

Eighteen Hundred and Eighty four were assembled in Chesapeake Falls of  
 Maryland in public meeting Alexander Rowdle Edward J. Kirby  
 John S. Rice, Robert S. Dawson and John W. Rice  
 and others all of whom are residents of Talbot County and citizens  
 of said County and State and of the United States of America for the pur-  
 pose of organizing a Company to build and furnish a steamboat  
 at Kirby's Landing on the Town of William S. Kirby known as Kirby in  
 Talbot County aforesaid and having as organized, said parties desire to be  
 incorporated as a body politic and corporate under the name and style  
 of Kirby Wharf Company of said County Talbot County, State  
 of Maryland, and the object of said Company is to build a Steamboat  
 wharf at Kirby's Landing

That it is proposed to continue its existence for forty years,  
 and the articles a constitution and provisions under which the same is  
 formed is to be a joint stock Company to build a wharf for the accommo-  
 dation of the people of the neighborhood and the travelling public and  
 for the revenues which may arise from the same.

That the operations of the said Company are to be carried on at, or near  
 said wharf and the principal office of the Corporation shall be held  
 in the Village or Town of Chesapeake in Talbot County Maryland that the Cap-  
 ital stock of said Company is Two thousand Dollars.

The number of Shares Eighty  
 at Twenty five Dollars each, that the number of Shares of said Company shall  
 be five and the names of the persons to manage the concerns of the Company  
 for the first year are Alexander Rowdle, William S. Kirby, Robert S. Dawson John  
 S. Rice and Elizabeth J. Johnson.

And that the President of said Company for the same  
 period of time is Alexander Rowdle

Witness our hands and seals this twelfth day of  
 April A. D. 1884.  
 Alexander Rowdle (S)  
 Edward J. Kirby (S)  
 John S. Rice (S)  
 Robert S. Dawson (S)  
 John W. Rice (S)

Examine

To the Honorable Frederick Harp second Judge of the Circuit Court  
 for Talbot County.

The petition of Alexander Rowdle, Edward J. Kirby, John S.  
 Rice, Robert S. Dawson and John W. Rice -  
 for themselves and on behalf of others respectively represented that

they are members of Kirby's Wharf Company of Talbot County, in the  
 State of Maryland, who pray in behalf of said Company that your  
 Honor will endorse on the Certificate herewith presented that the  
 same is in conformity with law in order that the Clerk of the Cir-  
 cuit Court for Talbot County may receive and record the same  
 upon the Records of said Court as by Law he is required to do.  
 And as in duty bound we ever pray

Robert S. Dawson  
 for himself and others

State of Maryland, Talbot County to wit

I Kirby Kirby, that on this 12th day of  
 April Eighteen hundred and Eighty four, before the undersigned a Justice of the  
 Peace of the State of Maryland in and for the County aforesaid personally  
 appeared Alex. Rowdle, Edward J. Kirby, John S. Rice, Robert S. Dawson  
 & John W. Rice

known to me to be the same persons named in the foregoing petition and  
 Certificate and they have assigned, sealed and acknowledged the said  
 Certificate to be their act and deed R. K. Butler J. P.

I Frederick Steink one of the Associate Judges of the Circuit Court for Tal-  
 bot County do hereby certify that the foregoing Certificate is in conformity  
 by with the law.  
 Day of 1884. Frederick Steink.

Participants of Decree  
 of  
 Freedom Lodge  
 No 1024 of  
 Odd Fellows.

Be it remembered that on this fourteenth day of  
 January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and  
 Eighty four the following Certificate of Incorporation or  
 instrument of writing was received to be recorded and is  
 accordingly recorded as follows to wit:  
 By the Honorable the Judges of the Circuit Court for Talbot  
 County






We Kirby Rowde Robert Brown Thomas K. Brown Richard Walker and Charles Young  
 citizens of the United States and of the State of Maryland and residents  
 of St. Michaels Talbot County Maryland certify that we have organized a  
 fraternal society for the purpose of assisting each other under certain specific  
 circumstances as provided for in our Constitution and By-Laws formed for its  
 government; the main purposes and conditions of which are:  
 1st. To unite fraternally all with colored persons of sound body health and  
 good moral character who are society acceptible and above the age

- of twenty one years.
- 2nd. To give all moral and material aid in its power to its members and those dependent upon them.
- 3rd. To educate its members socially, morally and intellectually.
- 4th. To establish a fund for the relief of sick and distressed members.
- 5th. The operations of this society shall be confined to Talbot County but any member removing therefrom may continue to hold his membership.

That the name and title of this Society shall be Freedom's Grand Lodge No 1024. of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows that the principal office of this Association will be located in St. Michaels Talbot County Maryland. that the Corporation will not have any Capital Stock. that the members of Management shall consist of a Worthy Grand, Worthy Grand, Secretary, Noble Father and Treasurer and that the officers who shall manage the concerns of this Corporation for the first quarter ending on the third Friday of April next, are Kinsey Brooks Noble Grand Thomas Lohamy Vice Grand Richard Wallace Secretary Charles Yarnes Noble Father and Robert Brown Treasurer

Witness our hands this first day of January A. D. 1884

H. C. P. Sparks

Kinsey Brooks   
 Robert Brown   
 Thomas W. Lohamy   
 Richard Wallace   
 Charles Yarnes 

State of Maryland, Talbot County to wit:

I hereby certify that on this second day of January in the year Eighteen hundred and eighty four before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Talbot County personally appeared Kinsey Brooks, Robert Brown, Thomas W. Lohamy, Richard Wallace, Charles Yarnes known to me to be the same persons named in the above petition and made signed sealed and acknowledged the foregoing to be their act for the purposes therein set forth.

O. P. Sparks J. P.

Examined

J. Judinik Stamp

Judge of the Circuit Court  
 of Talbot County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Certificate is in conformity with the law.

Judinik Stamp.

Certificate of Incorporation  
 of The Easton Water Co.  
 of Talbot County Maryland.

be recorded, and is according  
 Know all men  
 Alphonse Pascauet, Edward  
 James Hanson, Sintericum  
 being citizens of the United  
 residing in Talbot County  
 certify that we do, under  
 of the State of Maryland  
 corporations, hereby form a  
 The Easton Water Company

We do further  
 so formed, is a corporation  
 the town of Easton, and  
 water for domestic and  
 of existence of the said  
 and that the said corpora  
 conditions and provisions  
 ticulars to the limitations re  
 tained in the General Law

We do further,  
 corporation are to be carried  
 County of Talbot aforesaid  
 said corporation will be la  
 We do further,  
 capital stock of the said cor  
 thousand dollars, and the  
 into Twenty five hundred  
 per share.

We do further,  
 be managed by five direc  
 phonso Pascauet, Edward  
 James Hanson, Sintericum  
 are the names of the direc  
 of the said corporation for  
 In witness where  
 and affixed our seals this