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CHARTER

OF ACADIA PLANTING COMPANY.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ORLEANS, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Be it known, that on this 21st day of November, in the year one thousand and nine hundred and eleven, of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-fifth, before the undersigned notary public in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, duly commissioned, sworn and qualified, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter name and undersigned, personally came and appeared the three persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, all of the age of majority, who declared that, availing themselves of Act 36 of 1888, as well as the general laws of the state of Louisiana relative to the organization of corporations, they hereby form themselves into and constitute a corporation for the objects and purposes, and under the stipulations hereinafter set forth.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be: ACADIA PLANTING COMPANY, and by that name it shall enjoy succession for the term of ninety-nine (99) years from date hereof, unless sooner dissolved. It shall have the power to sue and be sued, to borrow money, to purchase, hold, lease, sell and hypothecate real and personal property; to procure and use a corporate seal to appoint directors, managers and agents, and to establish by-laws and regulations for the management of its affairs and the same to alter at pleasure.

This corporation is hereby vested with all the immunities, rights and privileges conferred upon corporations by the laws of the state of Louisiana.

ARTICLE 2.

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the city of New Orleans in the state of Louisiana, and all citations or other legal process shall be served on the president, or in his absence, on the vice-president, or in the absence of both, on any director residing in said city. Said company may maintain a branch office at Toledo, Ohio.

ARTICLE 3.

The objects and purposes of this corporation shall be to purchase and otherwise acquire, reclaim, cultivate, develop and dispose of by sale, leases or otherwise, real estate and lands in the state of Louisiana and elsewhere, as the stockholders or board of directors may from time to time determine, to construct drainage and sewerage systems, to build, operate and lease factories, to utilize the products of its lands, to construct, maintain and operate dredges, boats warehouses, docks, telephone and telegraph lines railroads and other transportation lines, and such other structures as may be proper or necessary for the development and conduct of its business; and generally to acquire and maintain, operate and dispose of all kinds of property, real and personal, necessary or convenient to be acquired or used in carrying out the general purpose of the organization of the company.

ARTICLE 4.

The capital stock of this corporation shall be sixty thousand ($60,000.00) dollars, divided into six hundred (600) shares of one hundred ($100.00) dollars each, payable on call of and in such manner as the board of directors may require; provided that no stock shall be issued until the consideration therefor has been received by said company.

This corporation shall commence business and be a going concern as soon as three thousand ($3,000.00) dollars worth of capital stock shall have been subscribed for.

The incorporators subscribing hereto do hereby certify that the following persons have subscribed for the number of shares of stock opposite their names: Harry Levison, twenty-six shares; John B. Crouch, one share; E. Gilthorpe, one share; A. T. Dusenbury, one share; M. Caplan, one share.

ARTICLE 5.

The powers of this company, except such as must be exercised by the stockholders, shall be vested in a board of five directors, all of whom must be stockholders. Three directors shall constitute a quorum of the board for the transaction of business. All vacancies occurring on said board of directors shall be filled by the remaining directors for the unexpired term. The board of directors shall be elected at the annual stockholders' meeting, or at a special meeting for that purpose.

The officers of this company shall be a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, all of whom shall be stockholders. The president and vice-president shall be elected from the directors, and the offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person.

The following persons shall constitute the first board of directors: Harry Levison, John B. Crouch, E. Gilthorpe, A. T. Dusenbury and M. Caplan. Said board of directors and the officers chosen by them shall hold office until the second Wednesday of February, 1913, and thereafter the directors and officers shall be elected annually and until their successors shall have been duly elected.

The annual meeting of the stockholders shall be held at the principal offices of the company in the city of New Orleans on the second Wednesday of February, commencing with 1913, at which meeting each share of stock issued shall be entitled to one vote cast by the owner in person or by proxy. The proxy need not be a stockholder. Any failure to hold such annual stockholders' meeting shall not annul this charter.

The secretary shall mail to the last known address of each stockholder ten days' notice of each annual stockholders' meeting and seven days' notice of each special stockholders' meeting.

ARTICLE 6.

The president shall be the chief executive officer of this company and shall preside at all directors' meetings and shall perform such other duties as are usually imposed upon that officer; the vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in case of his absence or inability to act.

All acts of sale, purchase or lease of real estate shall be signed by the president and attested by the secretary.

ARTICLE 7.

