

**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, 1616-1677, 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 President or Secretary, along with a check in the amount of the currently established fee. This money serves as an initiation fee and dues for the balance of the fiscal year. 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 annual dues.
  - b) **Life Membership** status is held for those who have paid a lump sum of \$100.00. These members shall not be required to pay annual dues.
  - c) **Associate Membership** is held for those desiring full membership, but unable to 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 whatever part of a chart possible, and it shall be duly stamped ASSOCIATE MEMBER.
- 3.1 **Termination of Membership** shall be caused by unpaid dues for a full year, after having received notice of unpaid dues.

Article 2 **ANNUAL DUES**

- 2.1 **Annual Dues** shall be paid for each fiscal year beginning on Aug. 1. The fee paid shall be in the amount prescribed by the officers. These annual dues shall be paid to the treasurer or president.

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

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. He shall 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 his/her duties of office shall constitute a vacancy.
- 4.7 Other members may be chosen for special purposes, such as chairperson of a reunion. The purpose must be definitively prescribed and a time limit given, when possible.
- 4.8 Removal from office can be effected by the affirmative vote of two (2) officers.

Article 5 MISCELLANEOUS

- 5.1 Fiscal Year: This shall be from the first day of August of any calendar year through the thirty-first day of July of the following calendar year.
- 5.2 Rules of Order: Unless otherwise provided, Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings.
- 5.3 Record Books and records of the Society shall be kept by the secretary and made available for inspection by any officer upon giving notice.
- 5.4 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.

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

(Signed)  
Rick Stanton  
President

(Signed)  
Nancy Ryan  
Vice President

(Signed)  
Donna Amentt  
Treasurer

(Signed)  
Tom Mennillo  
Secretary/Membership Chair