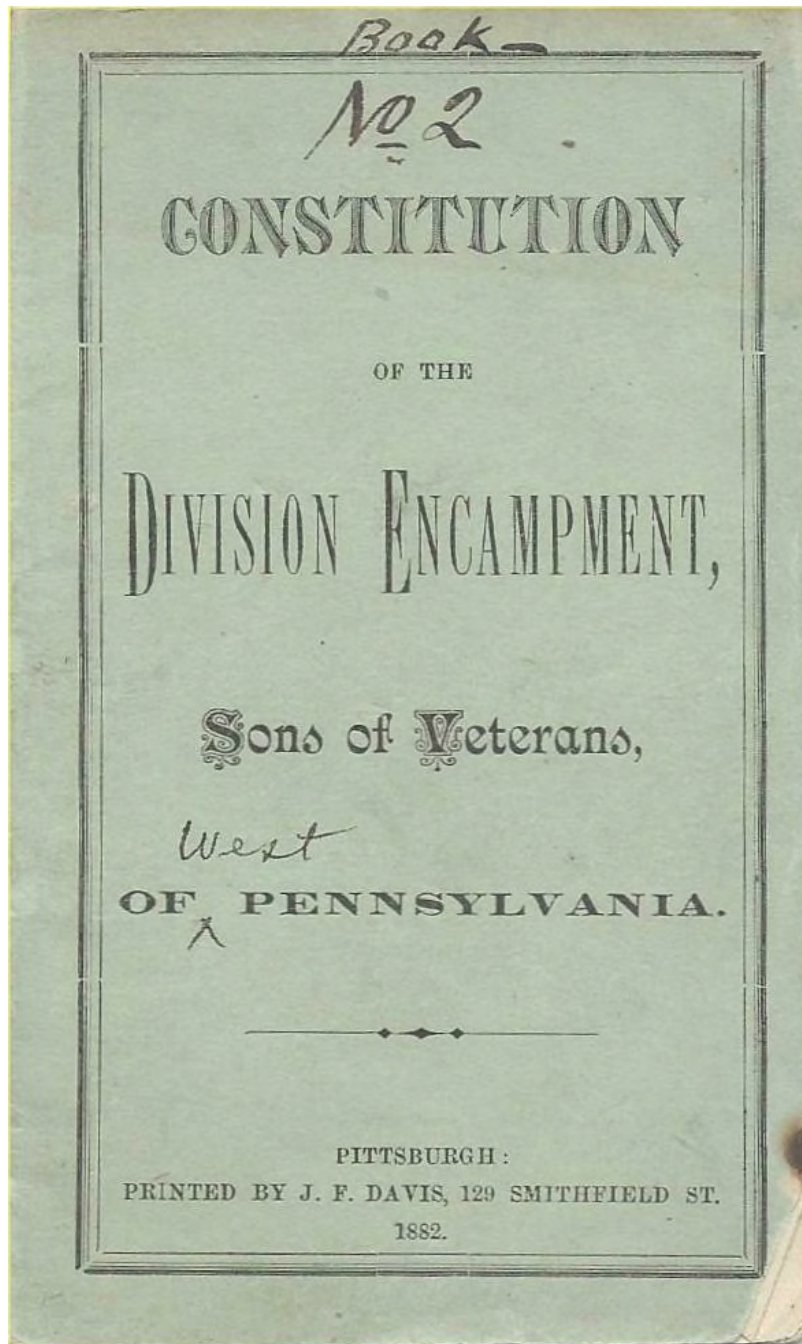


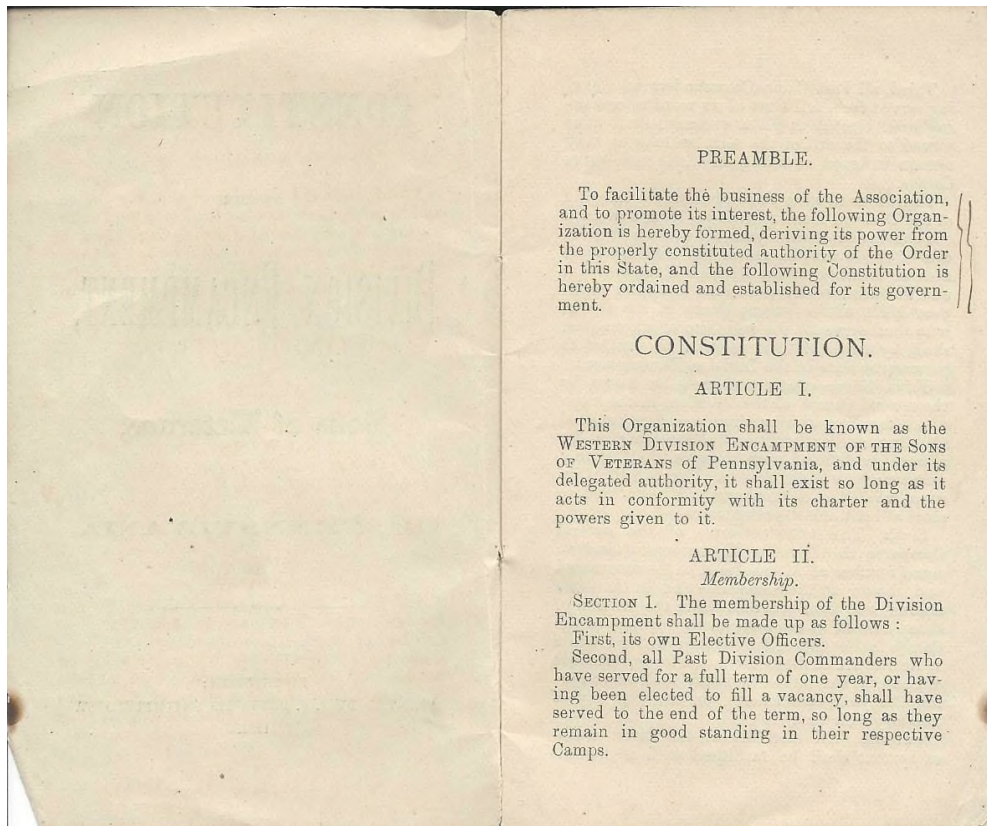
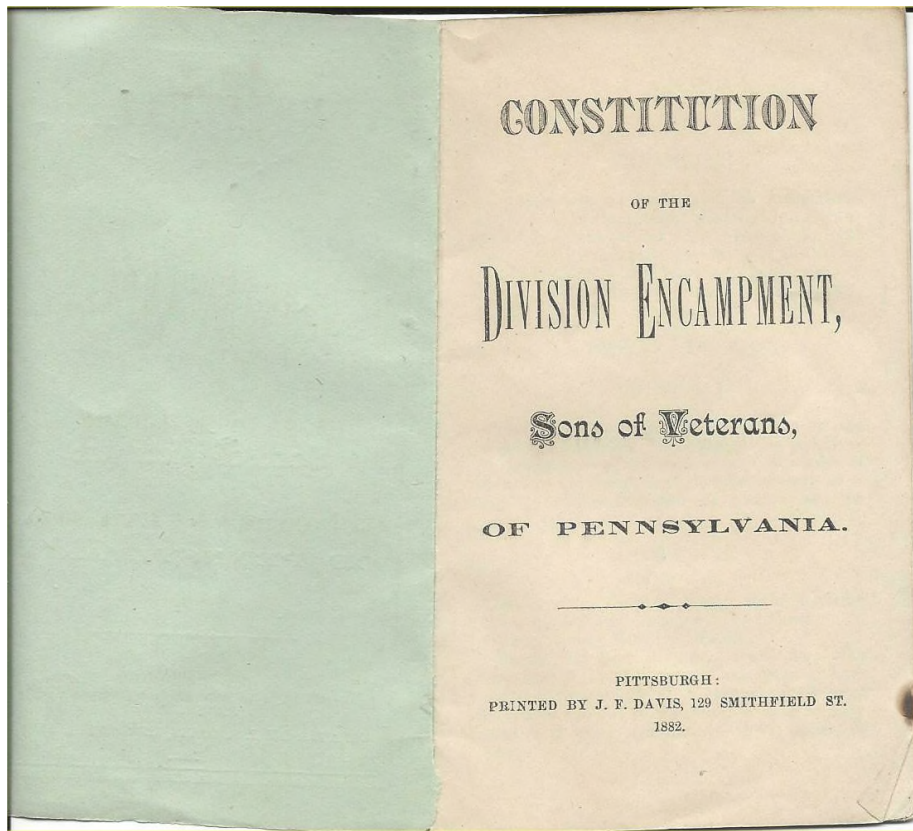
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Third, all Past Camp Commanders who having served for a full term of six months, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, shall have served to the end of the term so long as they remain in good standing in their respective Camps.