No stockholder of this company shall ever be held liable for the contracts, debts or faults thereof, in any greater sum than any unpaid balance due this company on his shares of stock; nor shall any mere informality in the organization or proceedings of this company or the board of directors have the effect of annulling this charter or of exposing any stockholder or officer to any liability other than such as may be owing by him to the company on his stock or otherwise.

ARTICLE 8.

This act of incorporation may be modified, changed or amended or this corporation may be dissolved, at a regular or special meeting of the stockholders held for that purpose, by a vote of three-fourths of the stock represented at such meeting, by the stockholders in person or by proxy.

Ten days' written notice shall be given each stockholder in the same manner as herein provided for annual meetings, which notice shall contain the time, place and object of the meeting, and such notice shall be published in one of the daily newspapers published in the city of New Orleans, at least once a week for a period of three weeks immediately preceding the date of such meeting.

At the termination of this corporation, its business and affairs shall be wound up, concluded and settled by three commissioners elected by the stockholders at the meeting hereinbefore provided.

ARTICLE 9.

The stockholders and directors hereof may adopt additional by-laws, rules and regulations not inconsistent herewith, for the conduct of their meetings and the other proceedings and the business of this company.

This act is done and passed in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, in the presence of the undersigned attesting witnesses, both of lawful age and residing in this city, who hereunto subscribe their names, together with said parties and together with me, the undersigned notary public, on the day and year first above written.

(Original signed): A. T. Dusenbury, E. Gilthorpe, M. Caplan. Subscribed in the presence of J. W. Audis, James S. Webb.

J. G. EUSTIS,
(Seal) *Notary Public.*

I, the undersigned recorder of mortgages, in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of the Acadia Planting Company was this 21st day of November, 1911, duly recorded in my office, in book 1051, folio —.

(Signed) EMILE LEONARD,
Deputy Recorder.

I hereby certify the foregoing and within to be a true and correct copy of the original act of incorporation of Acadia Planting Company, together with the certificate of the recorder of mortgages on file and of record in my office.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of November, 1911.

J. G. EUSTIS, *Notary Public.*
(Seal)

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CHARTER

OF L. W. OSBORNE COMPANY, LIMITED.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ORLEANS, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Be it known, that on this 17th day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-sixth, before me, Emanuel Leopold Weil, a notary public in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, aforesaid, duly qualified and commissioned, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who severally declared that, availing themselves of the provisions of act 36 of the General Assembly in 1888, as well as the laws of the state of Louisiana, governing corporations in general, they have contracted and agreed, and by these presents covenant and agree and bind themselves as well as all such persons as may hereafter become associated with them, to form and constitute a corporation for the objects and purposes and under the articles and stipulations following, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name of said corporation shall be: L. W. OSBORNE COMPANY, LIMITED, and under its said corporate name it shall have the 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 make and use a corporate seal and the same to break and alter at pleasure; to hold, receive, lease, purchase and convey, as well as mortgage and hypothecate property, real, personal and mixed, corporeal, and incorporeal; to name and appoint such managers, agents, directors and officers as its business or interests and convenience require; to make and establish as well as alter and amend, from time to time, such by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper conduct, management and regulation of its affairs as may be necessary.

ARTICLE II.

The domicile of said corporation shall be in the city of New Orleans, in the state of Louisiana, and all citations and other legal process shall be served upon the president, or, in his absence, upon the secretary.

ARTICLE III.

The objects and purposes for which said corporation is established are hereby declared to be: to conduct the business of acting as agent and broker in effecting fire, life, or marine insurance and all other kinds of insurance for any person, firms or corporations; to act as agent of any and all insurance, casualty or surety companies in the transaction of insurance business in all its branches and generally to do and perform all things connected with the insurance business.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of said corporation is hereby fixed at ten thousand dollars, in one hundred shares of one hundred dollars ($100.00) each; which shall be paid for in cash in such installments and at such times as the board of directors may order; or it may be issued at not less than par in payment for labor actually done or property actually received, or the property of insurance agencies or business or other rights acquired by the corporation. This corporation shall be a going concern as soon as three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) of its capital stock shall have been subscribed.

ARTICLE V.

All the corporate powers of said corporation shall be vested in and exercised by the board of directors to be composed of four stockholders, to be elected annually on the first Monday of each year.

Elections shall be by ballot at the office of said corporation, under the supervision of one commissioner to be appointed by the president.

