

**CHARTER**  
OF  
**Vermilion-Caddo Oil Company, Inc.**

United States of America, State of Louisiana, Parish of Vermilion.  
BE IT KNOWN, That on this, the 4th day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen before me, J. Nelson Greene, a Notary Public in and for the Parish of Vermilion State of Louisiana, duly commissioned and qualified, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned.

Personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereto subscribed, who severally declared that, availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana relative to the organization of incorporations, they have contracted and agreed and do by these presents, covenant and agree, bind and obligate themselves, as well as such other persons as may hereafter become associated with them, and 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 the Corporation shall be the Vermilion-Caddo Oil Company, Inc., and under said name it shall have and enjoy all the rights, powers and privileges granted by the law to Corporations; and it shall exist for a period of ninety nine years from and after the date hereof, unless sooner dissolved in the manner hereinafter provided for. It shall have the power 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, purchase and convey, as well as, to mortgage, hypothecate and pledge property, both real and personal, issuing negotiable bonds and notes, to name and appoint such managers, directors, officers and agents and other employees as its interest and conveniences may require; and to make and establish such by laws rules and regulations for the proper management and regulation of the business of said Corporation as may be necessary and proper and the same to alter and amend at pleasure.

**ARTICLE II**

The domicile of said Corporation shall be in the Town of Abbeville, Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, and all citations or other legal process, shall be served upon the President, or in the event of his absence from said Parish, then upon the Vice President.

**ARTICLE III.**

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized are said to be: To purchase, receive, hold, lease, or otherwise acquire mines, mineral lands, mining rights, claims and privileges, or real estate, in the State of Louisiana or elsewhere, and to prospect, explore, examine, test, and develop open work, or in any manner use or turn same to advantage; to prospect and search for natural gas, oil, petroleum, coal, salt, sulphur or other mineral or elements of use or value; to investigate, examine and test lands and localities where same are supposed to exist, and to drill, bore, dig or put down such wells, pits or shafts, as may be deemed expedient for that purpose; to mine, dig blast, excavate, pump, or otherwise obtain or procure, natural gas, oil, petroleum, coal, salt, sulphur, or other mineral substance of use or value, and to prepare, purify, refine, manufacture, transport, convey, store, warehouse, sell or otherwise dispose of same; to build, erect, make, repair, maintain and operate any buildings, pumps, machinery, apparatus, works, railroads, tramways, boats, barges, canals, levees, reservoirs, pipe lines, tanks, or other things that may be necessary to accomplish and carry on the objects and purposes herein set forth; and in general, to do any act or thing necessary, convenient or incidental to the accomplishment of said objects and purposes.

**ARTICLE IV.**

The capital stock of this Corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of Thirty Thousands Dollars, represented by Three Thousand shares, of the par value of Ten Dollars each, which capital stock may be increased or decreased in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Louisiana. This Corporation shall be a going concern as soon as Fifteen Thousand Dollars of the Capital Stock is subscribed and fifty per cent of the subscribed stock paid in. This stock shall be paid for in cash, or its equivalent in personal or real property received, services rendered, or labor performed, in such manner and on such terms as may be fixed by the Board of Directors; but no Certificate shall issue for said stock until the same has been paid for. At all elections, each share of stock shall be entitled to one vote, to be voted either by the holder or his proxy.

No shares of the capital stock of the Corporation shall be transferred except upon the books of the Corporation, nor until the certificate of stock shall have been delivered to the Corporation and duly cancelled. All certificates of stock shall bear the seal of the Corporation and be signed by President and Secretary.

**ARTICLE V.**

All the powers of said corporation shall be vested in and exercised by the Board of Directors composed of not less than five members nor more than fifteen members. The additional members in excess of five to be added from time to time at the discretion of the Board of Directors until the full number of fifteen is reached. Each director must hold and own one share of the said Corporation continuously during the incumbency of his office. Said Directors to be elected at a general meeting of the stockholders on the first Wednesday in March 1916 and thereafter to be elected at such meeting on the first Wednesday of March of each year. Notice of such election shall be published in a Newspaper issued at

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Abbeville, Louisiana three times, the first notice to appear at least fifteen days preceding such election. All elections shall be held at the office of said corporation at Abbeville, La., under the supervision of three stockholders appointed for the purpose, by the Board of Directors at its regular meeting preceding the date of such election. Failure to hold the election on the date specified shall not cause or operate a dissolution of this corporation, but the Directors shall hold over until their successors are elected and installed. Vacancies occurring on the Board from any cause whatever shall be filled by the remaining Directors from among the Stockholders qualified to serve as Directors. Three Directors shall constitute a quorum to transact any and all business of the Corporation. Meetings of stockholders not herein provided for shall be called in the manner and upon such notice as may be provided in the BY LAWS of said Corporation. Each Board of Directors, at its first meeting, shall elect from its members, a President Vice President and Treasurer and from its members or a stockholder of this Corporation, a Secretary.

