succession; may sue and be sued, answer and defend in any court of law or equity, and may adopt local laws, rules and regulations as may appear necessary and proper for conducting the affairs of said corporation as shall not be contrary to the constitution and laws, rules and regulations of "The State Camp of Maryland, Patriotic Orders Sons of America," or as shall not be contrary to the general laws of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, or to the laws of the State of Maryland or the United States, and the same may change, alter or amend, as may appear proper, and may have, use and at pleasure change a common seal, and in general exercise all such rights, privileges and immunities as by law are incident or necessary to the corporation herein constituted, and to enable the members of said Camp to exercise all things concerning the design of the corporation for the benevolent relief of the sick and distressed, and for the promotion of their purposes generally.

Local laws. rules and regulations the corpora-

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the local laws, rules and regulations of Washington Camp, Number Thirteen, Patriotic for the government of Order Sons of America of the State of Maryland shall be the local laws, rules and regulations for the government of the corporation herein incorporated, until the same shall be regularly repealed or altered by said corporation, or by the action of the State Camp of Maryland, Patriotic Order Sons of America, or by the National Camp, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and that the present officers of Washington Camp, Number Thirteen, Patriotic Order Sons of America, of the State of Maryland, shall be the officers of the said corporation hereby created until the regular time for the election of officers as prescribed by the constitution and laws of the "State Camp of Maryland, Patriotic Order Sons of America," or by the "National Camp, Patriotic Order Sons of America," governing the subordinate camps and their qualifications for office.

Rights and privileges.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That the said corporation shall be capable in law to have, receive and retain to it property, real, personal and mixed, also devises or bequests of any person or persons capable of making the same, and the same at its pleasure to transfer, mortgage or otherwise dispose of; provided, always, that the said corporation shall not at any time hold or possess property, not personal or mixed, exceeding in value the sum of five thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 10, 1900.