

The Vincennes Library Company: A Cultural Institution in Pioneer Indiana

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This final installment of the minutes of the Vincennes Library Company covers the meetings from February 4, 1839, to February 5, 1883. Between these dates the company passed through stages common to many mid-nineteenth century subscription libraries—a gradual decline in membership, smaller attendance at and less regular company meetings, fewer book purchases, and extended periods of suspended activity, followed by the formal absorption of the library's collection by a larger institution, in this case by Vincennes University.

The company's vitality continued strong into the 1840's, but within a decade it began a rapid decline. The annual shareholders' meetings were held but poorly attended; and the number of board meetings declined to the point that none were held between 1849 and 1852. The last sizable purchase of books, forty volumes, was recorded in February, 1847.

By the eve of the Civil War the circumstances which had inspired the founding of the library company and sustained its growth were gone. Such factors as the scarcity of books and funds for their purchase, remoteness from publishing centers, transportation costs, and the like were no longer operative, or were operating with much less impact on the people of Vincennes. The demise of the company was also attributable, at least in part, to the interests and energies attracted (and services rendered) by the Maclure Library, the Library and Lecture Association, the Workingmen's Institute, and the Moral and Social Reading Room, all of which were functioning within half a dozen years after the war. In short, as a cultural institution in pioneer Indiana the Vincennes Library Company had been a significant and useful agency; but when the conditions which led to its creation disappeared, so did the need for the organization. But not before, as Benjamin Franklin said of his Junto Club, the company had "manifested its utility."

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[February 4, 1839]¹

At a meeting of the Stock Holders, on Monday the 4th day of Feby. 1839 at the office of Judah & Gibson of The Vincennes Library Company—Present: S. Hill Esq., Prest.; Geo. R. Gibson Secy. pro. tem.; J. B. Martin, Wm. Burtch, Saml. Emerson, A. T. Ellis, H. D. Wheeler, Josph Somes, John Moore, John D. Hay, John Law, R. Y. Caddington, N. Smith, S. L. Crosby.

The Records of Society since the last annual meeting were read—and on motion of Capt. J. B. Martin the meeting proceeded to the Election of officers for the ensuing year and after counting the votes, the Chairman declared the result as follows—(to wit): Samuel Hill, President; S. L. Crosby, Librarian; A. T. Ellis, Josph Somes, John Law, J. B. Martin, Geo. R. Gibson, Directors.

Mr. Law offered the following Resolution “Resolved—That the portrait of Col. Francis Vigo painted by Mr. Augustus Von Smith be received—That he be paid the sum of \$20.00 therefor, and receive a certificate of membership freed from the annual Tax of \$2.00 and that said portrait be

¹ In editing these minutes every effort has been made to reproduce faithfully the spelling and capitalization of the handwritten document. The spacing of the original minutes has been somewhat modified and standardized. For example, space limitations have prompted the listing of members present at a meeting, results of elections, and books recommended for purchase in series instead of the columns which usually appear in the minutes. Paragraphs have been indented consistently even though in the document many were not indented. Frequently items of business—especially motions and resolutions—were recorded on separate successively indented lines; these have been reproduced in standard paragraph form. The openings and closings of minutes and locations of headings also have been standardized. Punctuation has been reproduced as it appeared with the following exceptions: periods have been added where necessary at the ends of paragraphs, closings of minutes, and after abbreviations and initials; commas and semicolons have been added when columns of names are reproduced in series; a colon has been added after the word “present” when it precedes a list of members attending a meeting, after the word “viz.” when it introduces a series, and occasionally where it clarifies the intent of the secretary; decimal points have been inserted where they were missing in prices; and hyphens have been used consistently between inclusive numbers in lists of numbered books. Flourishes have been omitted or translated as periods; underlining of signatures, dates, and the like has been considered a flourish except where it clearly indicates italics. Raised letters have been brought down to the line. Unintentional repetitions of words or phrases have been omitted, as have marks in the margins and words, phrases, or subtotals used in making transitions from one page to the next in the original minutes. No attempt has been made to give biographical data on individuals whose names appear in these minutes.

handsomely framed at the expense of the Company and hung up in the Library Room."

which Resolution on motion of Mr. Wheeler was amended, so as to allow Mr. Von Smith \$25.00. for said painting and a Certificate for one share of stock to be issued to him.

On motion of Mr. Ellis—Resolved—That Whereas doubts have been expressed in relation to the interpretation of the 2d Section of the Rules Resolved—That no annual contribution be assessed excepting on the 1st Monday of February in each year upon those owning shares at that time.

On motion the meeting then adjourned.

Geo. R. Gibson Secy.

Samuel Hill Prest.

Feb. 9. 1839.

A[t] a meeting of the Directors of the Vincennes Library Company—Present: S. Hill Prest.; A. T. Ellis, J. Somes, J. Law, J. B. Martin, G. R. Gibson, Directors.

J. B. Martin was elected Treasurer.

Standing Committees:

Committee on Finance: Messrs. Martin—Ellis—Somes.

Committee on Books: Messrs. Law—Gibson—Ellis.

Committee on Library & Furniture: Messrs. Gibson—Martin—Somes.

Nos. Resolved that "The Rocky Mountains" 2 Vols.

1612 be received of J. Law and he be credited One & a half
1613 dollars for both.

Nos. Also that the "History of North Carolina"

1614 2 Vols. be received of G. R. Gibson and he be

1615 credited One & a half dollars for both.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay to Mr. A. Von Smith Twenty five Dollars, for services rendered to the Library Company—said sum to be paid out of moneys not otherwise appropriated.

S. L. Crosby Secretary

Samuel Hill.

[September 7, 1839]

At a meeting called by the President of the Directors of the Vincennes Library Company at the Office of S. Hill Esq. Sept. 7th 1839. Present: S. Hill Prest.; Messrs. Law, Gibson, Ellis, Martin & Somes Directors. Mr. Ellis Secretary *pro tem*.

On motion—Resolved that the Treasurer make out all the accounts due on Shares that are not forfeited, and place them in the hands of an officer for collection forthwith.

Resolved that the Librarian furnish the Treasurer forthwith with a list of all the Stockholders designating those which are forfeited and those which are not in separate columns.

S. L. Crosby Secretary

Samuel Hill Prest.

[October 28, 1839]

At a meeting of the Directors of the Vincennes Library Company—called by the President—at the Office of S. Hill Esq.—Oct. 28, 1839—Present: S. Hill Esq. Prest. Messrs. Law, Martin, Somes and Ellis, Directors.

