

CHARTER OF THE ACME SAVING ASSOCIATION.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
PARISH OF VERMILION.

Be it known that on this 15th day of November, A. D. 1899, before me, WILLIAM PIERREPONT EDWARDS, a notary public, in and for the parish and state above written, duly commissioned and qualified, and in presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and signed, personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who severally declared, that availing themselves of the laws of Louisiana for the organization of works of public utility and advantage and others, they have contracted and agreed, and do hereby presents convenient and agree, and bind themselves as well as all others who may hereafter associate themselves with them or their successors, to form and constitute a corporation and body politic in law for the objects and purposes and under the agreements and stipulations following, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name and title of said corporation shall be the "Acme Saving Association," and under its said corporate name it shall have power and authority to have and enjoy succession for the full term and period of ninety-nine years from and after the date hereof; to contract, sue and be sued; to have and to use a corporate seal and the same to alter and change at pleasure; to hold, receive, lease, purchase, sell, convey, mortgage and pledge under its corporate name property both real and personal; to issue bonds, to loan and borrow money on security, to name and appoint such officers, directors and agents as the interests or need of said corporation may require, and to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper management of the affairs of said corporation as may be necessary and proper, and the same to change, alter and amend at pleasure, and to do and perform all other acts and things that may be required and necessary to carry out the objects and purposes of said corporation.

ARTICLE II.

The domicile of said corporation shall be at Abbeville, La., and all citations or other legal process shall be served on the President of said corporation, or in his absence on the Vice President, and in the absence of both on the Secretary of the corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The object and purposes for which this corporation is established and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are declared and specified to be:

1st.—To furnish a safe and profitable method of investing the savings of the people, and thereby encouraging them to save their earnings.

2nd.—To aid the members of the association in building, purchasing or improving houses and property generally and especially homes.

3rd.—To accumulate a fund from installments, rentals, premiums, interests and subscriptions for stock, to be loaned to members to aid them in acquiring or improving homesteads or other real estate, and in purchasing real estate for the benefit of the members and improving and building on the same and selling the same to members on terms convenient to them, and for paying off matured stock.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock shall be Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) Dollars, and consist of five thousand (5000) shares of one hundred (\$100) dollars each, par value, and be divided into the following classes:

1st.—Series A Stock, to be paid for in monthly installments of seventy cents per share, and one dollar per share admission fee.

2nd.—Series B Stock, to be paid for in quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments, in such amounts as shall be equivalent to the monthly installments of seventy cents per month as the by-laws may provide with like membership fee of one dollar per share.

3rd.—Full Paid Stock, which must be paid for in cash at the time of subscription at the rate of Fifty Dollars per share, and one dollar admission fee per share.

4th.—Deposit or Irregular Installment Stock, the value of which will depend on the amount paid in, and the interest accumulations thereto at six per cent per annum. Payments on this stock may be made at any time according to the ability of the stockholder and may be closed at the option of the owner and discontinued as provided by by-laws.

5th.—Guarantee Stock, one hundred shares of this stock at the par value of one hundred dollars per share, amounting to \$10,000, shall be issued consecutively and paid for in installments, as needed at the direction of the board of directors. The holders of this stock guarantee all other stockholders against all costs, charges and expenses of operating the business of the corporation (taxes excepted) in excess of the expense fund arising from the ten cents per share per month, the admission, transfer and withdrawal fees herein provided for the expenses of the corporation. And the holders of this stock, shall not participate in the profits, interest or benefits of any other class of stock beyond the amount set apart and assessed as aforesaid on said stock. But the payments of the installments of said guarantee stock shall only become due and payable after due assessment by resolution of the board of directors.

ARTICLE V.

