c</sup>Cartney, P. Sutton, Dr. St. Clair, Bodenhammer, Christy, Smith & Clark~ Messu. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney & Clark made an informal report of their proceedings as a committee, appointed at previous meeting—

Floor plans  
adopted

Mr. James W. Drum, laid before the board, a series of floor plans, for the proposed buildings of the corporation which after examination were approved and Mr. Drum was authorized to carry out and perfect the plans by him suggested—

Biddings  
opened.

Whereupon, from information from Mr. Drum, it being considered probable the drawings can all be prepared by the 1<sup>s</sup> day of Sept., next, it was resolved by the unanimous vote of the board, that biddings be opened and proposals received for the buildings of the said School buildings. Proposals to be rec<sup>d</sup> and opened on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September next. All bids to be given in detail, according to the requirements of the specifications, and accompanied with a bond [?]<sup>54</sup> \$10,000 conditioned that the bidder will accept and sign a contract under his bid & give good security for performance thereof.

The Secretary was authorized to prepare proper advertisements—and have the same inserted in the County Newspaper, in the Pittsburgh Commerical, and Phila<sup>d</sup> Press—

Board adjourned, to meet on the 16<sup>th</sup> September next, if not sooner called together by the President.

Silas M. Clark  
Sec'y

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<sup>54</sup> Illegible, resembles a “w” with a dot above it.

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09.16.1872

1872 Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> Board met, not a [?]<sup>55</sup> present

Adjourned:—

Silas M. Clark,  
Sec'y

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10.10.1872

1872, October 10<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees of Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania, met at office of Secretary, Present all members of the board excepting, Harry White—who was notified to attend. Adjourned to meet at office of Jos. R. Smith, Esq. for the with—

Board met at office of Jos. R. Smith, Esq. pursuant to adjournment, present full board, excepting Harry White.

Bids were received, and opened, for construction of Normal School buildings, pursuant to plans and specifications as follows:—

Opening the  
proposals

G. A. Cochran \$153,000— W. S. M<sup>c</sup>Kee & Co. \$158,300—  
Pierce Suinot \$117,180— James Gilleland \$149,000—  
Clower & M<sup>c</sup>Law \$197,192— R. M. Dickey & Sons \$117,500  
Voris, Haigh & Gregg \$152,665— Waddle & Wilson \$199,950  
Simon Harrold \$143,341. Jos. R. Leech \$128,643.97—  
Lowry & Hartings \$122,777—

All bids  
rejected.

None of the said bids being acceptable to the board  
all were rejected—

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<sup>55</sup> Illegible, possibly begins with “qu” or “m”; most likely refers to a lack of sufficient attendance needed to conduct normal business

The architect was authorized to revise the plans  
& reduce the cost of the said buildings, as far as  
practicable.

Adjourned to meet, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1872 at the  
office of Jos. R. Smith, Esq.

Silas M. Clark

Sec'y

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10.19.1872

1872 Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees of the Indiana  
Normal School of Pennsylvania, met at the office of  
Jos. R. Smith, Esq. pursuant to adjournment. Present  
John Sutton in the chair, D<sup>r</sup>. St. Clair, Jos. R. Smith, Peter  
Sutton, Geo. S. Christy, G. W. Bodenhammer, S. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney,  
And S. M. Clark.

The architect Mr. Drum, having revised the plans  
and specifications of the proposed buildings and  
reduced the cost of the said building, and submitted  
the said alterations to the three lowest bidders at  
previous meeting, the following proposals and bids  
were made for the construction of said buildings  
subject to the alterations so made,

Jas. P. Leech—\$99,777—by omitting the door  
frames, inside f[?],<sup>56</sup> plastering, painting [?]<sup>57</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> and  
5<sup>th</sup> stories, a reduction of \$7,150—

Pierce Suinott—\$98,000—omitting the above, a  
reduction of \$4,000.

R. M. Dickey & Sons \$93,000—omitting the above a

Plan Mod-  
-ified

Bids

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<sup>56</sup> Illegible; possibly begins with "f"

<sup>57</sup> Illegible

reduction of \$5,000.