The following named persons shall constitute the first Board of Directors, and they are vested with all the rights, powers and duties herein specified, and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been elected and installed, as hereinabove provided, to-wit:

J. E. Nettles, S. P. Watts, H. H. Shackelford, B. E. Jones and D. L. McPherson and O. A. Broussard, of whom D. L. McPherson shall be president, J. E. Nettles, First Vice President, H. H. Shackelford, Second Vice President; S. P. Watts, Secretary and O. A. Broussard, Treasurer.

The Board of Directors may appoint such Managers, agents, employees and sub-officers as they may deem necessary for the proper management and carrying out of the business of this corporation, and shall likewise fix the compensation of such managers, agents, employees and sub-officers; to establish all such laws, rules and regulations which may be deemed requisite for the support, management and regulation of this corporation, to borrow and lend money, to issue bills of exchange, notes, bonds, drafts and other negotiable paper, execute mortgages, and generally to do any and all things incident to the objects and purposes of this corporation.

**ARTICLE VI.**

This act of incorporation may be changed, modified or altered with the assent of three-fourths of the stock represented at a general meeting convened for that purpose, after thirty days previous notice of such meeting shall have been given by advertisement in one of the weekly newspapers published in the town of Abbeville, La. Such changes, however, shall be desired in reference to the capital stock, shall be made in the manner provided by the Statutes of this State relative to such action.

**ARTICLE VII.**

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

**ARTICLE VIII.**

At the expiration of this Charter, or if sooner dissolved, the affairs of this Corporation shall be liquidated by three liquidators, elected by a majority of the stock, present or represented, at a meeting of the stockholders, determining to dissolve or present at the last meeting that shall be held prior to the expiration of the Charter. Such liquidators are hereby vested with full powers to sell any and all assets and property, both real and personal, of the corporation, and give and grant full and complete title thereto, and shall have full powers and authority to do and perform all acts necessary, useful and proper to fully and completely wind up and liquidate its affairs and distribute its proceeds, if any, among the stockholders, and in case of the death or disability of one or more of said liquidators the survivors or survivor shall continue to act.

Thus done and passed at my office in Abbeville, La., on the day, month and year first above written, in the presence of Messrs. J. G. LeBlanc and J. T. Brooks both of Vermilion Parish Louisiana, competent witnesses who have signed these presents with said applicants and me, Notary, after due reading of the whole.

J. E. NETTLES  
S. P. WATTS.  
H. H. SHACKELFORD.  
Per S. P. Watts.  
B. E. JONES.  
D. L. MCPHERSON.  
O. A. BROUSSARD.

Witnesses.  
J. G. LeBLANC.  
J. T. BROOKS.  
J. N. GREENE,  
Notary Public.

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

State of Louisiana—Parish of Vermilion—17th Judicial District Court.  
Onell Broussard vs No. 4760.  
Alexandre Fuellier

By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale to me issued out of the Honorable Seventeenth Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, in the above numbered and entitled suit, fully authorizing and empowering me in the premises, I have this day seized and taken into my possession to satisfy said writ, and I will proceed to sell at public auction to the last and highest responsible bidder, at the principal front door of the Court House, in Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, La., within the legal hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, to the last and highest bidder, on

Saturday, March 18 1916.  
The following described property situated in Vermilion Parish, to-wit: A certain tract of land, lying and being situated in the 4th ward of Vermilion Parish, La., containing Twenty arpents, more or less, and being bounded on the North by Nana Goodman; East by Durke & Broussard, or assigns; South by Auguste Broussard, and on the West by Nana Goodman, with all improvements thereon.

Terms: Cash  
Sheriff's office, Abbeville, La., this 4th day of February, 1916.

AUG. MORTON,  
Sheriff, Vermilion Parish, La.  
John Nugnier Attorney.

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

State of Louisiana—Parish of Vermilion—17th Judicial District Court.  
Mrs. Alice Tietuit, wife of F. J. Samson, vs No 4761.  
Camille LeBlanc, et al.

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued to me out of the Honorable 17th Judicial District Court, in the above entitled and numbered suit fully authorizing and empowering me in the premises, I have this day seized as the property of the defendant, and taken into my possession to satisfy said writ, and will sell at public auction to the last and highest responsible bidder, at the principal front door of the Court House, in Abbeville, La. between the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on

Saturday, March 18, 1916  
the following described property situated in Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

One certain tract of land situated in the Parish of Vermilion, La., containing Twenty-five arpents, more or less, the long line running North and South, and bounded North by Public Road, South by Adolph Champagne, East by land formerly belonging to the Estate of Narcisse Chamagne, now the second described tract, and west by land of Mrs. C. Schwab and Mrs. P. Trahan.

