

Articles of Association and Incorporation of the
Frankfort and South Eastern Railroad Company

We, the undersigned desirous of organizing ourselves into a corporation for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a railroad of three feet gauge between the points or places hereinafter more particularly specified and set forth within the State of Michigan, under the provisions of Act No. 198 of the Cession laws of said State for the year 1873, and of the acts amendatory thereof, do hereby in accordance with the requirements of said law, subscribe the following articles of association.

First

The name of the corporation hereby founded and constituted is and shall be The Frankfort and South Eastern Railroad Company.

Second

The number of years the said corporation is to be continued is nine hundred and ninety nine.

Third

The capital stock of said Company shall be one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and consist of one thousand shares of one hundred dollars a share (with the right to increase said capital, under the laws to five hundred thousand of dollars of five thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, in case said road should be extended and constructed beyond the present prospective terminus to wit the upper Welden Bridge on Betsie river in the southeastern part of Weldon township in said County of Benzie.

Fourth

The number of Directors of said Company shall be five, and the following are the names and places of residence of each Director, viz:

H.G. Butler Frankfort Michigan

L. W. Ceaier

W^m Upton

F. D. Stanley

Henry Smith

Fifth

The line and course of said railroad is to be constructed shall be from the village of Frankfort in the County of Benzie and State of Michigan, in a south easterly direction through said county of Benzie to the upper Welden Bridge in the south easterly part of the Township of Welden in said County of Benzie, a distance of about twenty miles, and there, in case of a further extension of said road, its course or line will be through the northeastern corner of Manistee County and in a south easterly direction through Wexford County until it meets the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad at some point not yet determined upon. And as such subscribers, we do hereto set our names, with our places of residence and number of shares of stock subscribed by each of us.

Dated November 9th A.D. eighteen hundred and eighty five

Names/subscribers	Residence	No. of shares
A. G. Butler	Frankfort Mich.	20 shares
B. F. Lincoln	"	20 shares
F. D. Stanley	"	5 shares
W ^m Upton	"	5 shares

D. B. Butler	“	5 shares
J. B. Collins	“	5 shares
Woodward Bros	“	5 shares
Maikhaiu Markham?&	“	5 shares
Edwards		
Bellows Bros	“	10 shares
L. W. Caine	Frankfort	Ten
D. A. Welsh	“	Two
J. W. Zunmeynau	“	Three
Zimmerman?		
H. M. Smith	“	Five

State O Michigan}
County of Benzie}ss

We, A. G. Butler and Wm Upton of Frankfort, Mich. Two of the Directors named in the forgoing articles of association, being duly sworn, do swially depra and say that five hundred dollars per mile of said railroad has been subscribed upon such articles of association and 5 per cent thereof has paid in to the Directors named in such articles of association in good faith, in cash, and this affiant is made by these depments for the purpose of complying with the provisions of said law under which said articles are drawn, in order that such articles may be filed in the office of the Secretary of State and that said subscribers and their succors may become a corporation with all the powers conferred by the laws of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided and especially by said act No-198 of the Session Laws of 1873 and of the acts amendatory thereof

Sworn and subscribed to before me,	}	A. G. Butler
This 25 th day of Nov. A.D. 1885	}	W ^m Upton
D. B. Butler	}	
Notary of Public in and for	}	
Benzie Co. Mich.	}	

Received and filed December 2, 1885

Here is either a paper road or lack of support continuation of the line.
Frankfort, Crystal Lake & Glen Arbor RR Company, articles filed March 20, 1890, 44 miles, Frankfort to Glean Arbor, capital stock \$400,000.