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THE GOOD ROADS LAW.

TO PROVIDE GOOD ROADS IN FRANKLINTON TOWNSHIP.

Below is the Act in Full as Passed by the General Assembly and is Published for Benefit of Voters.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

Section 1. That W. A. Cooke, S. C. Vann, J. O. Green, B. W. Ballard, J. W. Sandling, C. S. Williams, W. L. McGhee, B. T. Green, H. E. Pearce, John R. Mitchiner, R. O. Pennell, J. H. Wilder and I. H. Kearney, are hereby constituted a board of trustees for the public roads of Franklinton township, in Franklin county. The first five shall hold the said position of trustees for six years, the next four for four years, and the last four for two years. At the expiration of the terms of any, their successors shall be elected for six years by the county board of commissioners of Franklin county. All vacancies caused by death, resignation or removal from the said township shall be filled for the unexpired term by the remaining members of said board, provided, that the position of trustee shall not constitute an office within the meaning of article seven, section fourteen of the Constitution of North Carolina.

Sec. 2. That the said board of trustees and their successors shall be and are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name and style of "The Board of Road Trustees of Franklinton Township," and by that name may sue and be sued, make contracts, acquire real and personal property by gift, purchase or devise, hold, exchange and sell the same, and exercise such other rights and privileges as are incident to other municipal corporations.

Sec. 3. That it shall be the duty of the said board of trustees to take control and management of the roads of said Franklinton township, and said trustees are hereby vested with all the rights and powers for such control and management as are now vested in and exercised by the board of county commissioners of Franklin county; provided, nothing in this act shall be construed to apply to bridges over Tar River.

Sec. 4. The board of trustees shall annually elect a chairman and secretary and a treasurer. The treasurer shall have charge of all road funds of the township and may be required to give bond in sufficient amount to cover funds coming into his hands. The board of trustees shall annually elect three of their number who shall constitute and be known as "The Executive Committee." This committee shall meet at stated intervals as may be directed by the trustees, shall have a chairman and secretary, shall order and issue vouchers for payment of general expenses connected with working roads and the purchase of machinery and implements, which said vouchers shall be signed by the chairman and secretary of said committee, and a record thereof kept. And the board of trustees may delegate to said executive committee any and all of its powers except that of issuing bonds.

Sec. 5. The said board of trustees shall annually elect a superintendent of roads for Franklinton township, who shall be paid such compensation out of the road fund of said township as may be fixed by said trustees, and who shall hold office for one year or until his successor shall be elected and qualified; provided, that said superintendent may at any time be removed by said board, after having been given ten days notice and a hearing, when in the opinion of the board there exists a good and sufficient cause for such removal. It shall be the duty of said superintendent, subject to the

approval of the board, to supervise, direct and have charge of the maintenance and construction of all public roads in Franklinton township, and he shall submit to said executive committee a monthly report concerning the work in progress and the moneys expended, and such other reports as may be required of him. As a guarantee of the faithful and honest discharge of the duties of his office the said board may require of said superintendent such bond as may be deemed advisable.

Sec. 6. The said board of trustees may purchase such machinery and implements as may be needed for the proper working and construction of the roads, may employ a competent engineer or surveyor, and may exercise such other powers and privileges as may be needed for the carrying out of the purposes and provisions of this act. Provided, that no person shall be subject to road duty.

Sec. 7. That the superintendent of roads of Franklinton township is hereby authorized to enter upon any uncultivated lands near to or adjoining any public road of said township to cut and carry away timber, except trees or groves on improved land planted or left for shade or ornament, to dig or cause to be dug and carried away any gravel, sand, clay, or stone which may be necessary to construct, improve or repair such roads; and enter upon any lands adjoining or lying near such roads in order to make such drains or ditches through the same as he may deem necessary for the betterment of the road, and the drains and ditches so made shall not be obstructed by the occupants of such lands or any other person, and any person obstructing such drain or ditch shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days. If the owner of any land from which timber, stone, clay, gravel or sand were taken as aforesaid, shall present an account for the same through said superintendent to said board or executive committee within thirty days after the taking thereof, it shall be the duty of said board to pay for same at a fair price; and in case of any disagreement as to the value the superintendent of roads shall appoint one freeholder, the person claiming the damages a second, and these two a third, which said three freeholders shall assess said damages and report the same in writing to the superintendent of roads.