Notice of such election shall be given by publication three times in ten days prior to date of such election in one of the newspapers published in the city of New Orleans. Each share of stock shall entitle its owner to one vote in person or by proxy and the majority of votes shall elect.

Any vacancies occurring among the directors by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by election for the remainder of the year by the remaining directors. A failure to elect directors on the date above specified shall not dissolve the corporation, but the directors then in office shall remain in office until their successors are elected, and they shall, as soon as possible, cause an election to be held, after giving ten days' notice thereof, as above provided.

Two directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and the board of directors shall at their first meeting following each annual election, elect one of their number to be president, and another to be vice-president, and a third to be secretary.

The board of directors may appoint from time to time such officers, clerks, agents or other employees as may be necessary for the proper management of the business of the company; they may make and amend or alter such by-laws, rules and regulations for the management of the business of the corporation and generally do all things necessary and proper to its interests.

ARTICLE VI.

The following named persons shall constitute the first board of directors, being invested with full powers to do and perform all things necessary to carry into effect the objects and purposes of this corporation, namely: James E. Warner, Henry D. Richardson, Leroy W. Osborne, and Ira J. Warner, with James E. Warner as president, Henry D. Richardson as vice-president, and Leroy W. Osborne as secretary. They shall hold office until the first Monday in January, 1913.

ARTICLE VII.

No stockholder of this corporation shall ever be liable or responsible for its contracts or faults in any further sum than the unpaid balance due on the shares of stock owned by him, nor shall any informality in the organization have the effect of rendering this charter null, or of exposing the stockholders to any liability beyond the amount of their original subscriptions.

ARTICLE VIII.

No transfer of stock shall be held valid and binding unless made upon the books of the company and no stockholder may dispose of his stock without first offering same to the other stockholders through the board of directors at its actual cash or book value.

ARTICLE IX.

This charter may be altered or amended or said corporation may be dissolved with the assent of three-fourths in amount of the outstanding capital at a meeting convened for such purpose after ten days' consecutive notice shall have been given of such meeting by advertisement in one newspaper published in the city of New Orleans. All amendments as to increase or decrease of the capital stock shall be made according to the laws of this state in force at the time such amendment is made.

ARTICLE X.

Whenever this company shall be dissolved by expiration of its charter or otherwise, its affairs shall be liquidated by two commissioners elected from among the stockholders at the meeting declaring the dissolution of said corporation or at a general meeting held for that purpose after notice mailed to each stockholder, and publication for ten days in one of the papers published in the city of New Orleans.

Said commissioners shall be vested with full and complete power to liquidate the business of said corporation.

Thus done and passed in my office, at the city of New Orleans, parish and state aforesaid, on the day, month and year first above written, in the presence of Joseph Thomas Gall and Joseph Lautenschlaeger, competent witnesses, who have signed their names as such with said appearers and me, notary, after reading hereof.

(Original signed): J. E. Warner, et als. (Witnesses): Jos. Thos. Gall, Jos. Lautenschlaeger.

EMANUEL L. WEIL, *Notary Public.*

Recorded in mortgage office, this parish, book 1051, folio 393.

A true copy from the original.

EMANUEL L. WEIL, *Notary Public.*
Suite 217 Hennen Bldg., Common and Carondelet Streets.
(Seal)

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Woe Is His.

First.—My wife is my boss. I shall not deny.

Second.—She maketh me to lie down behind the bed when swell company comes, and she leadeth me behind her up Main street.

Third.—She restoreth my pocketbook after she has spent all of its contents for stylish skirts and theater tickets, and she leadeth me up the main aisle at church for her new hat's sake.

Fourth.—Yea, though I walk more than half the night through dark rooms with a crying baby I will get no rest, for she is behind me; her broomstick and her hatpin they do everything else but comfort me.

Fifth.—She prepareth a cold snack for me, then maketh a bee line for an aid society supper. She anointeth my head with the rolling pin occasionally. My arms runneth over with the bundles before she is half done with her shopping.

Sixth.—Surely her dressmaker's and milliner's bills shall follow me all the days of her life, and I will dwell in the house of my wife forever.—Urich (Mo.) Herald.

Signaling at Sea.

