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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT
OF TREASURY

(Non-Profit)

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the incorporators for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the provisions of Act No. 327 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended, as follows:

ARTICLE I.

The name of the corporation is Latvian Foundation

(Please type or print corporate name)

ARTICLE II.

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows:

To receive and administer funds for the preservation of Latvian culture, for conducting informative or educational undertakings calculated to preserve and perpetuate Latvian culture and ethnic traditions, for sponsoring research on Latvian history, for rendering assistance in the publication, preparation, and promulgation of Latvian literary works. This corporation is not organized for the pecuniary profit of its trustees, officers, or members; no part of its net income shall inure to the benefit of any officer, trustee, or member; and any balance or money or assets remaining after the full payment of corporate obligations of all and any kinds shall be devoted solely to the charitable, informative, educational or benevolent purposes of the corporation.

ARTICLE III.

Location of the first registered office is:

2518 Gull Road, Kalamazoo Kalamazoo Michigan 49001
(No.) (Street) (City) (County) (Zip Code)

Postoffice address of the first registered office is:

2518 Gull Road Kalamazoo Michigan 49001
(No. and Street or P. O. Box) (City) (Zip Code)

ARTICLE IV.

The name of the first resident agent is Valdis Muiznieks

ARTICLE V.

Said corporation is organized upon a non-stock basis.
(Stock-share or non-stock)

(a)

(If upon a stock-share basis fill in the following)

The total number of shares of stock which the corporation shall have authority to issue is

none of the par value of \$ -- per share.
(No. shares)

A statement of all or any of the designations and the powers, preferences and rights, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof is as follows: --

(b)

(If upon a non-stock basis strike out paragraph (a) above and fill in the following)

The amount of assets which said corporation possesses is:

*Real property: none

*Personal property: none

*(Give description and value--If none, insert "none")

Said corporation is to be financed under the following general plan: Membership fees; initiation fees; non-interest bearing loans of one thousand dollars (\$1000.--) minimum per member which the corporation shall invest and retain proceeds thereof; contributions; bequests.

ARTICLE VI.

The names and places of residence, or business, of each of the incorporators (and if a corporation organized upon a stock-share basis the number of shares of stock subscribed for by each) are as follows:

(At least three required)

(Please type or print following information if possible)

NAMES	RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS ADDRESS		NUMBER OF SHARES
	(No.)	(Street)	(City) (State)
Janis Pavasaris	2820	Asbury	Kalamazoo, Michigan
Girts Kaugars	5209	Douglas Ave.	Kalamazoo, Michigan
Valdis Muiznieks	2218	Gull Road	Kalamazoo, Michigan

ARTICLE IX

Members of the Foundation shall be individuals 18 years of age or older, families the head of which is 18 years of age or older, and organizations and/or associations, and shall be admitted, subject to the approval by the Board of Trustees, upon the payment of an initiation fee which shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) for members other than full time students at any accredited college or university and which shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for said full time students, and upon the pledge or advance of a non-interest bearing loan of at least one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) or upon the payment of a special annual assessment which has been determined prospectively at an annual meeting of the Foundation.

ARTICLE X

~~The Foundation shall be dissolved upon the vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present at an annual meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.~~ Upon dissolution all outstanding loans of the Foundation shall be repaid and the surplus assets remaining after payment of debts and the liquidation of all liabilities of the Foundation shall be transferred to one or more Latvian educational or literary non-profit corporations which are qualified as such under the prevailing regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.

ARTICLE VII.

The names and addresses of the first board of directors (or trustees) are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
(No.)	(Street) (City) (State)
Valdis Muiznieks	2518 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo, Michigan
Voldemars Gulens	59 Chaplin Cres., Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Girts Kaugars	5209 Douglas Ave., Kalamazoo, Michigan
Ivars Gaide	17614 Fries Ave., Lakewood, Ohio
Janis Penikis	1214 E. Belmont Ave., South Bend, Indiana
Laimonis Streips	7012 Church St., Morton Grove, Illinois
Mara Romans	822 N. LeClaire, Chicago, Illinois
Eriks Savics	c/o Mrs. Velta Toma 262 Indian Rd., Toronto, Ont. Canada

ARTICLE VIII.

The term of the corporate existence is perpetual.
(If for a limited number of years, then state such term instead of perpetual.)

ARTICLE IX.

(Here Insert any desired additional provisions authorized by the Act)

See attached sheet

We, the incorporators, sign our names this

15th day of September, 1970.

Janis Penikis
Girts Kaugars
Valdis Muiznieks

(All parties appearing under Article VI are required to sign in this space)

STATE OF MICHIGAN }
COUNTY OF Kalamazoo } ss.

(One or more of the parties signing must acknowledge before the Notary)

On this 15th day of September, 1970,

before me personally appeared Valdis Muiznieks

to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

Louise R. Marfia
(Signature of Notary)

LOUISE R. MARFIA

(Print or type name of Notary)

Notary Public for Kalamazoo County,
State of Michigan.

My commission expires Nov. 7, 1972
(Notarial seal required if acknowledgment taken out of State)