Sec. 8. That the said superintendent of roads with the approval of the trustees or executive committee is hereby given discretionary power to locate, re-locate or change any part of any public road in said township when in his judgment the same will prove advantageous to public travel. That when any person on whose lands the new road or part of the road is to be located claims damages therefor and within thirty days petitions said board of trustees for a jury to assess the damages, the said trustees shall, within not less than fifteen nor more than sixty days after the completion of said road, order a jury of three disinterested freeholders of Franklinton township to be selected and summoned by the sheriff of Franklin county as provided by law, who shall give said land owner forty eight hours' notice of the time and place when and where the said jury will meet to assess his damages; and said jury, in considering the question of damages, shall also take into consideration the benefits to the owner of the land, and if such benefits be considered equal to or greater than the damages sustained the jury shall so declare and it shall report its finding in writing to said trustees for revision and confirmation; provided, that such owner may appeal to the superior court of Franklin county from the decision of said

trustees. Sec. 9. That the said board of trustees shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds of said Franklinton township, to be styled "Franklinton Township Road Bonds" to an amount not to exceed forty thousand dollars, of such denomination and of such proportion as said board may deem advisable, bearing interest from the date of issue thereof at a rate not exceeding six per cent, per annum, with interest coupons attached, payable annually or semi-annually, as may be deemed best, at such time or times and at such place or places as may be deemed advisable by said board; said bonds to be signed by the chairman and secretary of said board and to be of such form and tenor, and transferable in such way, and the principal thereof, payable or redeemable at such time or times, not exceeding forty years from the date thereof, and at such place or places as said board of trustees may determine; none of said bonds shall be disposed of for a less price than their par value, and the said bonds may be issued at such time or times and in such amount or amounts as may be deemed best to meet the expenditures provided for in this act. The liability for the payment of said bonds, together with all interest that may be due thereon shall be attached to and imposed upon the political division of Franklin county known as Franklinton township as constituted at the time of the ratification of this act.

Sec. 10. That for the purpose of providing for the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon and for the construction, improvement and maintenance of the roads of said township, the board of county commissioners shall annually and at the time of levying the county taxes levy and lay a special tax on all persons and property subject to taxation within the limits of said Franklinton township, of not less than fifteen cents and not more than thirty five cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation of property and not less than forty-five cents and not more than one dollar and five cents on each taxable poll. The taxes so levied shall be collected as other taxes are collected, and paid to the treasurer of said board of road trustees.

Sec. 11. That the provisions of all the preceding sections of this act except section one shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of said Franklinton township at an election to be held on a day to be designated by the county board of commissioners of Franklin county. For the holding of said election the said county commissioners shall appoint a registrar and two poll holders and any other officers necessary to said election, and shall order a new registration. At the close of said election said registrar and poll holders shall count and canvass the vote cast and declare the result thereof, and shall report such canvass to the board of county commissioners, which said report shall be recorded in the minutes of said board of commissioners and no other canvass, report or recording shall be necessary. At said election all voters who shall favor the issue of bonds, the levy of the special tax and the other provisions of this act shall cast ballots on which shall be printed or written "For Good Roads," those opposed to such shall cast ballots on which shall be written or printed "Against Good Roads." In all other respects said election shall be held and conducted in the manner prescribed for the election of members of the General Assembly. If a majority of the qualified voters of said township shall vote "For Good Roads," then said bonds shall be issued and said tax levied and the other powers and duties exercised as provided for in this act; provided,

that if a majority of said qualified voters shall fail to vote "For Good Roads," said board of county commissioners shall order another election or elections to be held in the manner and with the same effect as above provided, at any time within four years of the date of the first election when requested to do so by said board of trustees.

Sec. 12. That all funds derived from the sale of any bonds by said board of trustees shall be paid over to the treasurer of said board of trustees and shall be used for the purpose of constructing and improving the public roads in said township, the purchase of such material, machinery and implements, and the employment of such officers and labor as may be found necessary in the carrying out of this work.