1. Resolved—that the Catholic College be authorised to take the cases containing the Books in the Vincennes University at such valuation of the same as may be agreed on.

2. Resolved—that a Committee of three with the Librarian be directed to take immediate measures for the removal of the Books of the Library to such place as they may designate—and be authorized to employ such persons as may be necessary to aid them:—and also to procure the necessary cases for the Books.— And that this Committee dispose of the cases mentioned in the first resolution.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee pursuant to the foregoing resolutions viz.: Messrs. Martin, Somes, Gibson, & Crosby.

The Meeting was then adjourned.

S. L. Crosby, Secretary.

Samuel Hill Prst.

Annual Meeting

1840. Feb. 3.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Vincennes Library Company held at the Library room, Monday Feb. 3. 1840—Present: S. Hill Esq. Prest.; E. Stout, J. Moore, A. T. Ellis, S. Emison, W. Burtch, J. Somes, H. D. Wheeler, J. Law, J. B. Martin, G. R. Gibson, R. Y. Caddington, W. J. Heberd, D. Stahl, S. L. Crosby.

Dr. Somes for the Committee appointed to remove the Books of the Library &c. (See record of Oct. 28. 1839.) reported *that*, a room was procured of Mr. Crosby at a rent

of twelve dollars per annum—which was fitted with shelving at the cost of \$28.02[?]: charges for moving books and furniture included.

Also that no sale or removal of the cases formerly prepared by the Academy Trustees for the Library—could be effected—The committee ask to be discharged from further attention to the matter.— The Report was adopted.

On motion, proceeded to elect officers for the year ensuing; as follows: S. Hill Esq., President; Messrs. Law, Ellis, Somes, Gibson, Stahl, Directors; J. B. Martin, Treasurer; S. L. Crosby, Librarian.

The Treasurer presented his account for the past year.

Resolved that the following shares are hereby declared forfeited: Jacob Kuykendall's, John Bruner's, Chas. Smith's, N. Ewing's, R. P. Price's, Chn. Graeter's, E. McNamee's, J. D. Woolverton's.

Resolved that the arrearages on the following shares be collected: I. Blackford's—S. Emison's—S. Tomlinson's.

Resolved that Certificates of Stock be issued to the following individuals being share holders whose shares are not forfeited: viz.:

Names of Stockholders Feb. 3. 1840

Samuel Emison—Samuel Hill—William Burtch—J. K. Dubois—Joseph Somes—H. D. Wheeler—Samuel Tomlinson's Estate—J. B. Martin—J. D. Hay—W. J. Heberd—R. Y. Caddington—J. P. Drake—E. M. Jones—S. L. Crosby—John Atkinson—G. R. Gibson—Daniel Stahl—E. Stout—Isaac Blackford—John Moore—John Law—N. Smith—S. Judah—Daniel Smith—John Baddlet's Estate—A. T. Ellis.

Resolved that all fines for the detention of books during the past year, be remitted.

Samuel Hill President.

Meeting of Directors. March 7. 1840.

At a regular, stated meeting of the Directors of the Vincenes Library Company—Present: S. Hill esq., Prest.; Messrs. Ellis, Somes, Gibson.

Standing Committees

On Finance, Messrs. Ellis, Somes, Gibson.

On Books Law, Somes, Stahl.

On Library Furniture and Room Gibson, Stahl, Ellis.

Ordered, that A. T. Ellis be credited the amount of his account \$3.68. and that S. L. Crosby be credited \$4. for services as librarian.

S. L. Crosby Librarian.

Meeting of Directors. Nov. 14, 1840.

At a meeting of Directors of the Vinc. Library Co. Present: S. Hill Esqr., Prest.; Messrs. Somes, Stahl, Gibson & Ellis.

Mr. Crosby presented his account for rent of room for the Library—during 12 months previous to Nov. 1. 1840. at \$1. per month—\$12.00; which was allowed (according to order at the annual meeting Feb. 3—1840—) and the Treasurer directed to pay the same out of the first unappropriated moneys in his hands.

Resolved that the Librarian make enquiry respecting the binding of books.

S. L. Crosby Librarian

Samuel Hill President.

Annual Meeting Feb. 1. 1841.

At the annual meeting of the Shareholders in the Vincennes Library Company—held Monday, Feb. 1. 1841.—Present: Messrs. Stout, Ellis, Caddington, Hill, Moore, Somes, Wheeler, Law, Martin, Crosby.

E. Stout esq. was appointed Chairman; J. Law esq. Secretary.

The share holders then proceeded to ballot for a President, five Directors, a Treasurer and a Librarian.

The following persons were elected: S. Hill Esq., President; J. Law, J. Somes, A. T. Ellis, G. R. Gibson, D. Stahl, Directors; J. B. Martin, Treasurer; S. L. Crosby, Librarian.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted.

S. L. Crosby Librarian.

[April 12, 1841]

At a meeting of the Directors of the Vincennes Library Company, April 12. 1841. Present: S. Hill Esq. President, and Messrs. Somes—Gibson—Ellis.

Resolved, that this Society learn with sincere regret the decease of Wm. H. Harrison, late President of the United States, and one of the founders of the Vincennes Library.

Resolved, that in token of respect for the memory of the deceased, the members of the Library Company be requested to wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, that these resolutions be published in the Public Papers of this place.

S. L. Crosby, Librarian

Samuel Hill President.

[October 30, 1841]

At a meeting of the Directors of the Vincennes Library Company, at the office of S. Hill Esq. Oct. 30, 1841. Present: S. Hill Esq. Prest. and Messrs. Somes—Ellis—& Gibson.

Dr. D. Stahl's resignation of his office was accepted—as he had removed from the place.

Wm. Burtch was appointed Director, in place of D. Stahl, resigned.

Mr. Crosby presented his account for rent of the room for keeping the Books—for one year from Nov. 1. 1840 Twelve dollars, which was ordered to be paid by the Treasurer.

Mr. Crosby having requested the removal^[1] of the Library from his room—Messrs. Somes, Gibson and the Librarian were appointed a Committee to effect the same.

S. L. Crosby Secy.

Samuel Hill President.

Annual meeting Feb. 7. 1842.

At the Library room, in the Town Hall, Present: Messrs. S. Hill, E. Stout, J. Moore, S. Judah, J. Somes, R. Y. Caddington, B. M. Thomas, W. Burtch, A. T. Ellis, J. B. Martin, S. L. Crosby, H. D. Wheeler (near the close); E. Stout Esq., Chairman; S. L. Crosby, Secretary.

