

SOCIETY OF THE
DESCENDANTS OF
NORMAN FOX



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OFFICERS JANUARY 1940

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THE FAMILY SOCIETY

It is accounted one of God's blessings to man that he setteth the solitary in families. But if the relations of parent and child, brother and sister, minister increased well-being, it is wise that cousins and distant kindred recognize and cherish their family unity. The clan—one of the early developments of civilization—is an institution which may still have uses.

In earlier times those who were akin to each other dwelt generally not far from the ancestral homestead, but today they are more often scattered over widely-separated regions. It is wise, then, that there be formed a central family organization with stated meetings and a secretary of correspondence through whom mutual communication can be preserved. The distant cousin who cannot personally attend the family gathering can represent himself by letter and proudly transmit likeness of bride or child.

Such an organization can preserve family memorials. A valuable collection of ancestral letters and papers, gathered by a relative interested in such documents, but descending to one who lacks this enthusiasm, should be not scattered and lost, but passed over to a curator of the family archives. Or if the inheritor preferred to retain them in possession, a list of the same could be filed with the central organization that one making a study of family history would know what materials were at command.

The organization should have a legal incorporation empowering it to hold property. One who desired to aid nephews, nieces and cousins might be in doubt how to allot his gifts. Those who at present are of but limited means may ere long attain wealth, while one now in affluence may come to want. The difficulty may be solved by his making the legacy to the trustees of the incorporated family society, to be expended by them as circumstances shall demand. The bequest may be suffered to lie unused for a term of years, the interest being added to the principal, till some relative has more bright boys and girls than he himself can easily carry through college or till some aged kinswoman shall need a little help to make comfortable the declining days. Though the members of a family be none of them rich according to modern standards, they may together, by contributions and bequests, establish a fund which shall ensure that none of their number shall fail of an education or be left to penury in age.

No man can demand the world's homage by right of his pedigree; nevertheless he should himself cherish a reverence for his ancestors and may glory in their virtues though they live but unnoticed lives. Respect for the name he bears will tend to restrain a young man in the hour of temptation, and he may strive the harder to act well his part in life from remembering that others will feel a pride in his laurels. A family is honorable, not in the name it inherits but in the determined purpose of each generation to make

that name ever more worthy of respect. A proper regard for one's lineage will incite to better service to the world at large.

Such are the principles which have led to this organization of the children, grand-children and great-grand-children of Norman Fox. And may they with those that follow them succeed in making broader the grounds on which they find reason to rejoice in the circle to which they belong.

Norman Fox (1836-1907)

THE ANCESTOR

NORMAN FOX, son of the Rev. Jehiel and Jerusha (Baldwin) Fox, of Chester, Warren County, N. Y., born, Hoosick Falls, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1792; educated at Granville Academy, Middlebury College, and Union College (class of 1816); a soldier in the Plattsburg campaign in the war of 1812; pioneer with his brother Alanson in the lumber business in Northern New York, introducing modern methods of operation; member of the Legislature of the State of New York in 1819—'20—'26—'30; afterwards Baptist minister for many years in Washington County and at Ballston Spa, N. Y.; on failing health engaging again extensively and successfully in the lumber business; died at Painted Post, Steuben County, N. Y., October 3, 1863; is buried at Ballston Spa. He married in 1829 Jane DeHart Freeman (died March 7, 1849), and in 1854 Mrs. Mary Ann Chapman Hale (died 1886).

CHILDREN OF NORMAN FOX

ADALINE SOPHIA FOX

born, Glens Falls, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1832; educated at Albany Female Academy; died at Ballston Spa, Nov. 7, 1850.

ALANSON JEHIEL FOX

born, Glens Falls, Nov. 7, 1833; educated at Stillwater Academy and the Rev. D. Babcock's Family School, Ballston Spa; entered the lumber business in the employ of Fox & Anglin, Brewer Mills near Kingston, Canada, and in 1853 of Fox, Weston & Bronson, Gang Mills near Painted Post, Steuben County, N. Y., becoming later a member of the firm; a member for several years of the Board of Supervisors of Steuben County, and especially active in support of the government in the war for the Union; removed in 1888 to Detroit; President of the Chicago Lumbering Company of Manistique, Mich; member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Rochester, Vassar College and Kalamazoo College and President of the Board of Trustees of Rochester Theological Seminary; married in 1858 Abigail Chapman Hale (died June 21, 1871) and Dec. 10, 1873, Cornelia Stebbins (died March 13, 1929). He died Oct. 29, 1903.