Minors may hold shares through their tutors or parents and married women in their own separate right. At the close of each fiscal year the net profits shall be apportioned and a dividend credited to the value of each share in force in the manner that may be determined by the director. Whenever any series of shares, by reason of payment of installments thereon, together with the interest and profits, the accumulations and dividend credited thereon, shall be worth the sum of one hundred dollars each, the shares so arrived at par shall be deemed mature, and on surrender of the certificate shall be liquidated and paid off as determined by the board of directors. Any shareholders of series stock who shall fail to pay the installments on his shares for a period of one month after the same shall have become due, shall forfeit and pay a penalty of ten cents per share per month on each share on which he has failed or omitted to pay the installments due, and such shareholder shall pay the same penalty on each share for each subsequent month monthly default; the said fines must be paid before any other installments or interest can be received, but any shareholder owing fines may have the same remitted by paying in advance dues equal in the amount of said arrearages, and also said arrearages. Whenever payments on series stock have been in arrears for six months such stock shall be sold at auction, for the purpose of paying all arrearages. The surplus arising from such sale

after paying all back charges, monthly dues and fines shall be paid to the delinquent owner. In case the amount bid for such stock is not sufficient to pay the amount due thereon, it shall be bid in by the corporation and the shares cancelled. The amount credited to such stock in the "Series Stock Fund" shall be divided among the series shares as profits.

ARTICLE VI.

Series shareholders may withdraw their stock under such terms and conditions as the by-laws prescribe. The by-laws shall also provide for the withdrawal, continuation or transfer of series stock held by any shareholder in case of his death, and for the conversion of series stock into paid up stock on equitable terms. No stock shall be transferred unless all assessments, dues, fees and fines due thereon shall have first been fully paid, nor unless all the indebtedness of the holder of said stock to the association shall have first been fully paid, and the association shall have a first lien and privilege on all stock for any indebtedness of the holder thereof to the association.

ARTICLE VII.

The receipts of said association shall be divided into four classes designated as:

1st.—Series Stock Fund: This fund shall belong to the holders of series stock A and B and shall consist of series installments of sixty cents per month per share, paid by series A stockholders and of the quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments paid in lieu of monthly installments of sixty cents, and of the interest, premiums and profits accruing to the credit of said stock.

2nd.—Paid Up Stock Fund: This fund shall consist of the stock payments of fifty dollars per share, and of the interest, premiums and profits accruing to the credit of said stock.

3rd.—Deposit or Irregular Stock Fund: This fund shall consist of the various deposits made by each stockholder, together with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum during the time the said sums remain on deposit under the regulations prescribed by the by-laws. Each of said depositors shall contribute one dollar per year to the expense fund out of said deposits.

4th.—The Guarantee Stock and Expense Fund. This fund shall consist of the amounts assessed on the guarantee stock holders, and all of admission, transfer and withdrawal fees, together with ten cents per month per share on series A and B stock, to be paid out of the installments of seventy cents per share or out of the equivalent thereof of the quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments. It being the intention that all monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual installment stock shall pay ten cents per month per share to the said expense fund and sixty cents per share per month to the series stock fund. Out of this amount belonging to the guarantee stock and expense fund the Board of Directors shall pay and liquidate all the operating expenses of the corporation for services of whatever kind; shall pay the expense incident to the printing, advertising, stationery, rent and all other expenses of the corporation, except taxes and such expenses as are to be borne by the borrower, and neither the series stock fund nor any other fund shall have any right or claim to or participate in the guarantee stock and expense fund at any time.

ARTICLE VIII.

The corporate powers of this corporation shall be exercised by a board consisting of five directors, each of whom shall own not less than ten shares of guarantee and ten shares of paid up stock of this association, and these five directors shall be elected by the shareholders on the first Monday of January of every 5th year. The first election shall be held in the year 1905, and each share represented at any and all elections and not in default shall be entitled to cast one vote. Notice of elections shall be given for a space of thirty days by publication in some newspaper published in Abbeville, La. Elections shall be by ballot and shall be held at the office of the corporation in Abbeville under the supervision of two shareholders appointed by the board of directors at the last regular preceding meeting. The first five shareholders who receive a majority of the votes, shall, if eligible, be declared elected. In case no election should be held at the specified time, the president shall call an election to be held within 30 days thereafter, and give notice thereof as aforesaid. The failure to elect a board of directors shall not forfeit this charter, but the incumbent directors and officers shall continue to exercise the duties of their offices until the successors have been elected and taken their places. The board of directors shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring in their number. They shall assume their duties immediately on their election and shall elect from among their number a president and a vice-president. Three directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business by the board. The directors shall appoint a secretary-treasurer, general attorney and manager, and such other officers and employees, as may be required (who shall hold office during the pleasure of the board) and fix and regulate their salaries or compensation. They shall have power to make and establish by-laws, rules and regulations for the conduct of the business of the corporation, and not repugnant to this charter, and to alter and amend the same as deemed proper and necessary. They shall have power to suspend any officer for neglect of duty or misconduct, also to select a bank or deposit and regulate the manner of the withdrawal of the funds therefrom. The following persons shall constitute the first board of directors, they being each duly qualified stockholders and subscribers for the proper amount of stock, namely:

