1	THE WILLIAM GILMORE SIMMS SOCIETY
2	CONSTITUTION
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4	I. NAME:
5	The name of the Society is the William Gilmore Simms Society.
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7	II. PURPOSE :
8	The William Gilmore Simms Society is organized to offer Simms scholars and other interested
9	persons an opportunity to participate in the study and appreciation of the life and works of William
10	Gilmore Simms. A non-profit organization, the Societythrough such activities as annual meetings,
11	special symposiums, and publishing a journal provides a medium of communication among Simms
12	scholars and expands the possibilities for Simms studies. The sole purposes of the Society are
13	educational and literary within the meaning of those terms in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal
14	Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, and the Society
15	shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by any organization exempt from
16	Federal income tax under that section. (Especially: no substantial part of the activities of the
17	Society shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislationexcept
18	as otherwise provided by Internal Revenue Code section 501 (h)and it will not participate in, or
19	intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on
20	behalf of any candidate for public office; no part of the earnings of the Society shall inure to the
21	benefit of any member or other individualexcept that reasonable compensation may be paid for
22	services rendered to or for the Society; and in any taxable year in which the Society may become a
23	private foundation as described in IRC section 509 (a), it shall distribute its income for that period

as such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under IRC section 4942, and shall not (a) engage
in any act of self-dealing as defined in IRC section (d), retain any excess business holdings as

3 defined in IRC section 4943 (c), or (b) make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax

4 under IRC section 4944, or (c) make any taxable expenditures as defined in IRC section 4945 (d)

5 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.)

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III. **DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY**:

Upon dissolution of the Society, all assets belonging to the Society after the discharge of any and all outstanding obligations shall become the property of a Simms-related institution approved by the Executive Council. Such institution must qualify as a tax-exempt institution under the terms of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code. (Especially shall no member or other individual be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the Society's assets on dissolution of the Society.)

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15 III. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION:

Proposed amendments shall be submitted by mail or through the Society's journal or newsletter to the entire membership of the Society and shall require approval by two-thirds of the members returning ballots. All proposed amendments must be circulated among the entire membership at least four weeks prior to the ballot deadline.