PRIVATE LAWS OF N. C. 1838-41, Chapter 2, page 116,
AN ACT TO INCORPORATE UNION INSTITUTE ACADEMY

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Nathan Hunt, Joseph Mendenhall, Joseph Johnson, Lewis Leach, Jabez Leach, Martin W. Leach, and Ahi Robbins, and their successors, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic to be known and distinguished by the name and style of the Trustees of the Union Institute Academy, and by that name shall have succession, and shall be able and capable in law to have, receive, possess, lands and tenements, goods and chattels, acquired by gift or otherwise, and use and apply the same according to the will of the donor, or dispose of the same when not forbidden by the terms of the gift. They may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of justice, and shall have power to fill vacancies in their body, which may occur by death, resignation, or otherwise, establish such laws and regulations for the government of said institution as they may deem necessary, not inconsistent with the laws of this state, and do and perform all such acts and things as are incident to, and usually exercised for, bodies politic, for the accomplishment of the object contemplated.

(Ratified the 12th day of January, 1841.)