NORMAN FOX

born, Glens Falls, Feb. 13, 1836; educated at Schenectady Lyceum, University of Rochester (A.B. 1855,—D.D. 1887) and Rochester Theological Seminary; Pastor of Baptist Church, Whitehall, N. Y., 1859-62; Chaplain of 77th Regiment New York Volunteers, 1862-64 — Second Battle of Fredericksburg, Battle of Gettysburg, Grant's campaign from Wilderness to Petersburg and Sheridan's campaign in the Shenandoah Valley; Editor of *The Central Baptist*, St. Louis, 1868-9; Professor in School of Theology, William Jewell College, Mo., 1869-74; residing from 1874 in New York City and Morristown, N. J., engaged in miscellaneous religious and literary work. On editorial staff of *The Independent*, etc. Author of "A Layman's Ministry; notes on the life of Nathan Bishop, LL.D."; "Preacher and Teacher; the Life of Thomas Rambaut, D.D."; "Christ in the Daily Meal" and many minor works. Mayor of Morristown, 1900-1902, and member of Board of Managers of New Jersey State Village for Epileptics. Married Nov. 25, 1868, Julia McKnight (died Oct. 8, 1869), and Nov. 11, 1874, Jane Byvanck Bleeker (died Aug. 21, 1880) and Martha Dimmick, 1906. He died June 23, 1907.

WILLIAM FREEMAN FOX

born, Glens Falls, Feb. 13, 1836; educated at Schenectady Union College (class of 1860); entered employ of Fox,

Weston & Bronson; Captain, Major and Lieutenant-Colonel 107th Regiment New York Volunteers,—Battle of Antietam (wounded), Battle of Chancellorsville (wounded), and Sherman's Atlanta campaign to Battle of Resaca (wounded); in business at Oil City and Arnot, Pa.; appointed 1885 Superintendent of Forests of State of New York. Author of "Regimental Losses in the American Civil War", "New York at Gettysburg" (3 vols.), "History of Twelfth Army Corps", with numerous reports and miscellaneous pamphlets on Forestry, etc. Married Sept. 25, 1865, Mary Ann Shattuck of Corning, N. Y. (died Dec. 25, 1930). He died June 16, 1909.

CHARLES JAMES FOX

born, Ballston Spa, April 9, 1842; Schenectady Lyceum and Union College (A.B. 1861); First-Lieutenant, Captain and Major in the 107th New York Volunteers,—Battles of Antietam, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, Sherman's Atlanta Campaign, "March to the Sea", and campaign through the Carolinas; in employ of Fox, Weston & Bronson and later member of the firm; member for several years of the Board of Supervisors of Steuben County and of the Board of Governors of the State Soldiers' Home at Bath; removed to Detroit, 1890; Secretary of Chicago Lumbering Company of Manistique, Mich.; married Oct. 17, 1865, Louisa Octavia Wright (died June, 1912). He died Nov. 30, 1903.

MARY ELIZABETH FOX

born, Ballston Spa, July 11, 1844; educated at Mrs. Willard's Seminary at Troy, N. Y., and Rochester Collegiate Institute; married Aug. 4, 1870, Rev. Robert Stuart MacArthur, (died February 23, 1923) of New York. She died May 1, 1928.

GEORGE HENRY FOX

born, Ballston Spa, Oct. 8, 1846; Schenectady High School, University of Rochester (A.B. 1867), University of Pennsylvania (M.D. 1869) and University of Vienna; enlisted in 1864 in 77th Regiment New York Volunteers; Professor of Dermatology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York (1880-1907); Honorary President of American Dermatological Association, 1925; President of Medical Society, County of New York, 1891; President of Medical Society, State of New York, 1894. Author of "Atlas of Skin Diseases" and other medical works. Honorary President, Psi Upsilon Fraternity, 1932. Married Aug. 29, 1872, Harriet Gibbs of Titusville, Pa. (died March 19, 1915). He died May 3, 1937.

