PRIMARY SOURCES FOR EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS

Union Burial Ground Society Constitution, 1848

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE UNION BURIAL GROUND SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, we, a portion of the Free Persons of Color of the Article XII. The Treasurer of this Society shall be a responas we do that the formation of a society for the interment of the receive. dead will exert its due weight of influence-we have organized ARTICLE XIII. The Secretary shall keep a regular record of the

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the "Union Burial GROUND SOCIETY."

ARTICLE II. The land which was bought by Peter Roper for burial of strangers. the benefit of the Society, is conveyed to three Trustees chosen by the Society.

teen by fourteen feet, and all sections numbered.

ARTICLE IV. Any free person can have a section for the sum of present, before adopted.

ARTICLE V. Each member of the Society shall have and hold a certificate with the number of his section, with a right to interany person he may think proper; and this certificate at his death, shall entitle his heirs to the same privilege.

ARTICLE VI. This Society shall have on interest in some one of the banks of the City fifty dollars, for the purpose of keeping in repair the said land.

ARTICLE VII. The certificates shall be printed in blank formwhich blanks shall be filled by the Trustees; also a number of the

ARTICLE VIII. The Officers of this Somes shall consist of a. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and nine Managers.

ARTICLE IX. The President shall preside in the meetings of the Society; in case of his absence, the Vice President shall fill his chair; and in the absence of both, the members present shall appoint a president pro tem.

ARTICLE X. The President shall have power to call a meeting

whenever the interest of the Society may require it.

ARTICLE XI. Five of the Managers with the President and Secretary, shall form a quorum to do business.

City of Richmond, feeling a deep interest in the welfare of our sible married man-one who holds real estate-and he shall give race and the importance of advancing in morality, and believing his notes for the amount of money or certificates which he may

ourselves into a body for the erection of a Burial Ground, and proceedings of the Society; also, a regular list of the names of have adopted the following Rules for the government of said body, the members, with their payments opposite their names; and he shall also keep a number of sections.

ARTICLE XIV. The election of officers shall take place annually.

ARTICLE XV. There shall be one section appropriated for the

ARTICLE XVI. All alterations or amendments to this Constitution ARTICLE III. The ground shall be laid off in sections, say four-shall be made known at least three months previous to the annual meeting, and be sanctioned by at least two-thirds of the members

Adopted January 23d, 1848.

NAMES OF THE MEMBERS.

Gilbert Hunt: Samuel Scott. Alpheus Ropers Peter Roper, James Lightfoord Isaac Gwynn, Tarlton Mose, James Booker, Braxton Smith, Richard Brooks,

Samuel Harris, James Anderson. Ebenezer Roper, Nelson Vanvaul, John Loney, Sally George, William Clayton, Peter Price, Archibald Goode, James Boasmin,

TRUSTEES OF THE BURYING GROUND:

WILLIAM LIGHTFOORD,

JAMES ELLIS.

BENJAMIN HARRIS.

Citation: Union Burial Ground Constitution, 1848, Accession 22514a, Organization Records Collection, Library of Virginia.