On motion resolved that G. D. Hay be considered a Shareholder in place of his father now deceased—and that a certificate of Stock be issued to him.

On motion proceeded to elect the officers for the year ensuing as follows: President—S. Hill Esq.; Directors, Messrs. J. Law, J. Somes, A. T. Ellis, W. Burtch, B. M. Thomas; Treasurer, J. B. Martin; Librarian, S. L. Crosby.

On motion resolved that the annual contributions of the Treasurer and Librarian be remitted till otherwise ordered.

On motion resolved, that the Treasurer upon the expiration of two months from this date and in each and every year hereafter shall cause suit to be instituted against every person in arrears on account of annual contributions, fines or otherwise.—Also the above be published in both Newspapers of the place.

S. L. Crosby Secretary

Samuel Hill Prest.

[February 7, 1842]

At a meeting of the Directors of the Vinc. Lib'y. Company Feb. 7. 1842—Present: S. Hill Esq., Prest.; Messrs. Somes, Ellis, Burtch and Thomas.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Finance Messrs. Ellis, Somes, Burtch.

On Books Messrs. Law, Ellis, Thomas.

On Lib'y. Furniture Messrs. Burtch, Somes, Ellis.

Ordered

That John Moore be credited the amount of his account for removal of the Library Nov. 20, 1841—\$6.75.

That S. L. Crosby be paid the amount of his account for expenses of removal of the Library Nov. 1841—being \$5.65½.

That E. Stout be credited for the account by him presented for printing June 12, 1830—deducting the charges for adv'g. annual meetings—\$46.00.

S. L. Crosby Sec'y.

Samuel Hill Prest.

(Omitted in its proper place)

Resolved, on motion, at the annual meeting of the Shareholders, that the Librarian present as a donation from the Vinc. Lib'y Company to the Youth's Library several (3 or 5 perhaps) numbers of the Family Library duplicates on our shelves but not in their collection.

S. L. Crosby Sec'y.

Samuel Hill Prest.

[Undated]

At a meeting of the Directors of the Vincennes Library Company held Present:

Resolved that the folling Books be received of B. M. Thomas Esq. and that he be credited for them as here stated:

Nicolas Nickleby
Oliver Twist
Barnaby Rudge

Resolved that the Treasurer pay over to B. M. Thomas Esq. to be expended by him in purchasing Books for the Library.

Vincennes 13 December 1842

Meeting of the Directors Present: Saml. Hill, President;
A. T. Ellis, Joseph Somes, B. M. Thomas, Directors.

Ordered that the Books named in the invoice submitted by B. M. Thomas be received and numbered by the Librarian to wit:

Family Library

No.		
1064	Vol. 84	Turners Sacred History Vol. 3rd
	85	Animal Mechanism
	86-7-8-9-91	Jytlers [?] U. History
	92-3	Franklins Life & Works
	94-5	Pursuit of Knowledge
	96-7	Paleys Theology
	98	Birds Natural History etc.
	99	Dick Sideral Heavens
	100	Uphams Mental [?] Action
	101-2	Murrays British America
	103	History fine arts
	104	History Quadrupeds
	105	Parks Travels
	106	Life Before the Mast
	107-8	Parrys Voyage
	109-10	Johnson's Life & Works
	111	Bryants American Poets
	112-13	Hallecks British Poets
	114-15-16-17-18	Kitelys History England
	119-20	Hales U. S.
	121-2	Irwins Goldsmith
	123-4	Lives of Eminent Men
	125	Life De Wit Clinton
	126-7	Life Com. Perry
	128	Bruces Travels
	129	Lives of Jay & Hamilton
	130	Brewsters Martyrs Science
	131	Iceland Greenland &c.
	132	Japanese Manners & Customs
	133	Dwights Connecticut
	134-5	Ruins of Ancient Cities

136-7	Denmark Sweden & Norway		
138	Democracy		
139	History of Michigan		
140	Lives of Ancient Philosophers		
141-2	Napoleons Russian Expedition		
143-4	History Philosophy		
145	Beauties of Nature		
146	Liebers Labor & Property		
147	Natural History of Selborne		
148	Rangles Polar Sea		
149-50	Trades & Professions		
151-2-3	History Italy		
154-5	Lewis & Clark		27.00
1621-4	Thiers French Revolution	4 V.	3.00
1625-7	Bancrofts U. States	3 V.	5.25
1628-9	Coopers Naval History	2 V.	3.25
1630-1	Stephens Central America	2 V.	4.37
1632	Lockhart's Scott		1.06
1651	Eminent Mechanics		.47
1633-6	Rollins Ancient Histy.	4 V.	1.70
1637	Presidents Messages		1.25
1638	Combe's Phrenology		1.00
1639	Babijee [?]		.25
1640	Sketches Boz		.85
1641	Harry Lorreguer [?]		.95
1642	Old Curisoty Shop		.50
1643-50	Penny Magasine A. D. 1832-9	8 V.	4.95
			<hr/> 55.55

and that B. M. Thomas Esqr. be credited for the same Fifty five Dollars Fifty Five Cents

Samuel Hill Prest.

Vincennes Feb. 6th 1843

At a meeting of the Shareholders of the Vincennes Library, held in the Library room in the Town Hall, Jno. Law was appointed chairman, & R. Y. Caddington Secy. After organizing, the election of President, Directors, Librarian and Treasurer was entered into; when the following persons were duly declared elected: President, Saml. Hill, Esqr.; Directors, A. T. Ellis, Jno. Law, Jos. Somes, & Jno. Moore, & Wm. Burtch. Librarian & Secy. Geo. D. Hay [and] Treasurer Jno. B. Martin.

On motion the following resolution was adopted. Resolved, That the present year One dollar shall be remitted on each annual contribution.

The President then appointed the following Standing committees:

Committee on Finance	Ellis, Somes & Moore.
Do. " Books	Law, Moore, Ellis.
" " Library Room	Burtch Ellis, Somes.

Mr. Y. R. Caddington produced an a/c against the Library for printing certificates &c. amtg. to Four dollars, which was allowed.

On motion, the Meeting Adjourned.

Geo. D. Hay, Librarian

Saml. Hill Prest.

Library Room March 11th 1843.

Dr. H. Decker this day produced a written transfer of a share from Mr. Danl. Smith, of which the following is a copy:

I do hereby transfer and assign
to H. Decker, my Share in the
Vincennes Library.