The custom of signaling at sea by means of various colored flags is very ancient, and the method seems to have been brought to a degree of development bordering very closely on perfection. Many people have been astonished at the length of messages conveyed in a few moments and with the use of but half a dozen flags in various combinations, and when the extent of the language and the complexity of many necessary messages are considered the eighteen flags in the signal flag locker seem very inadequate. However, it must be remembered that the signal code utilizes a sort of shorthand, and many long messages, known to be of frequent occurrence, have been contracted to a single showing of flags in a given combination. The number of flags hoisted when a signal is made never exceeds four. With the eighteen flags of various colors, using four for each signal, no fewer than 78,642 combinations can be made.

An English Ghost.

A Westmoreland ghost used to haunt the shores of Windermere, where the Lowthers from time immemorial have been lords of the lake—the "crier of Claife." One tempestuous night in prereformation times a cry was heard across the water by the ferryman at the Nab inn—"A boat!" The ferryman, against all his cronies' persuasions at the inn, set out. After many hours he reached the Nab again, his boat dragged down by some unseen weight and himself with hair on end, a raving lunatic. Soon he died, and every stormy night his wraith was heard in agonized shrieks across from Claife till at last the resident monk of Furness was sought in his retreat on Lady Holm and persuaded to "lay" the unhappy spirit, which he duly did. Harriet Martineau and others tell the tale.—London Chronicle.

CHARTER

OF THE ESTATE OF LEWIS S. CLARKE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ORLEANS, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Be it known, that on this twenty-eighth day of the month of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-sixth, before me, Philip Gensler, Jr., a notary public in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, aforesaid duly commissioned and qualified, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the persons whose names are hereunto subscribed and who declared that, availing themselves of the statutes and laws of the state of Louisiana, including Act No. 78 of 1904, providing for the incorporation of corporations, they have covenanted and agreed to and they do hereby form and constitute themselves and their successors into a corporation for the following objects and purposes, and under the following terms and conditions:

ARTICLE I.

The name, style and the title of this corporation shall be THE ESTATE OF LEWIS S. CLARKE, and under that name shall have and enjoy all the rights and privileges granted by law to corporations. It shall exist for a period of ninety-nine (99) years from the day and date hereof, subject, however, to a liquidation of the affairs of this corporation twelve (12) years from the date hereof under the terms and conditions of Article VII (7). It shall have the power and authority in its corporate name to sue and be sued, to make and use a corporate seal, the same to break, alter or amend at pleasure; to own, hold, receive, purchase, convey, deliver, mortgage, hypothecate and pledge property, both real and personal, improved and unimproved, and to lease plantations; to issue bonds, notes and other obligations, negotiable instruments and other evidences of debt, the same to secure by mortgage or pledge of the property of the corporation.

This corporation may also acquire, hold, own, buy, sell, and pledge stocks, bonds, mortgage notes, and other evidences of debt, and borrow and lend money on same; it may own and acquire stock in other corporations and vote the same; it shall have the right to invest and lend money, and shall have the power to do and perform any and all other acts incident and necessary to the business to be carried on by it and the objects and purposes named in this charter.

ARTICLE II.

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the city of New Orleans, state of Louisiana; all citations and other legal process shall be served upon the president, and, in the absence of the president, upon the vice-president, and, in the absence of both of these, upon the secretary-treasurer of said corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized, and the nature of the business to be carried on by it, are hereby declared to be as follows:

First—To administer, invest and manage the property belonging to this corporation.

Second—To do any carry on a general planting business; to do any and all things necessary and incidental to the raising, cultivating and gathering of corn, rice, cotton, sugar cane, or any other crops or productions of the soil that the corporation may desire to plant; to build, erect, construct and maintain, with all necessary incidents thereto, dwellings, barns, sheds warehouses and buildings of any and all kinds to be used in the carrying out of the objects and purposes of this corporation.

Third—To engage in the raising, selling, breeding and buying of live stock of all kinds and descriptions, and to do any and all things necessary and incident to said live stock business.

Fourth—To purchase, erect, operate, own and manage rice mills, cotton gins and presses, oil mills, saw mills sugar mills, corn and grist mills, and to rent and lease same; and to manufacture and convert said products of its own, or of any other farm or plantation, whether said products are vegetable, animal or mineral, into any form and to market same; and generally to do any and all things necessary and incident to the operation and management of said mills.