ORGANIZATION AND INCORPORATION

The Society of the Descendants of Norman Fox was the result of an idea suggested by Norman Fox (Jr.) of Morristown, N. J. The organization was formed by him and by William Freeman Fox, of Albany, N. Y., Elizabeth Fox MacArthur and George Henry Fox of the City of New York, and Alan Fox and George Henry Fox, 2nd of Detroit, Michigan. The Society became a membership corporation under the law of the State of New York on May 27th, 1904 when the certificate of incorporation was filed by Noel Bleecker Fox as Counsel in the office of the Secretary of State at Albany, New York.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF NORMAN FOX

Adopted December 26, 1904

(As Amended to January 1, 1940)

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this Society is SOCIETY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF NORMAN FOX.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTS

The objects of this Society are: To perpetuate the memory of Norman Fox, who was born on the seventeenth day of September, 1792, and died on the third day of October, 1863; to promote acquaintance and fellowship among his descendants; to acquire, collect and preserve records, papers and memorials relating to the said Norman Fox or to any of his descendants; and to establish and maintain a fund for the voluntary assistance or relief of any of the said descendants or the widow of any of them.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I. There shall be five classes of members, namely:

1. Active members, being direct lineal descendants of Norman Fox, and having attained to the age of eighteen years.

2. Junior members, being direct lineal descendants of Norman Fox, but not having attained to the age of eighteen years.

3. Associate members, being husbands and wives and adopted children of direct lineal descendants of Norman Fox.

4. Collateral members, being direct lineal descendants of Thomas Fox, of Concord Mass., exclusive of the direct lineal descendants of Norman Fox.

5. Honorary members, being those who have shown an active interest in the purposes of the Society.

(Amended 1912, 1915, 1919 and 1924).

SECTION II. Any person eligible to membership as an active, junior or associate member of the Society may, on the authority of the Trustees, be made a member on the payment of entrance dues. Any person eligible to membership as a collateral or honorary member may be elected at any annual meeting of the Society by a unanimous vote of the active members present.

(Amended 1912 and 1915).

SECTION III. None but active members shall have a vote in the business meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION I. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Curator and six Trustees.

SECTION II. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall discharge the duties generally performed by officers so designated. The Curator shall collect and preserve records, papers and memorials relating to Norman Fox or to any of his descendants;

and each officer shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Society or by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SECTION I. The Board of Trustees shall be composed of active members of the Society and shall control and manage the affairs, funds, property and expenditures of the Society. And at their meeting next following the annual meeting of the Society they shall elect the officers of the Society. The Board of Trustees may fill a vacancy occurring in any office.

(Amended 1924).

SECTION II. The Trustees shall be divided into three classes of two members each. The term of office of each class shall be three years, and until successors are elected, except that the Trustees elected at the first annual meeting shall immediately thereafter be divided into three classes, to hold office until the second, third and fourth annual meetings respectively. At each annual meeting after the first, two Trustees shall be elected by the Society by ballot, to succeed the class whose term then expires. The Board of Trustees may fill vacancies occurring therein, otherwise than by expiration of term, until the next annual meeting, at which, if such vacancy shall continue thereafter, it shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SECTION III. The Board of Trustees shall submit at each annual meeting a general report of the affairs of the Society.

SECTION IV. The Board of Trustees shall hold regular meetings, appointing the times for the same. Special meetings of the Board shall be held when ordered by the President or by three members of the Board. A majority of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION V. The Board of Trustees shall have power to remit dues and may provide for the suspension of members on the non-payment of dues.

SECTION VI. The Board of Trustees may adopt by-laws and rules not inconsistent with this constitution.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

SECTION I. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society on the first day of January of each year, or on the following day if that day shall be Sunday.

(Amended 1906).

SECTION II. Nine active members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION III. The President at any time may, and on the written request of ten active members shall call a special meeting of the Society. Such request and the notice of every special meeting, shall state the object for which such meeting is called.

SECTION IV. Notices of the annual and of each special meeting shall be mailed to all the members.

ARTICLE VII

FEES AND DUES

A fee of two dollars shall be required for admission to the Society as an active, junior or associate member.

(Amended 1906 and 1912).

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Society by a vote of two-thirds of the active members present, provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member at least one week before such meeting.