Vins. Mar. 10th 1843. Daniel Smith

The Doctor produced also a rect. from Capt. J. B. Martin, for the payt. of the dues on above Share, upon which I, according to the Constitution, transferred the Share. The constitution requires that a regular transfer book be kept, but upon enquiry I find it has been lost.

Geo. D. Hay, Librarian.

October 9th. 1843

At a meeting of the Vincennes Library Company present: Saml. Hill, Prest.; John Moore, Wm. Burtch, Jos. Sommes, Directors.

On motion Willm. W. Carr was chosen Librarian to act untill the regular meeting in February.

On motion William Burtch was authorized to procure a stove and pipe and have the same put up in the Library Room.
Jos. Sommes Secy. pro tem Samuel Hill Prest.

Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the
Library Company held February 5th 1844²

At the annual meeting of the Vincennes Library Company held on the 5th of February 1844 there were present: John

² See page 139 for possible addendum to these minutes.

Moore, Wm. Burtch, Wm. Heberd, R. Y. Caddington, B. M. Thomas, Hiram Decker, Geo. D. Hay, E. M. Jones, N. Smith.

On Motion the Company went into the election of officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows: President, William Burtch; Directors, John Moore, B. M. Thomas, R. Y. Caddington, Samuel Judah, A. T. Ellis; Librarian, Will. W. Carr; Treasurer, John B. Martin.

On motion it was further Resolved that a share in the Library be donated to Will. W. Carr.

Resolved also that the acct. of Wm. Burtch for a stove and Pipe for the use of Library Room be allowed the amount of which is \$13.50.

Also that the acct. of W. Carr be allowed \$1.12½.

Also that for the ensuing year \$1.00 be remitted on the annual installment.

Also that the Report of J. B. Martin the Treasurer for the past year be received—shewing a Bal. in his hands of \$22.61.

On motion adjourned.

Will. W. Carr Librarian.

[February 5, 1844]

At a meeting of the Directors held the same evening present—Wm. Burtch President—John Moore—R. Y. Caddington—B. M. Thomas Directors the following proceedings were had.

Proper Committees were appointed as follows consisting of:

Messrs.	Moore, Caddington, Ellis	On Finance
	Thomas, Judah, Moore	On Books
	Caddington, Thomas, Ellis	On Room & furniture

Resolved That the Treasurer be instructed to use the proper means immediately to collect the arrearages due from share-holders to the Library.

That the meeting adjourn.

Will. W. Carr Librarian.

Annual meeting of the Vincennes Library
Company held on the 3d Feby. 1845

At the annual meeting of the Company held this day there were present: Wm. Burtch, John Moore, R. Y. Cadding-

ton, A. T. Ellis, W. W. Carr, Wm. J. Heberd, N. Smith, E. Stout, John B. Martin, Geo. D. Hay.

The Treasurer John B. Martin then presented a report of the state of the finances of the Company shewing the receipts and expenditures by him made as Treasurer and exhibiting a balance in his hands of thirty nine dollars & 11 cts. and it was ordered that his report be recd. and accepted.

On motion it was Resolved That the Treasurer be requested to proceed immediately to collect the arrears due on all shares which are not forfeited.

On motion it was Resolved That the shares of Daniel Stahl, George R. Gibson and John Atkincon be and they are hereby forfeited.—and also the share of Samuel L. Crosby be forfeited.

On motion it was Resolved That the sum of One dollar be remitted on the annual contribution for the ensuing year.

Resolved That Citizens wishing to avail themselves of the benefit of the use of Books belonging to this Library may obtain the same by applying to the Librarian & paying the sum of two dollars per year in advance subject however to the same regulations as shareholders.

The Shareholders then on motion went into an election of officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows— and the following gent. declared duly elected: President, John Moore; Directors, Willm. Burtch, Abnr. T. Ellis, Geo. D. Hay, Elihu Stout, Rd. Y. Caddington; Treasurer, John B. Martin; Librarian & Secy., Will. W. Carr.

On motion Resolved that the shareholders do now adjourn.
Will. W. Carr Secy.

[February 3, 1845]

At a meeting of the Directors held on the eveg. of February 3d. 1845 present: John Moore, President; Wm. Burtch, A. T. Ellis, Geo. D. Hay, E. Stout, & R. Y. Caddington, Directors the following proceedings were had.

The ordinary proper committees were appointed composed as follows:

On Finance	Wm. Burtch, A. T. Ellis, G. D. Hay
On Books	G. D. Hay, E. Stout, A. T. Ellis
On Library Room and Furniture	R. Y. Caddington, E. Stout, Wm. Burtch

It was then Resolved That all available means in the hands of the Treasurer be drawn from the Treasury by the chairman of the Committee on Books and as soon as practicable be expended for the purchase of Books under the control of said committee.

On Motion the Directors then adjourned.

Will. W. Carr Secy.

Jno. Moore Pres.

[February 3, 1846]

Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Vincennes Library. Present: A. T. Ellis, J. B. Martin, R. Y. Caddington, N. Smith, Saml. Judah, Joseph Somes—W. R. McCord, Jno. Moore, W. J. Heberd.

Jno. Moore was called to the chair.

H. Fauntleroy authorized to keep minutes.

The Treasr. J. B. Martin presented his account of funds—referred to Messrs. Somes & Burtch, who reported \$62.42 on hand, & \$55. due from shareholders.

On motion the share of James P. Drake was forfeited.

The meeting then proceeded to election of five directors, Treasurer, President & Librarian, which resulted as follows: Jno. Moore was elected President; A. T. Ellis, W. J. Heberd, W. R. McCord, Wm. Burtch, Joseph Somes, Directors; J. B. Martin, Treasurer; H. Fauntleroy, Librarian.

On motion it was resolved that the sum of one dollar be remitted on annual contributions.

On motion it was resolved that no one be permitted to take books from the library, except by compliance with the charter.

On motion it was resolved that be
authorized to arrange Note of Jno. Collins.

The meeting did then adjourn.

H. Fauntleroy, Secy.

[February 3, 1846]

Directors met Feby. 3d. 1846 Present: Jno. Moore, Prest.; W. J. Heberd, W. R. McCord.

On motion of Mr. McCord, it was resolved, that the Com. on books be requested to call on the Treas. & draw any funds in his hands for the purpose of purchasing books.

On motion of same it was also resolved, that Com. of Finance be required to ascertain who are in arrearages to the library, & to direct the Treasr. [to collect] all dues.

On motion the directors then adjourned.

