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the time of his decease he was an inhabitant of said County of Wayne and that said instrument is duly proved and ought to be allowed as the last will and testament of said deceased;

It is Ordered and Decreed that said instrument be and the same is hereby allowed and that it have full force and effect as the last will and testament of said deceased. And it is further ordered that the execution of said will be committed and the administration of said estate be granted to John P. Henry M. Wieder and Julius J. Huebner the executors therein named, upon their giving bond in the penal sum of One Hundred Dollars to be approved by the Judge of this court.

Edgar O. Durfee.
Judge of Probate.

State of Michigan)
County of Wayne) ss. Probate Court for said County

I, Albert W. Flint Dep- Register of Probate for said County and acting as Clerk of said Probate Court, do hereby certify, that I have compared the foregoing copy of Will and Order of Probate in the matter of the estate of Edward Huebner Sr. deceased with the original record thereof, now remaining in this office, and have found the same to be a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original record.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Probate Court at Detroit, this twenty second day of May A.D. 1908.

Probate
Seal

Albert W. Flint.
Deputy Register of Probate.

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Reg. No. 151561.

BY-LAWS OF THE GERMAN EVANGELICAL
BETHANIA CONGREGATION OF THE CITY
OF DETROIT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE
OF MICHIGAN!

REGISTERED BY THE
Clerk of the Court on the
26th day
of June
1908.
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Article 1. Membership.

Sec. 1. All persons who shall subscribe to the Articles of Association and By-Laws of this corporation shall be members thereof as well as those persons who are admitted to membership as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. Every candidate for membership shall apply to the Board of Trustees, must be baptized, confirmed, of the age of Eighteen (18) years and upwards, have a good moral and christian character, sign the By-Laws and be received into membership publicly at a Sunday service.

Sec. 3. All members shall lead a Christian life, attend worship and congregational Meetings submit themselves to the rules and regulations of this Congregation as set forth in the By-Laws and promote the welfare of this church according to their ability.

Sec. 4. Every member is entitled to all the privileges of the church in regard to services and officiating by the minister, and shall also have a voice and vote at all Congregational Meetings.

Sec. 5. Every member neglecting to pay his regular contributions for one year shall thereby lose his membership, except in the event of his being prevented from contributing by sickness or accident.

Sec. 6. Any member persistently disobeying the rules and regulations of this church shall be excommunicated; Provided, that any member excommunicated may be restored to membership by complying with the requirements of these By-Laws.

Sec. 7. The privilege of voting is granted to members six (6) months after being admitted into full membership of this Congregation.

Sec. 8. All persons who contribute to the maintenance of the church but who have not complied with the above provisions shall be regarded as contributory members. Such members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the church in regard to services and clerical ministrations.

Article II. Suspension and Expulsion.

Any member of this congregation may be suspended or expelled from membership at a meeting of the Congregation by a two third ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of those present.

Article III. Officers.

The officers of this Congregation shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and the Members- six (6) in number- of the Board of Trustees.

Article IV. Nominations and Elections.

Sec. 1. At the first meeting of this Congregation there shall be nominated and elected a Board of Trustees of six members, two of whom shall be elected for one year, two for two years, and two for three years. At each subsequent Annual Meeting of the Congregation there shall be nominated and elected two members of the Board of Trustees to succeed those whose term expire, and each of those so elected at such subsequent annual meeting shall hold office for three years or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Sec. 2. The President shall be elected by the Board of Trustees, and shall hold office at the congregation's will; Provided, that he shall not be dismissed without three months notice thereof. The remaining officers shall be nominated and elected from and by the members of the Board of Trustees at the first regular meeting of said Board succeeding the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, as soon as said Board shall be organized, and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Sec. 3. All officers shall be elected by ballot.

Article V. Installation.

Officers shall be installed publicly at services on the first Sunday after their election.

Article VI. Removal from Office.

The Secretary or Treasurer may be removed from office at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of those present.

Article VII. Duties of Officers.

Sec. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Congregation and shall be a member (ex officio) and President of the Board of Trustees. In the absence of the President a President pro tempore may be elected. He shall give notice of the time and place of holding meetings of the Board of Trustees and of the Congregation.

Sec. 2. The Secretary shall keep a record of all resolutions, and transactions, act as Secretary to the Board of Trustees and do all the writing and corresponding for the Board and the Congregation, keep an account of all incomes and expenditures, keep a list of all the members and report to the Congregation all contributions.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due the Congregation from every source, keep an account of all income and expenditures, pay out and disburse money when authorized or directed so to do by the Congregation or the Board of Trustees; and take care of all valuable papers, deeds, bonds, etc. of the Congregation. He shall give a bond within two weeks after his election in such a form and for such amount as the Board of Trustees shall require.

