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3 **Statement of Purpose and Organization for**

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5 **The Dillman Family Association**

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8 **PURPOSE**

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10 The purpose of the Dillman Family Association (DFA) is to promote an active
11 exchange of ideas and assistance among people interested in understanding the biological
12 and cultural aspects of ancestry among its members and all other people with interest in
13 knowing more about their ancestry and its implications for their personal lives.

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15 DFA is being formed for educational and social purposes. It exists to encourage
16 genealogical research and to promote organizing and providing useful information about
17 ancestry to members and nonmembers. The DFA does not exist for nor shall it act for the
18 personal financial gain of any of its members.

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20 It is a special interest of the DFA to encourage research into the ancestry of
21 individuals with the surname Dillman, Stillman, Dillmann, Dhyllman, Diehlmann,
22 Dielman, Dayga, Tillman, Tilghman, Tyllman, and similar names that have existed and
23 changed through time. These names may be shared by biologically related as well as
24 unrelated individuals.

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26 Consistent with the belief of the founders of the DFA that it is in our collective
27 best interest to pursue better, more accurate knowledge of ancestry and its implications
28 for pursuit of our purpose, the DFA will encourage its members to carry out these types
29 of activities:

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31 1. Search for and interpret written documents, including, but not limited to
32 birth, death, marriage, land ownership, census and church records.
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34 2. Search for and interpret historical, country, community, cultural, and other
35 records that provide a context for understanding other types of ancestry
36 information.
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38 3. Search for and interpret biological information, such as results of Dillman
39 DNA testing that may help us understand relatedness of specific
40 individuals as well as family lines of descent.
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42 4. Collect and maintain cultural memorabilia and artifacts associated with
43 DFA family lines that may be helpful for understanding the lives of
44 ancestors.
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1 To support the work of individual members, The Dillman Family Association
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4 1. Support the development and preservation of information of all types that
5 will provide a permanent record of material to facilitate future ancestry
6 research by members as well as nonmembers
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- 8 2. Organize biennial meetings of members and others with interest in
9 activities of the DFA, to be known as Dillman Mega-Reunions.
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- 11 3. Disseminate educational information through its web site, a newsletter and
12 by other means in order to support the work of individuals to collect,
13 understand and utilize genealogical information.
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- 15 4. Other educational and social activities as decided upon by the
16 membership.
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18 MEMBERSHIP

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20 Membership is open to all individuals in all countries of the world, regardless of
21 ancestry who are interested in learning more about the family lines mentioned above, as
22 well as their possible interconnections. Membership is also open to any other individuals
23 who have a more general interest in genealogical research methods and findings, though
24 not necessarily in the mentioned family lines.
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26 Individual memberships will be available on a biennial basis by payment of dues
27 at a rate set by the membership at its annual meeting, for the period from one biennial
28 meeting to the next.
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30 All members will be entitled to vote on all issues to be decided by the DFA
31 membership. More than one member of a household may join as an individual member.
32 All individual members are encouraged to attend and participate in the Mega-Reunion
33 activities. In addition, as a benefit of membership each member will receive copies of the
34 DFA Newsletter. Also, as a benefit of membership they will be informed regularly of
35 DFA activities and accomplishments.
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37 Members are responsible for notifying the DFA if their contact information is
38 changed.
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40 Life membership may be available in the future by paying a one time fee set by
41 the membership for the lifetime of the person purchasing such a membership.
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43 FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE ORGANIZATION

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45 The DFA will be supported primarily by membership dues, biennial reunion
46 registration fees and donations.
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1 Donations to support DFA activities are encouraged. Such funds will be
2 accounted for separately by the DFA Treasurer. Donations may be made to a general
3 DFA fund and used for purposes decided by a vote of the officers, who will report to the
4 membership how such funds were expended). Donations may also be made for a specific
5 purpose. In the event funds are donated for a specific purpose, receipt of the funds must
6 be approved by the DFA Council as being consistent with the goals of the DFA, and
7 spent in a manner consistent with the [donors](#) request.

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9 The DFA is not being formed for the purpose of creating, marketing and selling
10 products to members or non members. However, it may make information and other
11 products available in appreciation for donations made to the DFA to support its purpose
12 and activities.

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14 From time to time members or others may decide to lend materials or equipment
15 to the organization to further its stated objectives, and the DFA Council (defined below)
16 may decide to accept such loans. No claim to ownership by the DFA will be made of any
17 such items. A record will be kept of such loans so that any such materials can be
18 returned to the person loaning them.

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20 A formal report of all monies received, expenditures, donations and [loans](#), will be
21 reported at each Biennial Mega-Reunion. In addition, the Council will review records
22 kept by the Treasurer at least every six months or upon request to the Treasurer at any
23 time.

24 25 MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATION

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27 The DFA will hold a meeting of all DFA members and interested parties at least
28 once every two years, to be known as the Biennial Mega-Reunion for the purpose of
29 sharing information obtained in its various activities, and to stimulate the development of
30 new activities of interest to DFA members.

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32 The location of the meeting will be decided upon by the Council following
33 consultation with members. It is expected that the location selected for the Biennial
34 Mega-Reunion will take into account a variety of considerations including cost to
35 members and location in areas of particular interest to the study of heritage associated
36 with DFA family lines.

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38 A formal meeting of the membership will occur at the Biennial Mega-Reunion to
39 receive officer reports, elect officers, and make any decisions referred to the membership.

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41 The DFA will maintain a DFA website to provide information about all DFA
42 activities, including the timing and location of meetings, and decisions by officers on
43 behalf of the organization.

