

BY-LAWS
of
THE THOMAS STANTON SOCIETY

150 Roosevelt Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538

Mission Statement: The Thomas Stanton Society is an organization for the descendants and family members of our colonial Connecticut ancestors Thomas Stanton and Anna Lord. The purpose of the organization is to bring together widely spread cousins into a social fabric for the enjoyment of family and local history, and for exchanging information in the pursuit of genealogy and family pedigrees.

Article 1. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 Qualification: Every unbroken blood-line descendant of Thomas Stanton (abt.1610/1616 - 1677) and Anna Lord (1614-1688) shall be eligible for membership.
- 1.2 Application for Membership: Any person qualified for membership will be sent a pedigree chart which must be filled out fully and returned to the Secretary/ Membership Chair, along with a check in the amount of the currently established fee. The amount of dues shall be fixed by the officers.
- 1.3 Classes of Membership
 - a) Active Membership is reserved for those who have completed their pedigree chart and paid their dues.
 - b) Life Membership status is held for those who have paid the lump sum Life Membership fee as determined by the board.
 - c) Associate Membership is held for those desiring full membership, but unable to fully complete a pedigree chart and wishing to belong. They shall enjoy all the benefits except the privilege of voting or holding office. They shall fill out as much of a chart as possible, and it shall be duly marked ASSOCIATE MEMBER.
- 1.4 Lineage Requirements for Membership and Ancestry Tree Admission:

Whenever there is a questionable connection made as to the legitimacy of an applicant, the Board will determine whether it is reasonable to accept the candidate for membership. If there seems to be contrary evidence with no supporting evidence, then the Board may determine to add the applicant as an "associate member" and will not add their lineage in the TSS Ancestry Tree.

 - a) The Thomas Stanton Society is not responsible for authentication of lineage.
- 1.5 Termination of Membership shall be caused by unpaid dues for a full year, after having received notice of unpaid dues.

Article 2 DUES

- 2.1 The fee paid for dues shall be in the amount prescribed by the officers. These dues shall be paid to the treasurer or another officer.

Article 3 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS IN CONJUNCTION WITH REUNIONS

- 2.1 Membership meetings shall be held at times of reunions or as the officers shall prescribe otherwise.

Article 4 OFFICERS

4.1 Number: There shall be four officers. Their titles are:

- a) President
- b) Vice President
- c) Treasurer
- d) Secretary/Membership Chair

4.2 Qualifications: Officers must be in good standing.

4.3 How Elected: Generally, nominations and elections will be held at reunions. They can also be held at a convenient time and place as prescribed by the officers.

4.4 Terms of Office: There shall be no limit on terms in office, providing the officer is fulfilling the duties of the office.

4.5 Officer Duties:

- a) The president shall chair all meetings of a general nature, promote social fellowship, and disseminate family history.
- b) The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president during that person's absence and also assume such responsibilities of the office of president as the president may delegate.
- c) The treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds and securities of the Society, and shall deposit all such funds in the name of the Society in a bank or banks. This person shall maintain correct books of accounts and shall be prepared to exhibit such books to the president or any member during any officers' meeting or reunion.
- d) The secretary/membership chair shall keep the minutes of membership meetings, shall attend to all general correspondence as directed by the president, shall receive and approve applications for membership, and shall maintain an up-to-date list of members, their addresses, and their dues status.

4.6 Filling Vacancies shall be handled by the officers. It should be done without undue delay. The failure of any officer to accept their duties of office shall constitute a vacancy.

4.7 Other members may be chosen for special purposes, such as chairperson of a reunion, newsletter editor, and genealogist.

4.8 Removal from office can be effected by the affirmative vote of two (2) officers.

Article 5 MISCELLANEOUS

5.1 Rules of Order: Unless otherwise provided, Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings.

5.2 Record Books and records of the Society shall be kept by the secretary/ membership chair and made available for inspection by any officer upon giving notice.

5.3 Descendant Defined: The word “descendant” as used by these by-laws does not include a member’s spouse or adopted children unless the adopted person is also a blood-line descendant of Thomas Stanton. A descendant must have a pedigree of an unbroken blood- line directly from Thomas Stanton and Anna Lord.

Article 6 AMENDMENTS

6.1 These by-laws may be amended by a resolution adopted at any meeting of the members by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present, provided advance notice has been given of intent to amend.

The aforesaid six articles are hereby adopted by The Thomas Stanton Society this 15th day of March, 2024.

(Signed)
Rick Stanton
President

(Signed)
Nancy Ryan
Vice President

(Signed)
Donna Amentt
Treasurer

(Signed)
Lynn Alexander
Secretary/Membership Chair