OFFICERS 1904-1940

President

NORMAN FOX 1904-1907
WILLIAM FREEMAN FOX 1908-1909
GEORGE HENRY FOX 1910-1934
CHARLES SHATTUCK FOX 1934-1939
HOWARD FOX 1939-

Vice President

ALAN FOX 1904-1906
GEORGE HENRY FOX 1906-1910
ELIZABETH FOX MACARTHUR 1910-1928
ADA FOX FREEMAN 1929-

Treasurer

ALANSON GIBBS FOX 1904-

Secretary

GERTRUDE E. MACARTHUR 1904-1909; 1910-1914
EDITH MACARTHUR HOWARD 1909-1910; 1920-1926
ADA FOX FREEMAN 1914-1920
ALICE BLEECKER FOX 1926-1928
ADALINE FOX RUSSELL 1928-1931
NOEL BLEECKER FOX 1931-

Curator

NOEL BLEECKER FOX 1904-1928
HOWARD FOX 1928-

TRUSTEES 1904-1940

NORMAN FOX 1904-1907

WILLIAM FREEMAN FOX 1904-1909

ELIZABETH FOX MACARTHUR 1904-1922; 1925-1928

GEORGE HENRY FOX 1904-1937

ALAN FOX 1904-1906; 1909-1912

GEORGE HENRY FOX, 2ND 1904-1909

ADA FOX FREEMAN 1906-1909; 1912-1939

NOEL BLEECKER FOX 1908-

NORMAN WRIGHT FOX 1909-1921

CHARLES SHATTUCK FOX 1910-1939

HERBERT WRIGHT FOX 1921-1939

GERTRUDE E. MACARTHUR 1922-1925

EDITH MACARTHUR HOWARD 1929-

HOWARD FOX 1938-

STUART FOX FREEMAN 1939-

KENNETH CAULDWELL MACARTHUR 1939-

MEMBERS JANUARY 1940

Active

Ada Fox Freeman
Stuart Fox Freeman
Howard Brooks Freeman
Stuart Edgar Freeman
Edgar Wells Freeman
Alan Fox
Joseph Carrere Fox

Alice Bleecker Fox
Noel Bleecker Fox

Beatrice Fox Grey
Norman Fox

Charles Kerwin Fox
Jean Gibbs Fox
Caroline Fox Kershner
Louise Kershner Potter
Herbert Wright Fox
Herbert Moore Fox

Frances Fox Radke
Norman Wright Fox, 2nd.

Robert Fox MacArthur
Gertrude MacArthur Slade
Edith MacArthur Howard
Montague Howard, Jr.
Kenneth Cauldwell MacArthur
Marion MacArthur Resor
Harvey Heywood MacArthur
Robert Stuart MacArthur
Kenneth Cauldwell MacArthur, Jr.

Howard Fox
Adaline Fox Russell
Alanson Gibbs Fox
Helen Fox Trowbridge
Mason Trowbridge, Jr.
Harriet Gibbs Trowbridge
George Fox Trowbridge
Adaline Fox Trowbridge
James Rutherford Trowbridge

Associate

Monica Sharretts Freeman
Lyle Smith Freeman
Alice Murray Freeman
Lucy Lee Fox
Martha Dimmick Townsend
Kathryn Augur Fox
Bertha Sprague Fox
Elizabeth Mills Fox
William Richard Grey, Jr.
May Mitchell Fox
Charles M. Potter
Anna Moore Fox
Ethel McCornac Chamberlin
Clarence William Radke

Gertrude Olcott Fox
Marvin Olcott Fox
Nellie Young MacArthur
William Adams Slade
Montague Howard
Elizabeth Randolph Reed Howard
Rachel Heywood MacArthur
Griffith Livingston Resor, Jr.
Jean Gardner MacArthur
Henry Ruland Russell
Jane Russell
Howard Russell
Mary Humstone Fox
Alvin Gibbs Fox

Mason Trowbridge

Junior

Peter Alan Freeman
Monica Elizabeth Freeman
Joan Freeman
Katherine Murray Freeman
Ailsa Fox Freeman
Murray Fox Freeman
Priscilla Alden Freeman
Norman Fox

Jane Bleecker Fox
Kathryn Augur Fox
William Richard Grey, 3rd.
Roy DeWitt Radke
Richard Fox Radke
Natalie Olcott Fox
Donald Reed Howard
Cornelia Rogers Trowbridge

Collateral

Marie Fox Wait
Clinton Fox Ivins

Hope Ivins Hunn
Charles Fox Ivins

Honorary

Francis Fox Rogers