44 45 OFFICERS

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47 The officers of the DFA will include President, Vice-President, Secretary,
48 Treasurer and Immediate Past-President. The first four officers will be elected at each

1 Biennial Mega-Reunion, and the Past President will carry over from his or her position as
2 President during the succeeding two years. These five individuals will constitute the
3 Council in charge of DFA activities.

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5 Officers will be elected by the DFA membership in a business meeting to be held
6 at each Biennial Mega-Reunion. Should an officer need to be replaced between meetings
7 it will be up to the remaining members of the council to select a replacement and inform
8 the membership of the change.

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10 The President provides general leadership to the Council and to the association for
11 planning and carrying out all DFA activities, including overseeing planning for the
12 Biennial Mega-Reunion. The president is also responsible for designating special
13 appointments and committee chairs needed to plan and carry out DFA activities. In
14 addition, the President will convene a meeting of the Council at least every six months to
15 carry out DFA activities and report back to the DFA membership on the Councils
16 deliberations and decisions.

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18 The Vice-President will assist the president as requested, and be prepared to take
19 over as president if for some reason the president cannot carry out his or her activities.

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21 The Secretary will maintain a written record of all DFA meetings and activities,
22 including a summary of each Mega-Reunion and activities carried out between meetings
23 by the officers. The secretary will also maintain a list of members and send postal or
24 email messages to members or others as directed by the President and Council.

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26 The Treasurer will be responsible for handling and protecting in an appropriate
27 manner all money received by the DFA and for disbursing all DFA expenditures. A
28 report of all expenditures must be made to the Council including detailed bank account
29 information at least semi-annually, and to the membership at the Biennial Mega-Reunion.

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31 The Past President shall provide counsel and advice as appropriate to members of
32 the council and the association in order to maintain continuity in DFA interests and
33 activities.

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35 The term of office of each officer shall be approximately two years, extending
36 from the end of the business meeting of one Mega-Reunion to the end of the business
37 meeting at the succeeding one.

38 39 40 COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

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42 Special appointments of individuals and committee chairs will be appointed by
43 the President, with approval from Council, to carry out DFA responsibilities as needed.
44 The nature of such individual appointments and committees are likely to vary from time
45 to time, and may be created or ended as deemed appropriate by the President, the Council
46 or a vote of the membership.

1 Special appointments and committees may be established at any time. However,
2 the following appointments and committees will be considered permanent unless changed
3 by a vote of the membership.
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5 The Dillman DNA Administrator is an individual appointment charged with
6 coordinating the Dillman DNA (DDNA) project, which arranges for confidential DNA
7 testing with a leading and respected DNA testing company. The administrator is charged
8 with maintaining the highest levels of scientific genealogical research and confidentiality
9 for all DDNA participants. He/she provides summary reports to Council, via the DFA
10 website to participants and members and to the biennial meeting.
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12 A DNA Special Support Committee shall establish and maintain a protocol for
13 requesting special financial assistance to individuals for taking a DNA test that would
14 appear to benefit Dillman (or variant names) genealogy researchers in understanding our
15 collective heritage. The DDNA Administrator serves on this committee to advise of the
16 need for appropriate tests and assure full confidentiality. Becoming a member of the DFA
17 is not a requirement nor shall it prevent the obtaining of financial support for such testing.
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19 A Newsletter Editor will be appointed to prepare and distribute a quarterly
20 newsletter that will be provided to all DFA members. The objective of this newsletter
21 will be to facilitate regular communication to and among DFA members on DFA
22 activities and issues of general interest to the membership.
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24 A Mega Reunion CD Committee will be appointed to prepare and distribute a
25 Compact Disc (or other appropriate device) containing ancestry information that
26 attendees at the Mega-Reunion and other DFA members wish to make available to others
27 to facilitate their ancestry research.
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29 A Webmaster will be appointed to maintain the DFA website.
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32 IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION OF THE DFA 33

34 In the event that the DFA is dissolved for any reason all funds remaining in the
35 DFA's possession will be donated to another organization in support of genealogical
36 work, the transfer of which must be approved by the DFA membership. No existing funds
37 will be returned individually to members or nonmembers.
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39 Any other materials owned by the DFA will be disposed of in a way approved by
40 the membership.
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42 Any materials loaned to the DFA will be returned to the person who loaned them
43 to the DFA.
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45 REVISION OF THIS STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION 46

47 Revisions to this statement of purpose and organization may be proposed by two
48 or more members of the DFA. Proposed changes will be provided to members in writing

1 at least one day prior to the biennial business meeting, and 60% of the members present
2 and voting will be required to approve any changes.
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4 In the event that the Council determines through careful deliberation that a change
5 should be made between biennial meetings, it may refer a proposed change to the entire
6 DFA membership with an explanation of the pros and cons of the proposed change. For
7 such a change to be approved 60% of all members who vote will be required for
8 approval.
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10 END
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12 The following individuals were present at the Dillman Family Association (DFA)
13 business meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 9, 2008, when the above State of
14 Purpose and Organization was discussed and approved by those present.
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16 Earl Dillman
17 Louise Dillman McKinney
18 Dana Dillman
19 Robert B. Arnold
20 Lawrence. Dillman
21 Edna Dillman
22 Eve Dillman
23 Christina Dillman
24 Ed Dillman
25 Allen Dillman
26 Joye J. Dillman
27 Ronald Dillman
28 Barbara J. Welch
29 Raygena Klaaren Garringer
30 Marie Dillman
31 Charles N. Dillman
32 Frank R. Dillman
33 Audrienne Dillman
34 Don A. Dillman
35 Andrew Stillman
36 Peggy-Sue Paterson (Dillman)
37 Audrey Dillman
38 Phil Dillman
39 Dan Dillman