I. NAME:

The name of the Society is the William Gilmore Simms Society.

II. PURPOSE:

The William Gilmore Simms Society is organized to offer Simms scholars and other interested persons an opportunity to participate in the study and appreciation of the life and works of William Gilmore Simms. A non-profit organization, the Society--through such activities as annual meetings, special symposiums, and publishing a journal provides a medium of communication among Simms scholars and expands the possibilities for Simms studies. The sole purposes of the Society are educational and literary within the meaning of those terms in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, and the Society shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by any organization exempt from Federal income tax under that section. (Especially: no substantial part of the activities of the Society shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation--except as otherwise provided by Internal Revenue Code section 501 (h)--and it will not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; no part of the earnings of the Society shall inure to the benefit of any member or other individual--except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Society; and in any taxable year in which the Society may become a 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
defined in IRC section 4943 (c), or (b) make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax
under IRC section 4944, or (c) make any taxable expenditures as defined in IRC section 4945 (d)
or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

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.)

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.