Fifth—To excavate, dig and maintain canals, and to build, construct and maintain levees for the purpose of said planting operations; to own, manage and operate stores for the purchase and sale of merchandise, and generally to do and engage in any other business undertaking or enterprise, connected with or growing out of, incident or germane to any of the objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized or set forth in or contemplated by this charter.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby declared to be one million ($1,000,000) dollars, divided into and represented by ten thousand (10,000) shares of the par value of one hundred ($100) dollars each, which said stock shall be paid for in cash or its equivalent.

This corporation shall become a going concern as soon as said stock shall have been subscribed for to the extent of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000).

The stock of this corporation shall not be transferred except upon the books of the corporation ,and no stock shall be transferred by any stockholder until it shall have been first offered for sale to the board of directors of this corporation at its market value, or, in default thereof, at its par value.

ARTICLE V.

The corporate powers of this corporation are hereby vested in and are to be exercised by a board of directors consisting of five (5) stockholders.

Lillian Lyons Clarke, Louis Strong Clarke, George Steele Clarke, John Pharra and Mauritz Pyk shall be the directors until the second Thursday in February, 1913, and each succeeding year there shall be held an election of directors of the company, which election shall be called by mailing to each stockholder at his last known place of residence five days' written notice. Failure to hold an election on the date specified shall not dissolve the corporation, but the directors then in office shall hold their respective offices until an election be held subsequently, after five days' notice of the time and place thereof. Upon the failure of the president to call a meeting for the purpose of electing directors, any stockholder or stockholders owning ten per cent. (10%) of the capital stock shall have the right to call said meeting upon giving the required notice.

All vacancies in the board of directors shall be filled by the remaining directors. The following shall constitute the officers of the company until their successors are elected by the board of directors, coming into office on and after the second Thursday of May, 1912: Lewis S. Clarke, president; Lillian L. Clarke, vice-president; George Steele Clarke, secretary-treasurer.

ARTICLE VI.

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

ARTICLE VII.

While this corporation is incorporated for the period of ninety-nine years, nevertheless, at the end of twelve years from the date hereof a liquidation of this corporation may be had by any stockholder or stockholders having standing in his or their names shares of stock amounting to or numbering two thousand shares.

This right is conferred on such stockholder or stockholders owning or having in his or their names two thousand shares of stock standing in their name, on the books of the company, at the time the meeting of stockholders is held for the purpose of voting upon the dissolution of the company. In case the proper officer of the company refuses or neglects to call such meeting of stockholders, after written demand by any stockholder, such meeting may be called by a stockholder himself after ten days' written notice sent by mail to the last known place of business or residence of the other stockholders. This article is only for the purpose of determining whether this company may be dissolved and liquidated at the period of twelve years from its incorporation, and is not to be construed with Article VIII. Should no application be made for dissolution under this article or should application be made and withdrawn, or should the requisite two thousand shares not be had for the dissolution at any time before the twelve year period, this article is to be of no effect. A dissolution asked by any stockholder to take effect before the end of twelve years, or after the expiration of twelve years, can only be effected in accordance with Article VIII.

ARTICLE VIII.

This act of incorporation may be amended, altered or modified, or the corporation may be dissolved, by a vote of two-thirds of the shares of stock, present or represented, at a general meeting of stockholders called for that purpose after ten (10) days' notice in writing mailed to the last known place of residence or place of business of each stockholder.

ARTICLE IX.

The capital stock of this corporation may be increased or decreased in accordance with existing laws.

ARTICLE X.

At the expiration of this charter, or if sooner dissolved, under Article Seven or under Article Eight of this charter, the affairs of this corporation shall be liquidated by the board of directors, who are hereby vested with full power to sell any and all assets of the corporation and to convey full and complete title thereto, and shall have power to do and perform all acts necessary and proper to fully and completely liquidate the affairs and distribute the proceeds among the stockholders in proportion to the amount of stock held by each; and said directors shall have the right to apply to the courts for recognition as liquidating commissioners or receivers.

Thus done and signed in my office, in the city of New Orleans, on the day, and in the month and year first above written, in presence of Louis R. Hoover and Fred C. Querens, competent witnesses, who have signed these presents, together with the said appearers and me, notary, after reading of the whole.

(Names of original subscribers omitted.)

(Witnesses): L. R. Hoover, F. C. Querens.

PHILIP GENSLER, JR.,
Notary Public.

I, the undersigned recorder of mortgages, in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of The Estate of Lewis S. Clarke, was this day duly recorded in my office in book 1051, folio —.