Fourth, until after the stated yearly meeting of the Division Encampment in 1882, and until the conclusion of said year, all the elective officers of the several Camps of the Division shall also be members of the Division Encampment; and the elective officers for the first term of the year 1882, of the parent Camp of the Order, who shall serve for the full term of six months, shall, by virtue of their position, be entitled to permanent seats in the Division Encampment.

Fifth, Representatives elected by ballot by the several Camps of the Division, in the ratio of one for every one hundred members in good standing, and an additional Representative for a final fraction of more than one-half of that number; providing, that each Camp in the Division, whatever its number shall be entitled to elect at least one Representative.

Sixth, The Representatives of the several Camps to the Division Encampment, and an equal number of Alternates shall be nominated and chosen at the same time and in the same manner and form provided for in the election of Camp officers, at the first stated meeting of the Camps in December, as is defined under Section 1, Article IX of the Constitution for government of Subordinate Camps, and they shall serve during the year, commencing on the first day of January following.

Seventh, All members of the Division Encampment shall be furnished with credentials

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under the seal of their respective Camps, signed by the Camp Commander and Orderly Sergeant, and immediately after the election, a list of those entitled to seats in the Division Encampment shall, under seal, be forwarded from each Camp to the Adjutant of the Division, the same to be duly signed by the Camp Commander and Orderly Sergeant.

Eighth, Any vacancies that may occur in the duly elected representation of the several Camps in the Division Encampment, shall be filled in manner and form prescribed under Section 2, Article IX of the Constitution for the government of Subordinate Camps.

Ninth, All Camps who are in arrears for Reports or Dues, shall, for the time being, be excluded from representation in the Division Encampment.

Tenth, The number of Representatives to which each Camp is entitled, shall be determined by the Quarterly Report last preceding the election.

ARTICLE III.

Meetings.

SEC. 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Division Encampment between January first and July first of each year.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be convened by order of the Commanding Officer, by and with the consent of the Division Council; providing, that no business except that named and specified in the Order for such special meetings shall be transacted thereat, and no changes or alterations affecting the general interests or welfare of the Division or Order shall be made at any special meeting.

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SEC. 3. Due notice of a proposed special meeting shall, under seal, and duly signed, be sent to each member of the Division Encampment, at least two weeks prior to the time named for same, and the notice shall set forth clearly and in detail, the emergency and the specified business to be transacted.

SEC. 4. Fifteen members of the Division Encampment, duly qualified to vote, shall constitute a quorum, and this rule shall apply to all meetings at which business is to be transacted; providing, that during the years 1882 and 1883, the Commanding Officer of the Division, may, with the advice and consent of the Division Council, declare a reduced number, of not less than seven, an official quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers.

SEC. 1. The officers of the Division Encampment shall consist of a Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Chaplain, Surgeon, Adjutant, Quartermaster, Inspector, Judge Advocate, Mustering Officer, Ordnance Officer and a Division Council consisting of the first five named officers and six members by election.

SEC. 2. The Chaplain and Surgeon shall have the rank of Major. The six elected members of the division Council the rank of Captain, and the Adjutant, Quartermaster, Inspector, Judge Advocate, Mustering Officer and Ordnance Officer shall rank as First Lieutenants.

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ARTICLE V.

Eligibility of Officers.

After the first election, and there being no good cause to the contra, the various offices of the Division Encampment shall be filled by promotion according to seniority and previous service in the Encampment. But this rule shall not prevent any member of the Division Encampment in good standing in his Camp, from being eligible to any office in the Division organization.

ARTICLE VI.

Election of Officers, &c.

SEC. 1. The Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Chaplain and Surgeon shall be chosen by ballot, at the yearly stated meeting of the Division Encampment, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice.

SEC. 2. The officers thus elected shall enter upon their respective duties immediately after the adjournment of the meeting at which they were chosen, and they shall hold office until their successors are duly installed.

SEC. 3. Any vacancies which may occur in the elective offices of the Division Encampment may be filled by the Division Council for the unexpired term, and in the meanwhile, the next officer in rank shall, under the direction of the Commanding Officer assume the vacant chair and perform the duties of the office.