H. Fauntleroy Librarian.

[February 5(?) 1844]^a

Annual meeting of the Share holders of the Vincennes Library February [5?] 1844 Present:

Ordered that the following books purchased by Wm. Burtch be received and numbered as follows:

1651-57	Bridgewater's Treatises
1658-9	Neiburgh's Rome
1660-2	Burnet's Hist. of the Reformation.
1663-6	Graham's Colonial Hist. of United States
1667-71	United States Exploring Expedition
1672	Rank's History of the Popes
1673-4	Naval Hist. of the United States.
1675	D'Aubigne's Reformation in Germany
1676	Browne's Hist. of the Huguenots.
1677	History of Virginia
1678	The Turkish and Spanish Empires.
1679	Reformation in Germany.
1680-1	Walpole's Memoirs.
1682-3	Neal's Hist. of the Puritans.
1684-7	Allison's Hist. of Europe.
1688-90	Prescott's Conquest of Mexico.

[February 1, 1847]

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders held on 1st Monday Feby. 1847. Present: J. Moore—A. T. Ellis—J. Somes—R. Y. Caddington—W. Burtch—N. Smith—J. B. Martin—G. D. Hay.

Jno. Moore was called to the Chair—& Joseph Somes Secy.

On Motion—an Election for Directors Librarian, Treasr. & President was held which resulted as follows: For President, John Moore; For Directors, W. Burtch, J. Somes, G. D. Hay, A. T. Ellis, W. R. McCord; For Treasurer, Jno. B. Martin; For Librarian, Jno. T. Hitt.

^a See note on page 135.

The Treasurer made his report, which was referred to a Committee—Messrs. Burtch & Ellis, who reported the same to be correct. Balance in Treasury \$9.52c—filed.

On Motion—One dollar was remitted on the Annual Contribution for the Current year.

On Motion—One dollar remitted on J. Ross's Account.
J. Somes Secy. Jno. Moore Chairman.

[February 1, 1847]

At a Meeting of the Directors held at the Library Room Feby. 1. 1847. The President in the Chair—Present: Burtch, Ellis, Hay, & Somes.

Committees appointed:

On Finance	Burtch, Hay, & Ellis
On Books	Somes, Hay, & Ellis
On Library Room	McCord, Burtch, & Ellis

On Motion—The Directors adjourned.

Jno. T. Hitt Librarian.

[February 7, 1848]

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Vincennes Library Co. held on Monday Feb. 7. 1848. Present: Jno. Moore, Saml. Judah, Geo. D. Hay, B. M. Thomas, Jos. Somes, R. Y. Caddington, N. Smith.

Judge Moore was called to the chair & George D. Hay appointed Sec'y.

On motion stockholders went into an election of Officers by Ballot. The following were elected: President, John Moore; Directors, B. M. Thomas, Abner T. Ellis, Wm. R. McCord, Doctor Somes, Geo. D. Hay; Librarian, John T. Hitt; Treasurer, Wm. Burtch.

Ordered that John T. Hitt Librarian be allowed 5\$ for his services as Librarian. And One dollar fifty six cts. for expenses, Wood, printing &c.—total \$6.56.

Ordered that one dollar be remitted on the contributions of each share for coming year.

John T. Hitt Librarian.

[April 29, 1848]

Directors met April. 29. 1848 Present: Prest. Jno. Moore; Geo. D. Hay. A. T. Ellis. & Joseph Somes.

The following committees were appointed:

On finance. J. Somes, Wm. McCord & Ellis.
On Books. Thomas, Somes & Hay.
On Library room. G. D. Hay. A. T. Ellis & B. M. Thomas.

Resolved—that Mr. Judah's proposal to place in the Library, the following books, per \$10.00 to wit: Financial Register 2 Vols.; African Colonization 1 [Vol.]; 2 Reports on Banks 2 [Vols.]; 1 [Report] on State debt 1 vol.—be referred to committee on Books, and if received—that His account be credited.

There being no farther business they adjourned.

John T. Hitt Librarian.

Vincennes. Sept. 30 1848

Directors met prest.: Jno. Moore; G. D. Hay. Jos. Somes B. M. Thomas. & Wm. McCord.

Resolved on Motion of Dr. Somes. that the committee on books be instructed to inquire as to the probable cost of printing a new Catalogue also that the committee on Books have further time to report as to acceptance of books offered by Mr. Judah.

Jno. T. Hitt Librarian.

Vincennes Oct. 5 [18]48

Committee reported that 25\$ was the lowest price for which 200 Catalogues could be printed whereupon the printing of said Catalogues was given to R. Y. Caddington.

Jno. T. Hitt Librarian.

[February 5, 1849]

Annual Meeting of the Share Holders—Feb. 5 1849
Present: John Moore, Wm. R. McCord, Geo. D. Hay, Wm. J. Heberd, Joseph Somes, B. M. Thomas.

The Share Holders entered into an election which resulted in the choice of: Sam'l. Judah—for President; Directors, Wm. R. Mc'Cord, George D. Hay, Wm. J. Heberd, Joseph Somes, Abner T. Ellis; Treas'r, Wm. Burtch; Librarian, Jno. T. Hitt.

Moved & adopted—that the Sum of one Dollar be remitted on each Share.

Moved that R. Y. Caddington be allowed nine dollars for printing Labels.

Moved and adopted that Jno. Hitt be allowed five dollars for acting as librarian from Feb. 1848. untill Feb. 1849. & one Share in the Library for extra services.

Jno. T. Hitt Librarian
By W. M. Hitt.

The following have been received within the last year—
purchased from Judah:

Congressional reports, on State Banks	2 copies.	1691-2
Financial Register	2 Vols.	1693-4
African Colonization	1 do.	1695
Reports on State debt	1 do.	1696
Presented by George G. Dunn, M. C.		
Congressional Globe		1697
Appendix to Globe		1698
From other sources—		
Henry G. Bohns Catalogue, 1841		1699
Index to documents from 1789 to 1824		1700

[February 4, 1850]

Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Vincennes Library—Feby. 4. 1850.

H. D. Wheeler was called to the chair, & B. M. Thomas appointed Secretary.

The Election of Officers was then entered into which resulted as follows: For President, Sam'l. Judah; Treasurer, Wm. Burtch; Directors, Joseph Somes, Wm. McCord, W. J. Heberd, G. D. Hay, B. M. Thomas; Librarian, W. M. Hitt.

On motion of Dr. Somes—Ordered that the sum of one Dollar be remitted on each share.

On motion of S. Judah—Ordered that the share belonging to Jno. T. Hitt. Decsd. be transferred to Dr. W. W. Hitt.

