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## Articles of Incorporation sealed July 10, 1851

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To the Honorable the Judges of the  
Supreme Court of the State of California

The petition of Isaac Owen,  
Edward Bannister, and C. P. Hester, of the  
State of California, respectfully represents  
unto your honors, that on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of  
January A.D. 1851, at the City of San Jose  
in said State, at a meeting of a Committee  
appointed by the Rev. Isaac Owen, Presiding  
Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church  
in California, by instruction of the Rev. Wm  
Roberts, Superintendent of the Oregon and  
California Mission Conference of said  
Church, assembled for the purpose of  
considering the propriety of founding a  
College under the patronage of said Church  
selecting a site for its location, and nomi-  
nating trustees therefor, — it was resolved,  
that it was expedient for said Church to  
found and establish a College in California,  
with such rights, privileges, immunities,  
and powers, as might be secured to it under  
and by virtue of an act of the Legislature  
of this State entitled "An act to provide for  
the incorporation of Colleges, approved  
April 20, 1850. And afterwards on the 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of May 1851, at a meeting of said Com-  
mittee appointed by said Owen, the follow-  
ing persons were by them nominated and  
appointed Trustees of said College, to wit,  
Rev. Isaac Owen, <sup>Rev.</sup> L. Ross, <sup>Rev.</sup> J. D. Simonds,  
Hon. C. P. Hester, <sup>Rev.</sup> W. Grove Deal, <sup>Rev.</sup> Wm Taylor,  
— Kellogg, <sup>Rev.</sup> J. W. Brier, <sup>Rev.</sup> J. C. Shattuck,  
Joseph Abram, <sup>Rev.</sup> J. T. McLean, <sup>Rev.</sup> Eliza Anthony,  
Amos Merrill, Benjamin Peirson,  
Rev. Ab. C. Briggs, <sup>Rev.</sup> E. Bannister, J. B.  
Bond, William Morrow, <sup>Rev.</sup> James Rogers,  
Rev. Warren Oliver, <sup>Rev.</sup> James Cowan, <sup>Rev.</sup> Charles  
Maclay, <sup>Rev.</sup> Davis A. Dryden,  
and.



and R. L. A. Bateman. — And afterwards, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1851, at a meeting of said Committee, held at the residence of said Owen in the County of Santa Clara, it was by them determined to locate said College on a site then selected in the vicinity of the town of Santa Clara, — and that the name of said College should be the "California Wesleyan College" — and your petitioners were then appointed a Committee to present an application to this Honorable Court, on behalf of said Church, for a declaration of incorporation, <sup>of said College</sup> name and by virtue of the provisions of the act aforesaid.

And your Petitioners further represent, that the sum of \$ 27,500 has been secured as an Endowment fund for said College, by subscription, a copy whereof is herewith attached —

Wherefore your Petitioners pray, on behalf of said Church, the founders of said College, pray your honors to declare the said College, with the trustees aforesaid, to be incorporated, under the name and style of the "President and Board of Trustees of California Wesleyan College" — and and by virtue of the provisions of said act. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Isaac Owen

Edward Bauman

C. J. Hester.

Committee.

By Annis Merrill.  
Att. of this Court.  
for Petitioners.



*List of Subscribers to the "California  
Wesleyan College."*

Isaac Owen —	\$ 1000.00
Jacob Brewell	1000.00
Edward Bannister	1000.00
Hiram Shartze —	1000.00
P. J. Davis	1000.00
John W. Whisman	1000.00
R. W. Murphy.	1000.00
Joel Clayton	1000.00
William Campbell	1000.00
F. Lord	1000.00
Caleb Rance	1000.00
Fletcher Cooper	1000.00
Edwin Gates.	1000.00
H. H. Warburton	1000.00
Zeri Hamilton	1000.00
Joseph Aram	1000.00
C. P. Hester.	500.00
Johnson & Son	500.00
Michael Savor, Sen.	500.00
Jas. H. Thompson.	500.00
David Campbell.	500.00
Joseph Woodham.	500.00
Wm. M. Mendenhall.	500.00
Joseph Grayham	500.00
Isaac A. Lenter	500.00
E. E. Brooks	500.00
Michael Savor Jr. & Co	500.00
Jacob Green	500.00
Andrew J. Savor	500.00
John Whisman.	500.00
Lemuel Robinson	500.00
Jas. Hepburn —	500.00
Morgan Fine	500.00
H. Fairchild	500.00
Wm. McClutchen	500.00
Solomon Sore	500.00
Albert Dexter —	500.00
	<u>\$ 26,500.00</u>
Geo. W. Bellamy	<u>1.00.00</u>
	27,500.00