W. W. EDWARDS, FRANCIS RAGNER, THEO. LAPORTE, J. N. GREENE and J. G. LEBLANC. They shall hold office till their successors elected in 1905 have been elected and installed.

ARTICLE IX.

No shareholder shall ever be held liable or responsible beyond the unpaid balance due on stock owned by him, for the contracts or faults of this corporation, nor shall any mere informality in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null, or exposing any stockholder to any liability beyond the amount of his stock therein.

ARTICLE X.

This charter may be altered and amended provided such amendments do not in any way impair the rights and privileges of the holders of paid up or guarantee stock, by a vote of two-thirds of the shares present or represented at a general meeting convened for that purpose; or the corporation may be dissolved at a general meeting for that purpose after publication of notice thereof for thirty days in a newspaper published at Abbeville, La., and also a written notice addressed to each stockholder at least thirty days prior to the general meeting, provided however that the capital stock may be increased by a vote of a majority of all the shares in force after giving notice as aforesaid with such other specifications as may be required.

At the dissolution of this corporation

by limitation or otherwise, its affairs shall be liquidated by three commissioners who shall be stockholders appointed for that purpose by the board of directors, at the request of a meeting of stockholders held for that purpose and representing one-third of the stock, and after 30 days notice as aforesaid.

In case of a vacancy among the board of commissioners, the vacancy shall be filled by the board of directors at once.

This done and passed at my office in presence of J. Agner Leblanc and Adam Brassaux, competent witnesses who have signed with the parties and me notary after due reading of the whole.

Three (3) words interlined, two (2) erased and fourteen (14) written over erasures and approved before signing.

W. W. EDWARDS,
J. NELSON GREENE,
THEODORE LAPORTE,
ALCIDE LEBLANC,
JOS. G. LEBLANC,
J. C. BROUSSARD,
AUREO DEFRANCE,
F. RAGER,
C. J. EDWARDS,
D. L. MCPHERSON,
A. J. GONARD,
AUGUSTAVE STELLY,
JOS. S. EWELL,
WILLIAM PIERREPONT EDWARDS,
Notary Public.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original act of incorporation passed before me this 15th day of November, A. D. 1899, and recorded in Vol. 2 of Records of my office, No. 365.

Wm. P. EDWARDS, Notary Public.

Abbeville, La., Nov. 15, 1899.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing charter of the Acme Saving Association and find nothing therein contrary to the laws of the United States or of the State of Louisiana, and I do hereby approve the same.

MINOS T. GORDY, JR.,
Dist. Atty, 17th Jud. Dist. La.

Recorded in Vol. 10 of mortgages at pages 1-2-3-4 et seq. under No. 5137 this 17th day of November, A. D. 1899.

ALCIDE LEBLANC,
Clerk of Court and Ex-officio Recorder.

CHARTER OF THE ABBEVILLE RICE MILL L'T'D.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA,
PARISH OF VERMILION.

Be it known, that on this, the Ninth day of the month of November, Anno Domini, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth.