On motion of R. Y. Caddington ordered that the Books proposed by Saml. Judah be accepted, and that he be credited with ten Dollars therefor.

The Report of the Librarian was read, accepted, & ordered to be filed.

A Balance of six Dollars & fifty cents remained in his possession, five Dollars of which was allowed him for his

services as Librarian during the past year, and the remaining dollar & a half paid over to the Treasurer.

The Report of the Treasurer was read accepted, & ordered to be filed.

There appeared on hand up to Feb. 1850 the sum of \$11.05.

Mr. Thomas offered the following resolution that the Library committee have authority at their discretion to accept Books in payment of Balance due from Sharehold[ers] subject to the approval of the directors Lost.

On motion the House adjourned.

B. M. Thomas Secy.

W. M. Hitt. Librn.

[February 3, 1851]

Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Vincennes Library, Feby. 3. 1851.

H. D. Wheeler was called to the Chair, & Joseph Somes appointed Secy.

On Motion—Dr. Somes moved that one dollar on a share for the present year be remitted—carrd.

Election of Officers: President, S. Judah; Treasurer, W. Burtch; Directors, Joseph Somes, G. D. Hay, B. M. Thomas, R. Y. Caddington, & N. Smith; Librarian, James A. Mason.

Ordered—That the Librarian be requested to open the Library on Saturdays from 3 o'Clock to 5 o'Clock P. M.

Ordered—That the Treasurer pay John Smith one dollar for services as Librarian.

On motion adjourned.

J. Somes, Secy.

H. D. Wheeler chairman.

Annual Meeting 1852.

The annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Vincennes Library, held on Monday the 1st of February, 1852, was organized by calling R. Y. Caddington, Esq. to the chair.

On motion of Dr. Somes one dollar per share was remitted upon the annual contribution for last year, and the Librarian directed to notify the Treasurer of the same. On motion of the same it was resolved that the Treasurer be directed to proceed forthwith to the collection of the contributions due.

The account of Willis M. Hitt, Esq. for \$4.00 for services as Librarian in 1851 was allowed and ordered to be paid. Also, that of the Librarian for 1852 for \$8.00.

On motion, It was resolved that the thanks of the company be tendered to Hon. W. A. Gorman for Books, &c. received through him, and the Secretary was directed to forward that gentleman a copy of the same. The Com. on Books was authorized to subscribe for the City papers if they deemed it expedient.

An election was then held for officers to serve during the year with the following result: President, Joseph Somes; Directors, W. W. Hitt, B. M. Thomas, R. Y. Caddington, Geo. D. Hay, H. E. Peck; Librarian, James A. Mason; Treasurer, William Burtch.

The reports of the Treasurer and Librarian were received and ordered to be filed.

The Appendix to Congressional Globe, 2 vols., and the Patent Office Report (Agric'l. Depart.) for 1850-'51 had been received through the politeness of Mr. Gorman.

The Librarian was directed to keep the Library open from three to four o'clock only Saturday afternoons.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. A. Mason, Secy.

Annual Meeting—February 7th, 1853.

The Stockholders met agreeably to the provision of the charter.

On motion of Samuel Judah, Esqr. Dr. Somes was called to the Chair.

On motion of Mr. McCord, the sum of one dollar per share was remitted on the contributions due for the past year.

An election was then held for Directors to serve for the current year, when the following gentlemen were chosen: Directors, Samuel Judah, Wm. R. McCord, W. M. Hitt, Wm. J. Heberd, R. Y. Caddington; President, Joseph Somes; Librarian, James A. Mason; & W. Burtch, Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Judah, it was Resolved, That James A. Mason be presented with one share as compensation for services as Librarian for the past year.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Jas. A. Mason, Secretary

Joseph Somes Chn.

[February 12, 1853]

At a Meeting of the Directors held at the Library Room Feby. 12. 1853. The President in the Chair—Present: Hitt, Caddington—& Somes.

Committees appointed

On Finance McCord, Heberd, Caddington

On Books Hitt, Judah, Caddington

On Library Judah, Heberd, Caddington

Resolved that the Chairman of the Committee on Books be appointed to settle with the Treasurer & see what amount of money can be obtained & that such Amount be appropriated for the purchase of Books.— carried.

Annual Meeting of the Stock-holders,
Feb. 5th 1855

No Meeting this year.

[February 4, 1856]

Annual Meeting of the Stock holders of the Vincennes Library Company February 4th, 1856.

The stockholders assembled in the City Council Room over the Library and organized by calling John Moore to the chair and appointing J. A. McClaugherty Librarian to be secretary. The following members were present: John Moore, Wm. Burtch, Joseph Somes, Geo. D. Hay, Wm. J. Heberd, Willis M. Hitt and James A. Mason, & Wm. R. McCord.

After a careful examination of the Books it was ordered that the shares of following named stockholders be declared forfeited to the Library on account of nonpayment of dues in accordance with the Laws of the Company; to witt; John Law, Jesse K. Dubois, James W. Greenhow, Daniel Smith, and J. B. Martin,—Provided, that the Treasurer be directed to call on the two surv[iv]ing individuals, Messrs. Law and Dubois, and if they shall pay up their dues, the above order to be null and void, so far as the said Law and Dubois are concerned.

On motion of Dr. Somes it was ordered that a contribution of one dollar be levied on each stockholder for the past year; And that the Treasurer be directed to proceed as early as possible to collect the same, and also to collect all dues

accruing to the Company and make a full report of the conditions of his office to the board of Directors at an early day.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of Directors for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: For President, Joseph Somes; For Directors, John Moore, Geo. D. Hay, W. J. Heberd, W. W. Hitt, Jas. A. Mason.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. A. McCaugherty Secretary

Joseph Somes Prest.

February 9th, 1856

Meeting of the Board of Directors of The Vincennes Library Company. Present: Dr. Somes, President; John Moore, W. J. Heberd, G. D. Hay, Directors.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees for the present year:

Committee on finance W. J. Heberd, W. W. Hitt, Jno. Moore

Committee on buildings John Moore, G. D. Hay, J. A. Mason

Committee on Books Jas. A. Mason, G. D. Hay, W. W. Hitt

On motion it was ordered that Dr. Somes's account of \$1.00 for Library Key per P. Elwere, be allowed and a credit entered for the amount.

On motion it was also ordered that the Committee on buildings examine the condition of the present library room, and ascertain whether the same can be put in good repair, and if it can, at what expense, and report to the next meeting of the directors.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

Resolved—that our Treasurer Wm. Burtch be instructed to collect all Sums due the Company as soon as possible.