New Orleans, October 30th, 1911.

(Signed) EMILE LEONARD, D. R.

A true copy of the original charter with the names of the subscribers and number of shares subscribed for by each omitted.

PHILIP GENSLER, JR.,
(Seal) *Notary Public.*

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CHARTER

OF BETTS NAVAL STORES COMPANY.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ORLEANS, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Be it known, that on this 4th day of the month of November, in the year of our Lord one tousand nine hundred and eleven, and the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-sixth, before me, W. Morgan Gurley, notary public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, therein residing, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, all being of full age of majority, and who severally declare, that availing themselves of the provisions of the laws and constitution of this state, relative to the organization of corporations, they have contracted and agreed, and do by these presents contract and agree and bind, and obligate themselves, as well as such persons as may hereinafter become associated with them, to form and constitute a body politic in law for the objects and purposes and under the agreements and stipulations herein following, which they adopt as their charter, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be BETTS NAVAL STORES COMPANY, and shall have corporate existence for the period of ninety-nine (99) years from the date hereof, and shall have and exercise for the purpose of the business to be carried on by it, all the powers conferred by law on similar corporations, including the power to make and use a corporate seal and the same to break or alter at pleasure, to contract, sue, and be sued in its corporate name; to hold, own, receive, purchase, alienate, lease, convey, mortgage, hypothecate, pledge or otherwise encumber property, both real and personal; to issue bonds, notes and other obligations, for the purpose of borrowing money, and to secure same by mortgage or otherwise, to name and appoint such officers, managers, directors, agents and other employees, as the interests of said corporation may require, and to establish such by-laws, rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper, and the same to alter, amend, or abolish at pleasure and to generally do and perform all such acts as may be proper and necessary to carry out and execute the purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE II.

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the city of New Orleans, state of Louisiana, but it may establish and operate factories, offices and agencies wherever it may deem advisable. All citations or other legal processes shall be served on the president of this corporation, or in the event of his absence or inability to act, upon the vice-president.

ARTICLE III.

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized and the nature of the business to be carried on by it, are hereby declared to be the general turpentine and lumber business in all its various branches, and to that end to manufacture, purchase and sell turpentine, pitch, tar, rosin and naval stores; to acquire, own, construct and operate turpentine stills, sawmills, planing mills, driers and all machinery and appliances necessary in connection with the operation of said business, and to manufacture any products of wood, such as sash, doors, blinds, trimmings, boxes, furniture and articles of wood and its various by-products. And furthermore, to own and operate in connection with said business tram-roads, logging roads, sailing vessels, steam vessels and other water craft necessary for the transportation of its material and products and also do a mercantile business.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at three hundred thousand ($300,000.00) dollars, divided into and represented by three thousand (3,000) shares of one hundred ($100.00) dollars each, which said stock shall be paid for in cash, or may be issued at par in payment of property actually purchased, or services actually rendered to this corporation, which said stock shall be full paid and non-assessible.

This corporation shall be authorized to commence business and be a going concern, upon payment in full of its capital stock, as above provided.

The shares of this stock shall be transferrable only on the books of this corporation, and no transfer of stock shall be binding or have any effect upon this corporation, unless, and until made upon its books; and a prior lien on all shares of stock shall be retained by this company on the stock of any shareholder for any indebtedness, secured or unsecured, however evidenced or created, due at any time to the company by the holder of said stock, and all transfers of stock shall be made subject to these conditions.

ARTICLE V.

All the corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in, and exercised by a board of six (6) directors, who shall each be a stockholder in this corporation, the majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business ,and a majority vote at any meeting shall decide all questions voted upon.

Said directors shall be elected annually from the stockholders, on the first Tuesday of April in each year, after due notice of said meeting shall have been given to each stockholder, sent by mail to his last known address, ten (10) days prior to the holding of said election, which said notice or any other notice required by this charter, may be waived in writing.

At said election, and at all other meetings of the stockholders, the vote shall be by ballot, and each share of stock shall be entitled to one (1) vote, to be cast by the owner in person or by written proxy. The majority of stock voted at any stockholders' meeting, shall decide all questions voted upon, except as otherwise provided.

Within one (1) week from their election as above provided for, the board of directors shall elect from among their members a president and a vice-president; they shall also elect a secretary-treasurer, who may or may not be a member of the board or a stockholder, at the discretion of the members of the board.