Another certain tract of land in the said Parish and State, containing Twenty-five arpents, more or less, the long lines running North and South, and bounded North by Public Road, South by land of Adolph Champagne, East by land formerly belonging to the Estate of Narcisse Champagne, and West by the tract of land above described.

To be sold for Cash, without the benefit of appraisement.

Sheriff's Office, Abbeville, La., this 8th day of February, 1916

AUG. MORTON,  
Sheriff, Vermilion Parish, La.  
Broussard and Samson Attorneys.

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

State of Louisiana, Parish of Vermilion, Seventeenth Judicial District Court—No. 4811.  
Stauffer-Godchaux Co. vs.

Aurilien Theall  
By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale issued to me out of the Honorable Seventeenth Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, in the above numbered and entitled suit, fully authorizing and empowering me in the premises, I have this day seized and taken into my possession to satisfy said writ, and will proceed to sell, at public auction, to the last and highest responsible bidder, at the principal front door of the Court House, in the town of Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, La., between the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on

Saturday, April 22, 1916  
the following described property, situated in Vermilion Parish, La., to-wit:

One certain tract of land situated in the Parish of Vermilion, La., containing Forty Acres, and being bounded on the North by Public Road, on the South by J. G. Smith, East by mortgagee and West by P. U. Broussard and Dominique Pere and all buildings and improvements.

Another certain tract of land situated in the said Parish and State containing Forty acres, and bounded on the North by Charles Levy, on the South by mortgagee East by mortgagee and West by mortgagee together with all buildings and

**Improvements.**

To be sold for cash, without the benefit of appraisement.  
Sheriff's Office, Abbeville, La., this 14th day of March, 1916.

AUG. MORTON,  
Sheriff, Vermilion Parish, La.  
Broussard & Samson, Attorneys.

**Sheriff's Sale.**

State of Louisiana, Parish of Vermilion, Seventeenth Judicial District Court—No. 4794.  
Stauffer Godchaux Co. vs.

Adlar Hebert

By virtue of a writ of seizure and sale issued to me out of the Honorable Seventeenth Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, in the above numbered and entitled suit, fully authorizing and empowering me in the premises, I have this day seized and taken into my possession to satisfy said writ, and will proceed to sell, at public auction, to the last and highest responsible bidder, at the principal front door of the Court House, in the town of Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, La., between the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on

Saturday, April 22, 1916  
the following described property, situated in Vermilion Parish, La., to-wit:

That certain tract of land lying and being situated in the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana, containing Thirty Acres bounded on the North by Glau Smith, East by Elou Guibry, South by A. Hebert and West by Victor Mouton

To be sold for cash, without the benefit of appraisement.

Sheriff's office, Abbeville, La., this 14th day of March, 1916.

AUG. MORTON,  
Sheriff of Vermilion Parish, La.  
Broussard & Samson, attorneys.

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

State of Louisiana, Parish of Vermilion—Seventeenth Judicial District Court—No. 4810.  
Rosa Beer and Her Husband vs.

Cleomere Hebert

By virtue of a writ of Seizure and Sale issued to me out of the Honorable Seventeenth Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana, in the above numbered and entitled suit, fully authorizing and empowering me in the premises, I have this day seized and taken into my possession to satisfy said writ, and will proceed to sell, at public auction, to the last and highest responsible bidder, at the principal front door of the Court House, in the town of Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, La., between the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on

Saturday, April, 22, 1916,  
the following described property, situated in Vermilion Parish, La., to-wit:

One certain tract of land lying and being situated in the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana, East of Bayou Vermilion, containing (20) Twenty Superficial Acreage having a front of one and five-eighths (1-5/8) arpent North and South more or less, by such depth East and West, as will give the above stated area, bounded on the North and South by Demosthenes Trahan, East by Samuel Jones and West by Demosthenes Trahan Jr with all improvements and buildings situated thereon

To be sold for cash, without the benefit of appraisement.

Sheriff's Office, Abbeville, La., this 11th day of March, 1916

AUG. MORTON,  
Sheriff, Vermilion Parish, La.  
Broussard & Samson, Attorneys

**SUCCESSION NOTICE**

Seventeenth Judicial District Court, Vermilion Parish, La., No. 780  
Succession of Anastasie Leleux.

Whereas Martel Landry, of Iberia Parish, La., Testamentary executor of the estate of his deceased wife Mrs. Anastasie Leleux has this day filed in this Honorable Court his final tabeau of debts and charges:

Notice is hereby given, to all to whom it may concern, to show cause if any they have, why the said final account or tabeau should not be homologated and approved; and the said Martel Landry discharged from his trust.

By order of Court.

Clerk's office, Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, this the 4th day of March, A D 1916.

P. L. BROUSSARD,  
Deputy Clerk of Court.  
L. O. Hacker, Attorney.

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