

# CHARTER OF THE STAPLES FREE SCHOOL

## ORIGINAL CHARTER

III Records of the State of Connecticut, 1780-1781, page 405, May 1781

Upon the memorial of Robert Ross, Samuel Sherwood and James Johnson, all of the town and county of Fairfield, showing to this Assembly, that Mr. Samuel Staples of said Fairfield, hath by a certain deed under his hand and seal by him well executed etc. conveyed to said memorialists in trust, sundry valuable tracts of land and other estate for the laudable purpose of erecting and supporting a public free school in said Fairfield, in perpetuum, for the instruction of children and youth in useful knowledge and learning, especially such as are sober studious and have not estates sufficient for that purpose etc; praying that they may be incorporated so as to be enabled effectually to carry into execution the valuable and laudable intentions and purposes of said donations and such other donations as may hereafter be made to them for the like purpose and consistent therewith, etc. as per memorial on file.

RESOLVED BY THIS ASSEMBLY, That the said memorialists be and they are hereby incorporated constituted and appointed to be a body politic and corporate, to be known and called by the name of THE TRUSTEES OF STAPLES FREE SCHOOL IN FAIRFIELD and by that name they and their successors may have perpetual succession and shall and may be persons capable in law by that name to sue and to be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, to answer and be answered unto, and also to have, take, possess, acquire, purchase or otherwise receive land