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- Merger Effective Date
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- Change of Name
- Other

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Month Day Year

Name

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Statement and Signature

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State of Illinois Office of The Secretary of State

Whereas, ARTICLES OF MERGER OF
NTC/CONTEMPORARY PUBLISHING GROUP, INC.
INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS HAVE BEEN
FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS PROVIDED BY THE
BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT OF ILLINOIS, IN FORCE JULY 1, A.D. 1984.

Now Therefore, I, George H. Ryan, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this certificate and attach hereto a copy of the Application of the aforesaid corporation.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, at the City of Springfield, this 22ND day of DECEMBER A.D. 19 98 and of the Independence of the United States the two hundred and 23RD .



George H Ryan

Secretary of State

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Form **BCA-11.25**
(Rev. Jan. 1995)

**ARTICLES OF MERGER
CONSOLIDATION OR EXCHANGE**

File # D3047-067-2

George H. Ryan
Secretary of State
Department of Business Services
Springfield, IL 62756
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SECRETARY OF STATE**

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Filing Fee is \$100, but if merger or consolidation of more than 2 corporations, \$50 for each additional corporation.

1. Names of the corporations proposing to merge consolidate, and the state or country of their incorporation:
exchange shares

Name of Corporation	State or Country of Incorporation	Illinois Secretary of State File Number
<u>NTC/Contemporary Publishing Group, Inc.</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>D3047-067-2</u>
<u>Keats Publishing Inc.</u>	<u>Delaware</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Peter Bedrick Books Incorporated</u>	<u>New York</u>	<u>N/A</u>

2. The laws of the state or country under which each corporation is incorporated permit such merger, consolidation or exchange.

3. (a) Name of the surviving new corporation: NTC/Contemporary Publishing Group, Inc.
acquiring

(b) it shall be governed by the laws of: Illinois

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4. Plan of merger consolidation is as follows: See Attached
exchange

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7. (Complete this item if reporting a merger under § 11.30—90% owned subsidiary provisions.)

N/A a. The number of outstanding shares of each class of each merging subsidiary corporation and the number of such shares of each class owned immediately prior to the adoption of the plan of merger by the parent corporation, are:

Name of Corporation	Total Number of Shares Outstanding of Each Class	Number of Shares of Each Class Owned Immediately Prior to Merger by the Parent Corporation
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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b. (Not applicable to 100% owned subsidiaries)
 The date of mailing a copy of the plan of merger and notice of the right to dissent to the shareholders of each merging subsidiary corporation was _____, 19 _____.

Was written consent for the merger or written waiver of the 30-day period by the holders of all the outstanding shares of all subsidiary corporations received? Yes No

(If the answer is "No," the duplicate copies of the Articles of Merger may not be delivered to the Secretary of State until after 30 days following the mailing of a copy of the plan of merger and of the notice of the right to dissent to the shareholders of each merging subsidiary corporation.)

8. The undersigned corporations have caused these articles to be signed by their duly authorized officers, each of whom affirms, under penalties of perjury, that the facts stated herein are true. (All signatures must be in **BLACK INK**.)

Dated December 17, 19 98

attested by [Signature]
 (Signature of Secretary or Assistant Secretary)

Mark W. Hianik, Assistant Secretary
 (Type or Print Name and Title)

NTC/Contemporary Publishing Group, I
 (Exact Name of Corporation)

by [Signature]
 (Signature of President or Vice President)

Mark R. Pattis, President
 (Type or Print Name and Title)

Dated December 17, 19 98

attested by [Signature]
 (Signature of Secretary or Assistant Secretary)

Mark W. Hianik, Asst. Secty
 (Type or Print Name and Title)

Keats Publishing Inc.
 (Exact Name of Corporation)

by [Signature]
 (Signature of President or Vice President)

Mark R. Pattis, President
 (Type or Print Name and Title)

Dated December 17, 19 98

attested by [Signature]
 (Signature of Secretary or Assistant Secretary)

Mark W. Hianik, Asst. Secty.
 (Type or Print Name and Title)

Peter Bedrick Books Incorporated
 (Exact Name of Corporation)

by [Signature]
 (Signature of President or Vice President)

Mark R. Pattis, President
 (Type or Print Name and Title)

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AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

This Agreement and Plan of Merger (this "Plan of Merger") is made as of December 14, 1998, in accordance with Section 11.35 of the Illinois Business Corporation Act, Section 907 of the Business Corporation Law of the State of New York and Section 252 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, by and among NTC/Contemporary Publishing Group, Inc., an Illinois corporation ("NTC"), Keats Publishing Inc., a Delaware corporation and Peter Bedrick Books Incorporated, a New York corporation ("Bedrick"); (NTC, Keats and Bedrick are sometimes collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Constituent Corporations").

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the authorized capital stock of NTC consists of 1,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of which 62,050 shares are issued and outstanding and wholly owned by Tribune Company ("Tribune");

WHEREAS, the authorized capital stock of Keats consists of 200,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, of which 28,890 shares are issued and outstanding and wholly owned by Tribune.

WHEREAS, the authorized capital stock of Bedrick consists of 200 shares of common stock, without par value, of which 100 shares are issued and outstanding and wholly owned by Tribune.

WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors and sole shareholder entitled to vote on such matters of NTC, Keats and Bedrick respectively, deem desirable the merger (the "Merger") of Keats and Bedrick with and into NTC pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein;

WHEREAS, for federal income tax purposes, it is intended that the merger of Keats and Bedrick with and into NTC shall qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE, the Constituent Corporations agree that Keats and Bedrick will be merged with and into NTC and that the plans, terms and conditions of the Merger shall be as follows:

Section 1. General

1.1 The Merger. On the Effective Date (as defined in Section 1.7 hereof) of the Merger, Keats and Bedrick shall be merged with and into NTC with NTC surviving such Merger.

1.2 Name of Surviving Corporation. The name of the surviving corporation following effectiveness of the Merger shall be NTC/Contemporary Publishing Group, Inc.

1.3 Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws. (a) The Certificate of Incorporation of NTC shall be the Certificate of Incorporation of the surviving corporation.

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(b) The By-laws of NTC as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date shall be the By-laws of the surviving corporation after the Effective Date unless and until amended in accordance with their terms and the terms of the Certificate of Incorporation of the surviving corporation and as provided by law.

1.4 Directors and Officers. The directors and officers of NTC immediately prior to the Effective Date shall be the directors and officers of the surviving corporation after the Effective Date, each to hold office in accordance with the Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws of the surviving corporation until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.

1.5 Property and Liabilities of Keats and Bedrick. On the Effective Date, the separate existence of Keats and Bedrick shall cease and Keats and Bedrick shall be merged with and into NTC, the surviving corporation. The surviving corporation shall, from and after the Effective Date, possess all the rights, privileges, powers and franchises of whatsoever nature and description, of a public as well as of a private nature, and be subject to all the restrictions, disabilities and duties of Keats and Bedrick; all rights, privileges, powers and franchises of Keats and Bedrick, and all property, real, personal and mixed, of and debts due to Keats and Bedrick on whatever account including stock subscriptions and all other things in action or belonging to Keats and Bedrick shall be vested in the surviving corporation; and all property, rights, privileges, powers and franchises, and all other interests of Keats and Bedrick shall be thereafter as effectually the property of the surviving corporation as they were of Keats and Bedrick, and the title to and any real estate vested by deed or otherwise in Keats and Bedrick shall not revert or be in any way impaired by reason of the Merger. All rights of creditors and all liens upon the property of Keats and Bedrick shall be preserved unimpaired, and all debts, liabilities and duties of Keats and Bedrick shall thenceforth attach to the surviving corporation, and may be enforced against it to the same extent as if said debts, liabilities and duties had been incurred or contracted by it. Any claim existing or action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal or administrative, pending by or against Keats and Bedrick may be prosecuted to judgment or decree as if the Merger had not taken place, or the surviving corporation may be substituted in such action or proceeding.

1.6 Further Assurances. Keats and Bedrick and NTC agree that at any time, or from time to time, as and when requested by the surviving corporation, or by its successors and assigns, it will execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered in its name by its last acting officers, or by the corresponding officers of the surviving corporation, all such conveyances, assignments, transfers, deeds or other instruments, and will take or cause to be taken such further or other action as the surviving corporation, its successors or assigns may deem necessary or desirable in order to evidence the transfer, vesting or devolution of any property, right, privilege or franchise or to vest or perfect in or confirm to the surviving corporation, its successors and assigns, title to and possession of all the property, rights, privileges, powers, franchises and interests referred to in this Section 1 herein and otherwise to carry out the intent and purposes hereof.

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1.7 Effective Date. This Plan of Merger shall become effective at the time of and in accordance with the Certificate of Merger filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois (the "Effective Date").

Section 2. Capital Stock of the Surviving Corporation

2.1 Conversion of Shares. As of the Effective Date, by virtue of the Merger and without any further action on the part of Keats and Bedrick or NTC or any other person or entity:

(a) All of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of Keats and Bedrick shall be automatically canceled; and

(b) The issued and outstanding shares of common stock of NTC shall continue to exist as the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of the surviving corporation.

Section 3. Miscellaneous


3.1 Counterparts. This Plan of Merger may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which taken together shall constitute one Plan of Merger.

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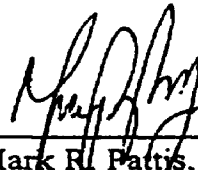
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Constituent Corporations have caused this Plan of Merger to be signed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized all as of the date first written above.


ATTEST:

By: 
Mark W. Hianik, Assistant Secretary

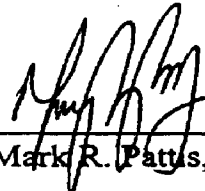
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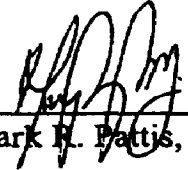
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By: 
Mark R. Patis, President

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By: 
Mark W. Hianik, Assistant Secretary

PETER BEDRICK BOOKS
INCORPORATED

By: 
Mark R. Patis, President

Signature Page to the Agreement and Plan of Merger
by and among
NTC/Contemporary Publishing Group, Inc.
Keats Publishing Inc.
and
Peter Bedrick Books Incorporated

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