All bids  
rejected.

None of the said bids being acceptable to the board, they were all rejected—

D<sup>r</sup>. St. Clair offered the following resolution—  
Resolved—that the President and Secretary of the board are hereby authorized to contract with R. M. Dickey & Sons, for the construction of the Normal School buildings, on such terms as they shall deem but for interest of the corporation—provided that the money payments on any contract they may make shall not exceed \$85,000—

Adjourned to meet at call of the President.

Silas M. Clark  
Sec'y

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11.02.1872

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1872 Novbr. 2<sup>d</sup> Board of Trustees of Indiana Normal School of Penn<sup>a</sup> met at the Assessor's Office (Jos. R. Smith) pursuant to previous notice given. Present John Sutton in the chair, J. R. Smith, P. Sutton, Geo. S. Christy, S. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney, & S. M. Clark.

New proposal

A new proposal having been received from R. M. Dickey & Sons, for the erection of the Normal School buildings. Jos. R. Smith offered the following resolution—

Resolved:—That the proposal of R. M. Dickey & Sons in which they propose to build the Indiana Normal School Buildings at and for \$94,000— \$86,000 thereof payable in cash according to the terms of our

Dickey & Sons  
proposals  
accepted.

advertisements for proposals, and \$8,000. in the stock of the corporation, according to the plans & specifications made by Messr. Drum & Kuher, architects and subject to the abatements made by them and submitted in writing, be accepted and that the President and Secretary be instructed to prepare the necessary papers to close a contract, and that the President and Secretary be instructed to execute the said contract, in the name and under the seal of the corporation, upon receiving a bond from the said R. M. Dickey & Sons to be approved by the board—

Seal adopt  
[?]<sup>58</sup>

The Ayes and Noes being called—all the members of the board present voted aye, whereupon the resolution was declared to be unanimously adopted.

The Secretary exhibited to the board a seal procured by him pursuant to the instructions of the board. An impression thereof being hereon made which said seal was adopted as the Common Seal of the Indiana Normal School of Penn<sup>a</sup> –

[seal impression]

On motion, Geo. S. Christy and Peter Sutton were appointed a committee to make assignments to have a vote [?]<sup>59</sup> on the grounds of the corporation at such place as shall be designated by the architect with power to contract, for the same.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the President  
Silas M. Clark, Sec'y

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<sup>58</sup> Illegible; damaged manuscript

<sup>59</sup> Illegible; possibly begins with a “b”

11.30.1872

1872 Novbr. 30<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees of the Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania, met at the call of the President—present John Sutton in the chair, Geo. W. Bodenhammer, Saml. M<sup>c</sup>Cartney, Jos. R. Smith, D<sup>r</sup>. St. Clair, Peter Sutton, Geo. S. Christy & S. M. Clark

Dickey & Sons  
back down.

Voris, Heigh<sup>60</sup>  
& Greggs—  
proposals  
\$94,000.  
by Thos. Heigh

It appearing to the board that R. Dickey & Sons refused to execute a contract, pursuant to the resolution adopted at last meeting—a proposition or proposal was received from Thos. Haigh of the firm of Voris, Haigh & Gregg of Danville, Pa. to erect the said buildings according to plans & specifications subject to such alterations as has been made by Mr. Drum the architect—for the sum of \$94,000—payable \$85,000. in money as the work should progress \$5,000. in Mortgage Bonds of the corporation—on the lot of ground purchased from Jno. Sutton—and \$4,000—in the capital stock of the corporation—The \$5,000. of Mortgage Bond to be secured by a bond mortgage to be drawn to secure a series of bonds of said corporation to amount of \$35,000=

Whereupon on motion of D<sup>r</sup>. St. Clair it was resolved that the President & Secretary be authorized & empowered to contract with the said firm of Voris, Haigh & Gregg on the basis of the said proposal. The ayes & noes being called on this resolution, all the members of the board present voted aye—noes none

Adjourned to meet at call of President.

Silas M. Clark

Sec'y

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<sup>60</sup> Name appears as both Heigh and Haigh