Resolved—That the Committee on Books examine into the condition of the Books on hand and report whether the Books are liable to injury in their present location; And also that the same Committee be directed to prepare a list of valuable works to be purchased by the Company as soon as the necessary amount of funds are obtained.

Resolved further that the committee on Books with the assistance of the Librarian, prepare a catalogue of the Books and ascertain at what price the same, with library regulations appended can be printed for.

It was also ordered by the Board that J. F. Bayard be entitled to one share in the Library upon his paying into the Treasury the sum of seven dollars.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the President after the Committees had prepared to report.

J. A. McClaugherty—Secty.

[July 13, 1856]

At a meeting of the Directors held on the 13th day of July, 1856, Dr. Somes, the President—in the Chair, explained the object of the meeting to be the selection of a Librarian in place of Mr. McClaugherty, who has left the town, and to consider the propriety of purchasing new books and the putting of the books in the index &c.

On motion, of Mr. Heberd the Committee on books was authorized to employ a suitable person to put the books of the Library in good order, and complete the catalogue; and that, in the meanwhile, Hon. John Moore act as Librarian. The committee, after completing the work, to report to the President.

On motion, the Chairman of the Book Committee was ordered to purchase a list of new books, read and appended this day.

On motion, Mr. Hay was directed to examine the register as soon as practicable, and call upon every man against, whom any whom [books?] may be charged, and request him to deliver over the same immediately.

The account of [Mr.?] Bishop for new steps to Library Room, \$2.50 was referred to Finance Committee with Instructions, that if Mr. Bishop would put up the additional shelving for \$8.50, (including bill for steps,) he be authorized to do the same.

On motion the value [of] shares of the Library be fixed at \$12.00 from and after this date.

It was resolved that non-stockholders be entitled to the use of the Books of this library upon the payment of \$2 per annum, or 25 cents per month, payable in advance. The librarian to permit none but responsible men to avail themselves of this rule—other persons who take out books must deposit the value of the works, with the librarian before the book is delivered to him.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

James A. Mason Librarian & sec. pro tem.

Vincennes, Dec. 10th 1856

The Board met. President, Dr. Somes in the chair.—Mr. Hay reported that he had complied with the resolution respecting lost or missing books, as far as practicable.

It becoming necessary to remove the library the Common Council desiring to use the room at present occupied for the City Clerk's office, the following committee was appointed to obtain a room in another building for the Library: James A. Mason, G. D. Hay, W. W. Hitt.

On motion Board adjourned to meet on Friday evening next at 3 o'clock P. M.

James A. Mason Librarian & Sec. Pro tem.

Feb. 9th 1857

[Seven illegible lines] examined was approved.

An election having been gone into Dr. Jos. Somes was elected President: Messrs. Ellis, Hitt, Mason Usher and Bayard. Directors: Mr. Burtch, Treas'r.: R. M. Chapman Librarian.

On motion of Dr. Hitt it was resolved that a copy of the catalogue be given to each stockholder, and that they be sold to non stockholders at 10 cents each.

On motion of Judge Ellis it was resolved that the Directors be instructed to see that all dues are collected.

On motion the meeting adjourned sine die.

R. M. Chapman Librarian & Secy.

Apl. 18th 1857

Directors met this day—Present: Somes, Ellis, Usher, Mason.

Harvey, Mason & Co.'s a/c presented and referred to Finance Committee which reported the same correct—and order was passed for its payment.

12 vols. of Spark's Life of Washington were purchased of Judge Ellis at \$2.50 pr. vol.

Ordered that the Pres't. draw on Treasurer for the above.

R. M. Chapman Secy.

Feb. 7th 1859

At a meeting of the shareholders held this day the following officers were elected: Joseph Somes, President;

Directors, W. W. Hitt, R. M. Chapman, W. Burtch, A. T. Ellis, Jas. A. Mason; William Burtch, Treasurer; R. M. Chapman, Librarian.

It was resolved that the share of W. W. Carr deceased be forfeited.

Resolved that as a compensation for his services as Librarian R. M. Chapman be made a shareholder of one share in his own right.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted.

R. M. Chapman Secy.

Feb. 7th 1859

At a meeting of the Directors of the Vincennes Library Association.

An order was passed in favor of Harvey, Mason & Co. for \$29.75.

An order was passed to pay to Jos. Somes \$12.00.

It was resolved that the treasurer proceed immediately to collect all delinquencies for annual contributions on stock and if not promptly paid to resort to all legal remedies to enforce the collection.

R. M. Chapman Sec'y.

Amendment of minutes.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The following standing committees were elected:

On Finance—Ellis, Burtch and Hitt

On Books—Chapman Hitt and Ellis

Library Room & Furniture—Hitt, Chapman and Mason.

The Stockholders' Meeting [February 6, 1860]

The Stockholders of the Vincennes Library Co. met this Sixth day of February, 1860, in accordance to a notice previously published.

On Motion, it was resolved that the annual contribution for the present year be One Dollar instead of Two Dollars, as heretofore.

On Motion, Resolved, that the Clergy of Vincennes be allowed the free use of the Library under the same rules and regulations by which the stockholders are governed.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of Officers for the current year. The result was that Joseph Somes was

elected President; A. T. Ellis, Wm. Burtch, W. W. Hitt, R. M. Chapman, and James A. Mason, Directors; Wm. Burtch, Treasurer; and Anson W. Jones, Librarian & Secretary.

No further business being before the Meeting, it adjourned.

Anson W. Jones Librarian & Sec'y.

[February 6, 1860?]

Directors' Meeting.—Committees appointed were:

On Finance.—A. T. Ellis, Wm. Burtch, & W. W. Hitt

On Books.—R. M. Chapman, W. W. Hitt, & A. T. Ellis

On Library Room & Furniture.—W. W. Hitt, R. M. Chapman,
& J. A. Mason.

A. W. Jones Sec'y.

The Stockholder's Meeting. [February 4, 1861]

In pursuance to a call the stockholders of the Vincennes Library convened this 4th day of February, 1861.

Present—Joseph Somes, W. W. Hitt, A. T. Ellis, R. M. Chapman.

On motion W. W. Hitt was appointed Temporary chairman, and Anson W. Jones Secretary.

A ballot was then held for President, Five Directors, Treasurer, and Librarian. The result was that Dr. Joseph Somes was chosen President; W. W. Hitt, A. T. Ellis, W. Burtch, R. M. Chapman, and A. W. Jones were chosen Directors; W. Burtch, Treasurer; and A. W. Jones, Librarian and Secretary.