Sec. 4. The Board of Trustees shall care for the welfare of the Congregation and see that all resolutions of the meetings are carried out; report all incomes and expenditures; provide for a pastor in the event of a ministerial vacancy and report to the congregation their action in this regard; fix the salary of the pastor and bring the same for consideration before the Congregation; send a delegate to the annual convention of the Synod; make necessary By-Laws; settle all disputes; visit the sick with the pastor; keep up discipline; attend to charitable work wherever necessary; keep the property of the congregation in good order; select with power of immediate dismissal, a sexton, who shall perform all duties prescribed by the Pastor or the Board of Trustees; attend to all financial transactions and represent the Congregation before Court.

Article VIII. Meetings.

Sec. 1. Congregational Meetings shall be held semi-annually on the first Tuesday of January and July, and the first meeting of the year shall be known and designated as the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 2. Special Meetings may be called by the Pastor or by the Board of Trustees, or by ten members of the Congregation who shall request the holding of such meeting, said request to be in writing and addressed to the Pastor or the Board of Trustees.

Sec. 3. Every regular meeting of the Congregation shall be announced at the services on the two Sundays preceeding the date of the meeting, and the time, place, and purpose of the meeting shall be included in such announcement. The time, place and purpose of all special meetings shall be announced as soon as determined upon.

Sec. 4. The meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, at such a time and place as the President shall announce.

Sec. 5. The Pastor shall preside at all meetings and the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Reading of Minutes.
3. Report and recommendations of the Board.
4. Report of Officers.
5. Reports of Committees.
6. Nominations and Elections.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. New Business.
9. Adjournment.

Article IX.

This Congregation shall be subject to the by-laws of the German Evangelical Synod, of North America, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Missouri.

Article X. Property.

Sec. 1. Property, real and personal, may be acquired by this corporation by gift, grant

or conveyance.

Sec. 2. The real property of this corporation may be disposed of by deed executed by the President and Secretary of the Congregation, or may be mortgaged in the same manner; Provided that at a meeting of the Congregation two-thirds $\frac{2}{3}$ of those present and voting pass a resolution authorizing the President and Secretary to execute such deed, conveyance or mortgage.

Sec. 3. Personal property of the corporation may be disposed of by the Board of Trustees, consent thereto having first been given by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the Congregation at a meeting thereof.

Sec. 4. The proceeds from the sale of any property, real or personal, belonging to the Congregation, shall be used only to advance the religious doctrines of the German Evangelical Synod of North America.

Article XI. Contributions.

Every member of this Corporation shall be required to contribute annually a fixed amount for the maintenance of the Church, to be paid quarterly in advance. Such contributions shall not be less than Six (6) dollars for a family and three (3) dollars for a single person annually.

Article XII. The Pastor.

Sec. 1. The pastor of this congregation shall have graduated from a college or university and a theological seminary and must be a member of the German Evangelical Synod of North America.

Sec. 2. The Pastor shall be entitled to three (3) months notice of dismissal, and he shall not resign without giving the Congregation a similar notice of three (3) months.

Sec. 3. The Pastor may be discharged without notice, however, if he be proven guilty of any crime.

Sec. 4. The Pastor shall be a servant of Christ; hold all required services and communions, baptize, confirm, marry and officiate at burials; superintend the Sunday-school; keep a record of all baptisms, confirmations, weddings, burials, and all transactions promoting the welfare of the Congregation.

Sec. 5. The salary of the Pastor shall be paid promptly and he shall be given additional compensation for incidental work. No one may perform ceremonies or discharge any of his duties in the Congregation, except in the case of his resigning, when others may preach.

Article XIII. Amendment & Revisions.

Any article of these By-Laws may be amended or revised, except Article IX, at a special meeting called for that purpose, by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of those present: Provided, that the proposed amendment or revision shall have been read at a previous meeting of the Congregation and approved by a majority vote of the members present.

We, the undersigned, being all members of the German Evangelical Bethania Congregation, have for the purpose of giving force and effect to the foregoing by-laws of said Congregation, adopted the same and do hereby subscribe to the same in triplicate, this 25th day of June A.D. 1908.

Christian Apel
John Hess
Ernst F. Lang
Paul Ulber
Julius Hager