All the said officers and directors shall hold their respective offices for a period of one (1) year from the date of their election, or, until their successors are duly elected.

The term of the first board of directors and officers herein named, shall expire on the first Tuesday of April, 1912, or until their successors are duly elected as herein provided for. But the failure to hold an annual election or to elect the officers as above provided for, shall not result in the dissolution of this corporation, but the first board of directors and officers, shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected.

Any vacancies occurring on said board of directors, shall be filled by the remaining members of said board for the unexpired term, at a meeting called for that purpose after ten days' prior notice in writing sent by mail to said directors at their last known address, and if the said board fails to elect at said meeting, then the election may be made by the stockholders at a special meeting called for that purpose in a manner herein provided for the election of directors.

The said board of directors shall have the power to make all by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper management and conduct of the affairs of this corporation, and to change, alter, amend, or abolish the same at pleasure, and shall have and exercise all the powers conferred by law on this corporation and as set forth in this charter.

The said board of directors may also delegate any of said powers in the transaction of the business of this corporation to committees of their own body, or to the officers and agents of this corporation, and said board shall have the right to suspand or remove any employee at pleasure.

All the employees of this corporation, except the offices of president and vice-president, shall be considered as employees by the month, unles sotherwise specially contracted with in writing.

The first board of directors of this corporation is hereby declared to be: B. B. GILLICAN, of this city, J. S. BETTS, of Ashburn, Georgia, C. W. EVANS, of Ashburn, Georgia, BUCKNER CHIPLEY, of this city, E. A. McKOY, of this city, and GEORGE T. BETTS, of Ashburn, Georgia; with the said W. B. GILLICAN as president and the said GEORGE T. BETTS as vice-president and the said BUCKNER CHIPLEY as vice-president and the said E. A. TAYLOR as secretary-treasurer, who shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and provided for.

It shall be the duty of the president of this corporation, or in the event of his inability to act, then the vice-president, to call a special meeting of the board of directors or the stock-holders, on a written request to that effect, signed by two or more directors, or upon the written request of ten per cent of the stock issued.

ARTICLE VI.

This corporation may dissolved by vote of three-fourths (3-4) of the capital stock thereof, at a general meeting convened for that purpose in the manner as above provided, for the calling of the meeting held annually for the election of board directors, except that in that event a notice in writing shall be sent to each stock holder thirty (30) days prior to said meeting at his last known address. Whenever this corporation is dissolved either by limitation or otherwise, its affairs shall be liquidated by three liquidating commissioners to be elected at such general meeting, and in the case of death, resignation, or inability to act of any of the said commissioners, the surviving commissioner or commissioners shall appoint a successor and together they shall continue the liquidation to its termination.

ARTICLE VII.

This charter may be changed or amended, and the capital stock may be increased or diminished, by a vote of two-thirds (2-3) of the capital stocqk issued at a general meeting called for that purpose, after thirty (30) days prior notice in writing have been sent to each stock-holder at his last known address.

ARTICLE VII.

No stock-holder shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts or faults of this corporation in any further sum than unpaid balance due the company on the shares of stock owned by him nor shall any mere informality in the organization hereof, have the effect of rendering this charter null, nor of exposing any stock-holder to any liability beyond any unpaid balance that may be due on his stock.

Thus done and passed, in my office, in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, on the day, month and year herein first above mentioned, in the presence of Joseph Preston and Eugene J. Gomes, competent witnesses here residing, who have hereunto sign their name, together with the said appearers and me, notary, after the reading of the whole.

(Original signed): J. S. Betts, per Brunner Chipley; Geo. T. Betts, per Brunner Chipley; C. W. Evans, per Brunner Chipley; Brunner Chipley, W. B. Gillican, Edwin E. McKoy, Morgan Gurley.

Notary Public.

(Witnesses): A. D. Preston, Eugene J. Gomes.

I the undersigned recorded of mortgages in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of the BEETS NAVAL STORES COMPANY was this day duly recorded in my office in book 1051, folio ...., New Orleans, La., November sixth, 1911.

(Signed) EMILE LEONARD, D. R.

I the undersigned notary public certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the original act of incorporation of the BETTS NAVAL STORES COMPANY, together with the certificate of recorded of mortgages for parish of Orleans thereinto appended, on file and of record in my notarial office in the city of New Orleans, La.

W. MORGAN GURLEY, Not. Pub.

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