Sec. 13. That in the working and construction of roads either convict labor or hired labor, or both, may be used as may be ordered by said board of trustees, and in the working of convicts on the public roads, all rights and privileges existing in regard thereto or that may hereafter exist, for the use of convicts in Franklin county, or any township therein, shall exist and apply to the use of convicts on the roads of Franklinton township.

Sec. 14. That no moneys shall be expended under this act on any road or street in any incorporated town.

Sec. 15. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act, so far as they relate to said Franklinton township, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 16. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this 20th day of February, A. D. 1909.

WHITHEAD KLUETT, Speaker pro tempore of the Senate.

A. W. GRAHAM, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. Office of Secretary of State. Raleigh, February 23, 1909.

I, J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached to be a true copy from the records of this office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Done in office at Raleigh, this 23 day of February in the year of our Lord 1909.

J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State.

Honor Roll. The following deserve credit for being on the honor roll of New Hope school for week ending February 26th, 1909:

1st grade—Ruby Perry, Francis Chamblee, Bailey Pearce, Beatrice Beddingfield, Addie Odum. 2nd grade—Mary Pierce, Aedie Long. 3rd grade—Pearl Freeman, John Edwards, John Chamblee, Otha Denton, Edd Perry. 4th grade—Wiley Beddingfield, Raymon Edwards. 5th grade—Ella Denton, Goldie Hagwood, Graham Dickerson, Jennie Vee Medlin, John Denton. 6th grade—Doris Dickerson, Clifton Floyd, John Odum, Joe and Mary Denton, Oscar Hagwood, Aaron and Collie Arnold, Ernest Hoyle, Joe Lafater, Claude Chamblee. 7th grade—Willie Chamblee. W. R. YOUNG, Teacher.

Kind Words From the Brethren. We hope our readers will not consider it a fit of egotism on our part in printing below, a few kindly and highly appreciated expressions from some of the "brethren of the quill" in their mention of our new volume. As all of our readers do not see the various papers of the State, we had

a desire for them to see what some of the brethren thought of us, hence the appearance of the nice things below:

The FRANKLIN TIMES has entered its thirty-ninth volume. Brother Thomas has been at the helm thirty-two years, and one would hardly think, in seeing him that he had even reached that age. The TIMES is one of our valued exchanges.—Warrenton Record.

Our esteemed neighbor, the FRANKLIN TIMES, J. A. Thomas, editor, has entered upon its thirty-ninth volume. Thirty eight years the TIMES has hammered away for the upbuilding of Louisburg, and Franklin County. The TIMES and its genial editor holds a warm place in the hearts of the people of that section and they deserve all and more than they get.—Littiston News Reporter.

The LOUISBURG TIMES—our esteemed friend J. A. Thomas's paper—is thirty-nine years old. An ancient landmark truly in the life of a North Carolina country newspaper. There are less than half a dozen papers in the State that are as old. And still fewer have been continuously edited by the same man as long as the TIMES has. For thirty two years Mr. Thomas has been at the helm and how wisely and well he has guided this fact speaks for itself. The LOUISBURG TIMES has been a factor for good in its community all these years. It rings true on all questions affecting the interests and welfare of the State and its home people and its record is one to point to with pride. The TIMES and its genial editor deserve the success that is theirs and the Gold Leaf wishes for them, one and inseparable many more years of honor and usefulness.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

At the time we overlooked the fact that the FRANKLIN TIMES, of Louisburg, was a few days ago thirty-nine years old. An ancient landmark truly in the life of a North Carolina country newspaper. For thirty two years the TIMES has been continuously edited by our friend, Mr. J. A. Thomas. The paper has been well and wisely guided during all the years that his hand has been at the helm, and through both smooth and stormy seas has stood for the promotion of the best interests of Louisburg, Franklin county and the State. On all questions it has been a factor for good, and has rung true every time. The TIMES and its genial editor deserve the success that is their, and the Sun wishes for them many long years of usefulness.—Durham Sun.