A motion prevailed before the balloting took place to the effect that A. W. Jones be allowed one share in the Vincennes Library. Carried. Thereupon, A. W. Jones was duly declared a Share holder, in consideration of his services as Secretary and Librarian for the past twelve months.

On motion, A. T. Ellis was requested to see to the condition of the claims against Emmison and Thomas.

On motion the Treasurer was requested to collect all outstanding dues which parties owed to the Association.

The meeting then adjourned.

Anson W. Jones, Lib. & Secretary.

Director's Meeting. [February 4, 1861?]

The President appointed the following committees:

- On Finance.— Ellis, Burtch & Hitt.
On Books.— Chapman, Jones, & Ellis.
On Library.— Hitt, Chapman, & Jones.

Vincennes February 6th 1871

The share holders met at the library room of the Vincennes University building. On motion of Nathaniel Usher, William Burtch was appointed chairman and F. W. Veihe Secy. of the meeting. An election was then held for officers which resulted as follows: President Willis W. Hitt, Directors William Burtch, Joseph Somes, Nathaniel Usher, William R. McCord and Fred W. Veihe, treasurer William Burtch, librarian F. W. Veihe.

On motion of Nathaniel Usher it was ordered that the librarian permit the officers and teachers of the Vincennes University the free use of any books in the library in consideration of the use of the library room. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

F. W. Veihe Librarian.

[March 4, 1871]

Meeting of the President and Directors of the Vincennes Library, present: Willis W. Hitt, William R. McCord, Joseph Somes, William Burtch, and Fred. W. Veihe. The treasurer made his report as follows: "Treasurer of Vincennes library co. in account with the company.

Feb. 1860	To Balance on hand	\$8.97
Feb. 7, 1861	" Cash from librarian	2.55
Mch. 5, 1870	" Cash from F. W. Veihe, Share	12.00
Feb. 1871	" " W. Hitt, contribution	2.00

Respectfully Wm. Burtch T. V. L."

The report was approved.

On motion of Mr. Somes it was ordered that the library be opened every Saturday afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. McCord a bylaw was unanimously adopted as follows: "Any person may make application to become a shareholder in the library and on payment of twelve

dollars to the treasurer his application shall be considered by the Directors at their next meeting. If he is received as a member a certificate as now provided by the bylaws shall be issued to him, if not received the money shall be refunded."

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

March 4, 1871

W. W. Hitt Pres.

[February 5, 1883]

At an annual meeting of the share holders held on the 5th of February 1883, at seven oclock P. M. at the library room in the Vincennes University building, the following proceedings were had.

Frederick W. Veihe, the librarian called the meeting to order, and stated that Willis W. Hitt, the president, had departed this life, and that nominations for a chairman of the meeting were in order. George G. Reily then nominated Smily N. Chambers as chairman, and there being no other nominations he was by unanimous consent called to the chair and presided as chairman of the meeting. Mr. Reily then moved that the librarian report the names of the several share holders as they appear from the books of the company and the number as shares owned by each. The librarian made the following report which was concurred in, to wit:

Mr. Chairman When the share holders last met the several shares stood in the following names, each person named owned one share, Elihue Stout, Abner T. Ellis, John Badollet, Nicholas Smith, W. J. Heberd, Joseph Somes, William Burtch, John Moore, Samuel Emison, Samuel Judah, R. Y. Caddington, Samuel Hill, H. D. Wheeler, Samuel Tomlinson, W. R. McCord, Geo. D. Hay, B. M. Thomas, W. W. Hitt, J. A. Mason, J. F. Bayard, Nath. Usher, R. M. Chapman, A. W. Jones, F. W. Veihe, and H. E. Peck.

Since that time there have been transferred, and the transfers entered on the librarians book as follows:

- 1 The share of J. A. Mason, deceased, by his only heirs C. C. Mason and Wm. C. Mason to Mason J. Niblack.
- 2 The share of Abner T. Ellis, deceased, by his only heir, Lucy G. Franklin, to F. W. Veihe.
- 3 The share of R. M. Chapman, by himself, to F. W. Veihe.

- 4 The share of R. Y. Caddington, by himself, to F. W. Veihe.
- 5 The share of H. E. Peck, by his legatee Emma E. Peck, to F. W. Veihe.
- 6 The share of Nathaniel Usher, by his only heirs E. M. Usher, N. R. Usher and P. E. Usher, to George G. Reily.
- 7 The share of Samuel Judah, by his devisees Samuel B. Judah, John M. Judah and Noble B. Judah, to George G. Reily.
- 8 The share of William Burtch, he assigned himself to F. M. Harris who assigned the same to George G. Reily (with reservations).
- 9 The share of John Moore, by his devisee, Mary A. Moore, to George G. Reily.
- 10 The share of Nicholas Smith, deceased, by the trustees under his will, to George G. Reily.
- 11 The share of Elihu Stout, deceased, assigned by him to Henry S. Cauthorn, and by him to George G. Reily.
- 12 The share of W. J. Heberd, by his son Wm. Heberd, who acquired the whole interest therein, to George G. Reily.
- 13 The share of W. W. Hitt, deceased, by Ellen P. Hitt, devisee, to George G. Reily.
- 14 The share of A. W. Jones, by his heirs Mary E. Jones, Miss [?] C. Jones and Nellie E. Jones to William C. Niblack.
- 15 The share of W. R. McCord given to S. N. Chambers and Dora M. Chambers and the latter assigned her interest therein to the former.

The several assignments are submitted herewith.

F. W. Veihe librarian.

The share holders then proceeded by ballot to the election of officers which resulted as follows: George G. Reily, President; Frederick W. Veihe, librarian; Smily N. Chambers, treasurer.

The librarian reported that he had received the complete works of Swedenberg and he deposited the same in the library. That this was a donation on condition that the books should be placed in the library; that he had paid the express charges thereon amounting to two dollars and seventy five cents; and this amount was allowed to him and ordered to be paid by

the treasurer out of any funds in his hands belonging to the association.

Directors were elected by ballot as follows: Smily N. Chambers, George G. Reily, Frederick W. Veihe, William C. Niblack and Mason J. Niblack.

On motion of Mason J. Niblack it was ordered that F. W. Veihe and George G. Reily be a committee to ascertain on what terms and for what price such of the books and book-cases as in their opinion ought to be sold, can be disposed of; and that a special meeting of the share holders be held on the first Monday in April 1883, at seven oclock P. M. at this place to receive their report.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

F. W. Veihe librarian.