Before me, GEORGE WEST SUMMERS, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified as such, in and for the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, and in presence of the undersigned competent witnesses:

Personally came and appeared the several persons hereinafter named and undersigned who declared, that availing themselves of the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana in regard to formation of Corporations, they do by these presents form themselves, their associates, successors and assigns into a corporation or body politic under the laws of this State under the conditions and for the purposes hereinafter stated, to-wit:

The name of this corporation shall be Abbeville Rice Mill Limited,

under which name it shall exist for a period of ninety-nine (99) years, from date of this act, and shall have and enjoy all the powers and authority conferred by laws of the State of Louisiana upon corporations for the purpose of engaging in the business hereinafter stated; as well as the power to mortgage and pledge their property, movable and immovable.

The domicile of this company shall be at Abbeville, Vermilion parish, State of Louisiana. All citations and other legal process and notices shall be served on the president of the company and in his absence on the vice president or on the secretary and treasurer.

The capital stock of this company shall be Forty Thousand (\$40,000.00) Dollars, divided into Four Hundred shares of the par value of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars and to be fully paid in cash as follows: Fifteen per cent, November 15, 1899; Thirty-five per cent, February 1, 1900; Twenty-five per cent, April 1, 1900 and Twenty-five per cent, May 1, 1900.

The certificate of stock shall be signed by the President and the Secretary and Treasurer or in the absence or inability of the president to act, by the Vice-President and Secretary and Treasurer.

Said certificates shall be issued only when paid in full and said stock shall be transferable only on the books of the company and on the surrender or due proof of loss of the original certificate.

The purposes of this corporation and the nature of the business intended to be carried on by it are declared to be to cultivate and raise rice and sugar cane and mill rice and manufacture sugar and to warehouse or store rice and sugar; to purchase, sell and deal in rice, sugar cane and to manufacture paper and other articles of straw.

And in order to carry out said objects, or any of them, to purchase, hold and own, or to lease such lands, buildings, warehouses, machinery and other property, movable and immovable, as may be required or convenient in the cultivating, manufacturing or warehousing or in any other way to dispose of rice, sugar cane and sugar; to establish and conduct public or private warehouses for storing rice and sugar; to buy, sell and feed live stock; and to make advances to persons engaged in cultivating or dealing in rice, sugar and sugar cane; and to construct and operate in connection with any of their land, tramways, railways, barge lines; to pay for all property of every kind acquired for the purposes of the corporation either in money or in stock or bonds of the corporation, as the directors may decide; and generally, to make all contracts that may be incidental to or connected with the business of the corporation in any of its branches as above set forth.

All powers of this corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a board of seven directors, each of whom shall own at least five shares of the capital stock of this company. The directors shall be elected by a ballot at an annual meeting of the shareholders, under the supervision of two commissioners appointed by the board of directors, which meeting shall be held on the second Monday in July of each year, after due notice and advertisement in any weekly paper published at Abbeville, La., for two weeks prior to the holding of the election. At meetings of the shareholders, each shareholder shall be entitled to cast one vote in person or by proxy on each share of stock held by him, but no person shall have any stock transferred within ten days prior to the holding of such meeting. At any meeting of the board of directors, any director absent from said meeting may be represented by any other director who may cast the vote of said absent director according to written direction of said absent director. The board of directors shall have the power by two-thirds vote of all the directors to sell, lease, mortgage, or pledge any and all the property, movable and immovable, belonging to the corporation without referring to shareholders for the power to do so, and they may also purchase for cash or on credit, property of any kind required for any of the purposes of this company without authority of the shareholders. The board of directors have the power to issue or confer general power or special power on the president to issue promissory notes or other negotiable paper. All contracts, checks and notes of the company shall be signed by the president, also by the secretary and treasurer; and in case of the absence or inability of the secretary and treasurer to act, by some one designated in his place by the board of directors. Until the next general meeting to be held under this charter, viz: on the second Monday of July 1900, the board of directors of this company shall be composed of A. Kaplan, I. M. Lichtenstein, D. M. Lichtenstein, Isidore Hechinger, G. Godechaux, L. O. Broussard, and Eli Wise. In case of any vacancy either in the above named board of directors or in any other, the remaining members shall have the power to fill the vacancy, and all directors and officers of the company shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified. Failure to hold the annual meeting shall not dissolve the corporation, but the meeting shall be held as soon as possible after the regular date.

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Aug. 21-'97.

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