

## CHARTER OF WHITMAN SEMINARY

### **An Act to Establish an Institution of Learning in Walla Walla County**

*Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Washington.*

That there shall be established in Walla Walla County an institution of learning, for the instruction of persons of both sexes, in science and literature, to be called the "Whitman Seminary"; and that Elkanah Walker, George H. Atkinson, Elisha S. Tanner, Erastus S. Joslyn, W.A. Tenney, H.H. Spalding, John C. Smith, James Craigie, and Cushing Eells, and their successors, are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, in law, by the name and style of the President and Trustees of Whitman Seminary.

*Section 2.* That the corporation before named shall have perpetual succession, and power to acquire, possess and hold property, real, personal and mixed, and the same to sell, grant, convey, rent, or otherwise dispose of at pleasure; and they shall have power to contract, and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of justice, both at law and equity; they shall have and use a common seal, with power to alter it at pleasure; and they may exercise all the powers and enjoy all the privileges of other institutions of learning in this Territory.

*Section 3.* That the corporate concerns of said Whitman Seminary shall be managed by themselves as a board, consisting of the nine members, and that a majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; said trustees shall elect one of their number to be president of their board, and they shall have power to fill all vacancies in their body, as these may from time to time occur, by resignation, expulsion, death or otherwise, and shall have power to make and put in force such by-laws and regulations as shall from time to time be deemed necessary for the government of said corporation.

*Section 4.* That the board of trustees shall have power to appoint subordinate officers and agents, and to make, ordain and establish such ordinances, rules and regulations, as they may deem necessary for the good government of said institution, its officers, teachers and pupils, and for the management of the affairs of said corporation to the best advantage. *Provided,* that they shall not contravene the constitution or laws of the United States, or the laws of this Territory.

*Section 5.* That all deeds and other instruments of conveyance shall be made by order of the board of trustees, sealed with the seal of the corporation, signed by the president, and by him acknowledged in his official capacity in order to insure their validity.

*Section 6.* That the capital stock of said institution shall never exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, nor the income or proceeds of the same be appropriated to any other use than for the benefit of said institution as contemplated by this act.

*Section 7.* That this act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Passed December 20th, 1859.

## **CHARTER OF WHITMAN COLLEGE**

An Act to amend an Act entitled an "Act to establish an institution of learning in Walla Walla County," passed December 20th, 1859.

*Section 1.* Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Washington, that the above named act to establish an institution of learning in Walla Walla County, passed December 20th, 1859, be and the same is hereby so amended that section first shall read as follows: That there shall be established in Walla Walla County an institution of learning for the instruction of both sexes in literature, science, and art, to be called Whitman College, and that Elkanah Walker, George H. Atkinson, Elisha S. Tanner, Erastus S. Joslyn, W. A. Tenney, H. H. Spalding, John C. Smith, James Craigie, and Cushing Eells, and their successors, are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, in law, by the name and style of the Board of Trustees of Whitman College.

*Section 2.* That section second of said Act shall be amended to read as follows: That the corporation before named shall have perpetual succession, and shall have power to acquire, by purchase, donation, devise, or otherwise, and possess and hold property, real, personal, and mixed, and the same to sell, grant, convey, rent or otherwise dispose of at pleasure; and they shall have power to contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of justice, both at law and equity. They shall have and use a common seal, with power to alter it at pleasure; and they may exercise all the powers and enjoy all the privileges of other institutions of learning in this Territory.

*Section 3.* That section third of said Act shall be amended to read as follows: That the corporate concerns of said Whitman College shall be managed by the Trustees themselves as a Board, consisting of the nine members, and that a majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; said Trustees shall elect one of their number to be president of their Board, and they shall have power to fill all vacancies in their body as these may from time to time occur, by resignation, expulsion, death, or otherwise, and shall have power to make and put in force such by-laws and regulations as shall, from time to time, be deemed necessary for the government of said corporation.

*Section 4.* That section fourth of said Act shall be amended to read as follows: That the Board of Trustees shall have the power of appointment and removal of the President of the College,

professors, tutors, teachers, and any other necessary agents and officers, and may fix the compensation of each; and may make such by-laws for the government of the institution as they may deem necessary, and shall have power to confer, on the recommendation of the Faculty, all such degrees and honors as are conferred by colleges and universities of the United States, and such others (having reference to the course of study and the attainments of the applicants) as they may deem proper. That the president and professors of the institution shall constitute the Faculty of said College; and shall have power to arrange the course of study, and to take the proper measures to enforce the rules and regulations enacted by the Board of Trustees for the government and discipline of the students, and to suspend and expel offenders as may be deemed necessary.

*Section 5.* That section fifth shall be amended so as to read as follows: That all deeds and instruments of conveyance shall be made by order of the Board of Trustees, sealed with the seal of the corporation, signed by the President and Secretary of the Board, and by them acknowledged in their official capacity in order to insure the validity of said deeds and instruments.

*Section 6.* That section sixth of said Act be amended to read as follows: That the property of said Board of Trustees of Whitman College, including all income and proceeds, shall be used exclusively for the purposes of education, and in consideration of such use, said property, income, and proceeds shall not be subject to taxation.

*Section 7.* That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Council, November 21st, 1883.  
SEWELL TRUAX, President of Council

Passed the House, November 21st, 1883.  
E.C. FERGUSON, Speaker of the House

Approved, November 28th, 1883.  
WILLIAM A. NEWELL, Governor