SEC. 4. The Colonel shall, on his accession to the office, appoint the Adjutant, Quartermaster, Inspector, Judge Advocate, Mustering Officer, Ordnance Officer, and as many Aides or Assistants, with the rank of First Lieutenant, as he may deem necessary, not exceeding one,

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however, from each Camp in the Division. He shall also have power to detail from the members of the Division Encampment, or from the several Camps of the Division, any officers or Past officers required for any special service or duty connected with the business of the Division, and he shall, on recommendation, appoint all the necessary clerical assistance required by the foregoing named officers or the Division Council for the proper performance of their duties.

Sec. 5. The clerical force so appointed, shall rank as follows: for the Adjutant as Sergeant Major; for the Quartermaster as Quartermaster Sergeant; for the Division Council as First Sergeant, and for the Inspector, Judge Advocate; Mustering Officer and Ordnance Officer as Sergeants.

ARTICLE VII.

Duties of Officers.

Sec. 1. The Colonel shall preside at all meetings of the Division Encampment and the Division Council. He shall enforce a strict obedience to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Encampment, and shall perform such other duties as are incumbent on officers of like position.

Sec. 2. The Lieutenant Colonel and Major shall assist the Colonel in the performance of his duties, and in his absence or disability shall fill his office, according to seniority.

Sec. 3. The other officers of the Division shall, under the orders and direction of the Commanding Officer, perform the duties pertaining to their respective offices, and such other duties as circumstances may require of them.

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ARTICLE VIII.

Division Council.

Sec. 1. The elective members of the Division Council shall be chosen at the stated yearly meeting of the Division, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. They shall enter upon their duties immediately after the adjournment of the meeting at which they were chosen, and they shall hold office until their successors are duly installed. The first three members shall be elected for two years, the second three for one year; after that, three members each year, and in such a manner as to leave three remaining over at each annual election.

Sec. 2. Vacancies, as they occur, shall be filled, first by temporary detail by the Commanding Officer of the Division; second by election in due form, for the unexpired term, at the next stated yearly meeting of the Encampment.

ARTICLE IX.

Duties of Division Council.

Sec. 1. They shall, with their advice and counsel, aid and assist the Commanding Officer of the Division in the performance of his duties. They shall be charged with the general care, control and supervision of the funds of the Division Encampment, and shall be responsible to and look after all its material interests. They shall devise and recommend such measures as will enable the Encampment to meet all its necessary expenditures, and shall examine and pass upon all accounts and bills incurred by any and all officers and committees of the Encampment. They shall examine all the books,

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vouchers and other papers of all the different officers of the Encampment, and shall audit all their accounts. They shall keep a full and detailed record of all their proceedings, and shall present a complete report to the Division Encampment, at each stated yearly meeting of the same, and at such other times as the Commanding Officer of the Division may direct.

Sec. 2. The Division Council shall have one stated meeting each year; the same to be held one day prior to, and at the same place as that of the stated yearly meeting of the Division Encampment. Special meetings of the Division Council may be convened by the Commanding Officer of the Division at such times and places within the Division limits as he may direct; providing, that due notice of the same shall, in due form, be sent to each member of the Council at least two weeks prior to the time named for the meeting, and the notice shall set forth in due form the emergency, and the business to be transacted.

Sec. 3. Three members of the Division Council shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the same, at which business is to be transacted.

ARTICLE X.

Powers and Authority.

The Division Encampment shall only have such powers and authority as is delegated to it, to wit:

First, to enact proper laws, and to establish proper rules and regulations for the government and support of the Division Encampment, and to promote the interests and welfare of the Division.

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Second, to establish, maintain and enforce an equitable and uniform code of discipline throughout the limits of the Division.

Third, to require the several Camps of the Division to furnish the proper officers of the Division Encampment with all the requisite reports and returns necessary for the proper conducting of the business of the Encampment.

Fourth, to assess and collect a per capita tax on each Camp, not exceeding one dollar per annum, on each and every member in good standing therein: the said tax to be payable January first and July first, and to be so regulated as to make the Division Encampment amply self-sustaining, and no more.

Fifth, to provide for and maintain a suitable and uniform system of work for the Order throughout the Division, including the observance of Memorial Day.