Supreme Court.  
Application for  
Incorporation.  
California Wesleyan  
College.

Filed July 27, 1857  
at St. Louis  
Before the Supreme Court.  
I hereby certify that  
the original application  
for the incorporation of said  
College has been read and  
approved.  
at St. Louis  
this 27th



State of California

In the Supreme Court of California  
July Term A.D. 1851. (to wit July 10<sup>th</sup>  
1851.)

In the Matter of the }  
Incorporation of The }  
President and Board }  
of Trustees of the Cal- }  
ifornia Wesleyan College }

Declaration of Incorporation of The  
President and Board of Trustees of the California  
Wesleyan College.

Whereas Isaac Owen, Edward  
Barnister, and C. P. Weston, have presented their  
application in writing under their hands, request-  
ing on behalf of the Methodist Episcopal Church  
in California, that an Institution of Learning lo-  
cated at Santa Clara, and the Trustees thereof,  
may be declared by this Court to be incorporated under  
the name and style of "The President and Board of  
Trustees of the California Wesleyan College" under and  
by virtue of an Act of the Legislature of this State  
entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of Colleges,  
approved April. 20. 1850 and the following persons  
have been proposed and appointed as Trustees of said  
College, to wit- Isaac Owen, D. L. Ross, S. D. Simm-  
onds, C. P. Weston, W. Grove Deal, William Taylor —  
Kellogg, J. W. Brier, D. C. Shattuck, Joseph Aram,  
J. T. McLean, Elisha Anthony, Amos Merrill, Ben-  
jamin Peirson, M. C. Briggs, G. Barnister, J. B. Bond  
William Morrow, James Rogers, Warner Oliver, James  
Cornish, Thomas M. Clay D. A. Dryden and A. L.  
A. Bateman, And Whereas it has been made to ap-  
pear, that an endowment fund of Twenty thousand



dollars. has been secured to said College and that the said proposed Trustees are capable men.

Now therefore it is ordered and declared by the Court here that the said Isaac Owen, D. L. Ross, S. D. Sammonds, S. P. Hester, W. Moore Deal, William Taylor, — Kellogg, J. W. Brier, D. C. Shattuck Joseph Allen, E. T. McLean, Elisha Anthony, Annis Merrill, Benjamin Peirson, M. P. Briggs, Edward Ben- nister, J. C. Bond, William Morrow, James Rogers, Warner Oliver, James Gorwin Charles Mc. Clary, D. A. Dryden, and A. L. A. Bateman and their suc- cessors duly appointed and elected be and the same hereby are made and constituted a corporation, and body politic in law and in fact under the name and style of "The President and Board of Trustees of The California Wesleyan College" and entitled to all the rights, franchises, privileges and immunities and clothed with all the powers by said Act conferred and secured.



Witness, the Hon. S. Clinton Hastings, Chief Justice and the seal of said Court, at San Francisco, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D. 1854.

E. H. Thompson  
clerk



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Superior Court of the  
State of California.

In the Matter of the  
Incorporation of the  
"California Lodgepole Spruce"

Certificate, and  
Declaration of Incor-  
poration.

Filed August 5<sup>th</sup> 1887  
And Recorded on  
the 28. 49. 30. 31 &  
32<sup>nd</sup> pages of the  
Record of Incorpora-  
tions by Jurisdiction

1887

Compared  
Record by Mrs.  
Reno on page  
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*On the Supreme Court*

*On the State of the Union -  
oration of the President and  
Board of Trustees of the Pa-  
cific Western College*

*Declaration of Independence*