From Youngsville. The following is the Honor Roll of our Graded School for February:

1st grade—Bettie Holden, Mozelle Williams, Pearl Allen, Erselle Huff, Mary Shannas Patterson, Mary Mess. 2nd grade—Mary Pierce, Aedie Long. 3rd grade—Nora Pearce, Annie Perry, Lessie Williams, Aubrey Winston. 4th grade—Annie Green, Irma Allen, Burma Perry, Willie Massey. 5th grade—Unzie Williams, Grace Hunt. 6th grade—Amanda Winston, Margarette Hunt. 7th grade—Katie Holden, Lillian Winston, Hattie Parkerson, Frank Timberlake, Mabel Cooke, Susie Pierce, Herman Winston, Eliza Riddick. 8th grade—Mary Winston, Royal Gay, Gertrude Winston, Claude Timberlake, Route Riddick, Malone Watkins.

The Auditorium was filled last Friday night, and all seemed to enjoy the "Private Secretary."

On Friday March 12, Dixie Quartette from Wake Forest, will appear in the Graded School Auditorium, and our people will no doubt give them a warm reception. F.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Miss Bettie Boddie visited friends in Franklinton this week.

Mr. R. W. Howell of Thomas, paid W. M. Boone a flying visit this week.

Attorney General T. W. Biskett came home and spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. C. F. Best, of Franklinton, is visiting the editor's family this week.

Mr. J. S. Strickland, one of the "typo's" in this office spent Sunday in Red Springs.

Miss Fannie Boddie returned on day this week after a few days' visit to friends in Henderson.

Senator Holden and Mr. F. S. Sprull spent Monday in Louisburg on professional business.

Mrs. M. E. Joyner who has been visiting her daughter, at Wake Forest, has returned home.

Mr. H. T. Beasley, of Apex, was in Louisburg this week, shaking hands with his host of friends here.

J. C. Joyner, of Baltimore, who has been visiting his father, M. E. Joyner, of Louisburg, for the last few days, has returned to his home.

Mr. Geo. M. Manning, our correspondent at "Schloss" was in town this week, and reports everything just "as-is" in his flock of the woods.

Mr. R. Z. Egerton returned this week from a two week's stay at Chase City, where he was a guest at the "Mecklenburg." He has much improved from the rest and speaks in high praise of the good treatment at this pleasure resort and Sanitarium.

List of Jurors. The following is a list of jurors drawn by the commissioners for April term of Franklin Superior Court, which convenes on the 19th:

FIRST WEEK. W. Hamp Williams, G. W. Poythress, W. M. Fuller, R. F. Fuller, K. K. Allen, M. E. Joyner, Geo. H. Parkerson, W. C. Fuller, A. D. Mitchiner, W. J. Jones, H. T. May, Jonas Denton, C. C. Insoce, Jno. C. Winston, G. D. Pearce, C. W. Gapton, A. L. Allen, G. T. Collins, J. H. Ballentine, J. B. Brown, W. E. Uzzell, J. E. Nicholson, Ruffin Griffin, Geo. N. Stell, J. H. Gapton, C. F. Faulkner, J. B. Jones, J. H. Whitfield, W. P. Hunt, J. G. Creekmore, J. T. Lancaster, J. F. Phelps, L. W. Mitchiner, G. B. Clark, Arch Collier, A. D. Harper.

SECOND WEEK. W. H. Parrish, Sam Bartholomew, M. V. Lancaster, G. W. Boone, W. T. Dean, C. T. Bartholomew, C. W. Pearce, W. R. Young, J. N. Wood, Ollie M. Collins, W. H. Pleasant, S. C. Eaves, T. W. Wood, D. C. Tharrington, A. A. Medlin, J. E. Insoce, S. J. Matthews, Jr., E. E. Freeman.

Mark Twain on Books. A young girl once asked Mark Twain if he liked books for Christmas gifts.

"Well, that depends," drawled the great humorist. "If a book has a leather cover it is really valuable as a razor strop. If it is a brief, some work, such as the French writs, it is useful to put under the short leg of a wobbly table. An old-fashioned book, with a clasp, can't be best as a truss to hurt at a dog, and a large book, like a geography, is as good as a piece of tin to nail over a broken pane of glass."—Philadelphia Ledger.