Sixth, to have printed in suitable and convenient form, the Constitution for the government of Subordinate Camps, the Ritual, Order of Business, Rules of Order, By-Laws and all the necessary books, blanks and other papers of the Order, requisite for a uniform system throughout the Division, and to furnish the several Camps with such as they require of the same, for Camp use, at a price not to exceed the full cost thereof.

Seventh, to contract for and furnish to the several Camps of the Division, the Regulation Badge of the Order, the prescribed Buttons, Insignias of Rank and Cap of the Order and any articles of Camp or Garrison Equipage or Ordnance and Ordnance Stores officially provided for, that the said Camps may require, at a price not exceeding the full cost thereof, providing that nothing in this or the preceding

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paragraph shall be construed as preventing any Camp of the Division from making its purchases of any of the property named, from such sources and in such a manner and form as it may desire.

Eighth, to confer upon any officer, past officer or member of the Encampment, who by especial adherence and devotion to the principles and objects of the Order, the exercise of particular discretion and vigilance in the discharge of his duties, and for long and faithful service in the Order, merits some especial reward, such *Brevet Rank* in the Order as may be determined by the favorable report of a committee appointed for the purpose, and the three-fourths vote of the members of the Encampment present at a stated yearly meeting of the same.

Ninth, to issue, under the seal of the Division Encampment, signed by the proper officers, suitable commissions to all officers in the Division, holding Regular or Brevet Rank; the same to be forwarded to their post office address, securely packed, on receipt of the actual cost price of the blank, and no more; also, in the manner and form hereinafter provided, to furnish suitable charters to all the Camps of the Division.

Tenth, to pass upon, at the yearly stated meeting, and adopt or reject any proposed alterations, additions or amendments to the Constitution for the government of Subordinate Camps, made in due form, as is provided therein, and to approve or disapprove of any proposed changes to be made in the By-Laws of any Camp of the Division.

ARTICLE XI.

Publishing of Constitution, Orders, &c.

The Commanding Officer of the Division shall,

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from time to time, cause to be printed and distributed in Circular or Division order form, all the information and orders necessary for the successful working of the different Camps of the Division, and the instruction of their members, and in a like manner, he shall cause to be communicated to the different Camps such portions of this Constitution as he may deem important and necessary to be generally known.

ARTICLE XII.

Camp Charters.

SEC. 1. The Commanding Officer of the Division, acting under the general advice of the Division Council, shall pass upon and approve or reject, all applications for Camp Charters, and when an application for a Charter has been favorably acted upon by him, the Charter shall, on approval by the parent Camp, be promptly issued, duly signed and under the seal of the said authority, and the Commanding Officer and the Adjutant of the Division shall, under seal, attach their signatures to the same.

SEC. 2. The application for a charter shall be signed by at least ten persons, at least five of whom shall be of legal age, eligible to membership in the Sons of Veterans, as is provided for in Article IV of the Constitution for the government of Subordinate Camps, and the application shall be accompanied by a charter fee of not less than ten or over fifteen dollars, as may hereafter be determined.

SEC. 3. The Commanding Officer shall on delivery to him, promptly acknowledge the receipt of all applications for Camp Charters, and he shall, without any delay, at once proceed to examine into the qualifications of the applicants,

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and if satisfied of their eligibility, and that it is for the best interests of the Sons of Veterans to form such Camp, he shall, either in person, or by the Mustering Officer, or some officer of the Division Staff, proceed to admit the applicants into the Order, install the duly elected Officers and Staff Camp for the remainder of the term, and complete the organization of the Camp.

SEC. 4. Camp charters may be surrendered when less than ten members desire the continuation of the Camp; providing that a proposition shall have been made in writing, at a stated meeting of the Camp four weeks before the time of action, and that due notice in writing be sent to each and every member of the Camp, at least two weeks prior to the time of action.

In the event of the surrender or forfeiture of a Charter, all the property of the Division Encampment, including the Books of Record and all of the Camp papers shall, without delay, be turned over to the Quartermaster of the Division, and they shall be subject to the disposition of the Division Encampment.

SEC. 5. Charters of Camps may be suspended or annulled by the Commanding Officer of the Division, with the advice and consent of the Division Council.

ARTICLE XIII.

By-Laws, &c.

The Division Encampment shall provide itself with proper By-Laws and such Rules of Order and Order of Business as may be found necessary for the proper conducting of its business, and from time to time shall amend and change the same, as circumstances may require.

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