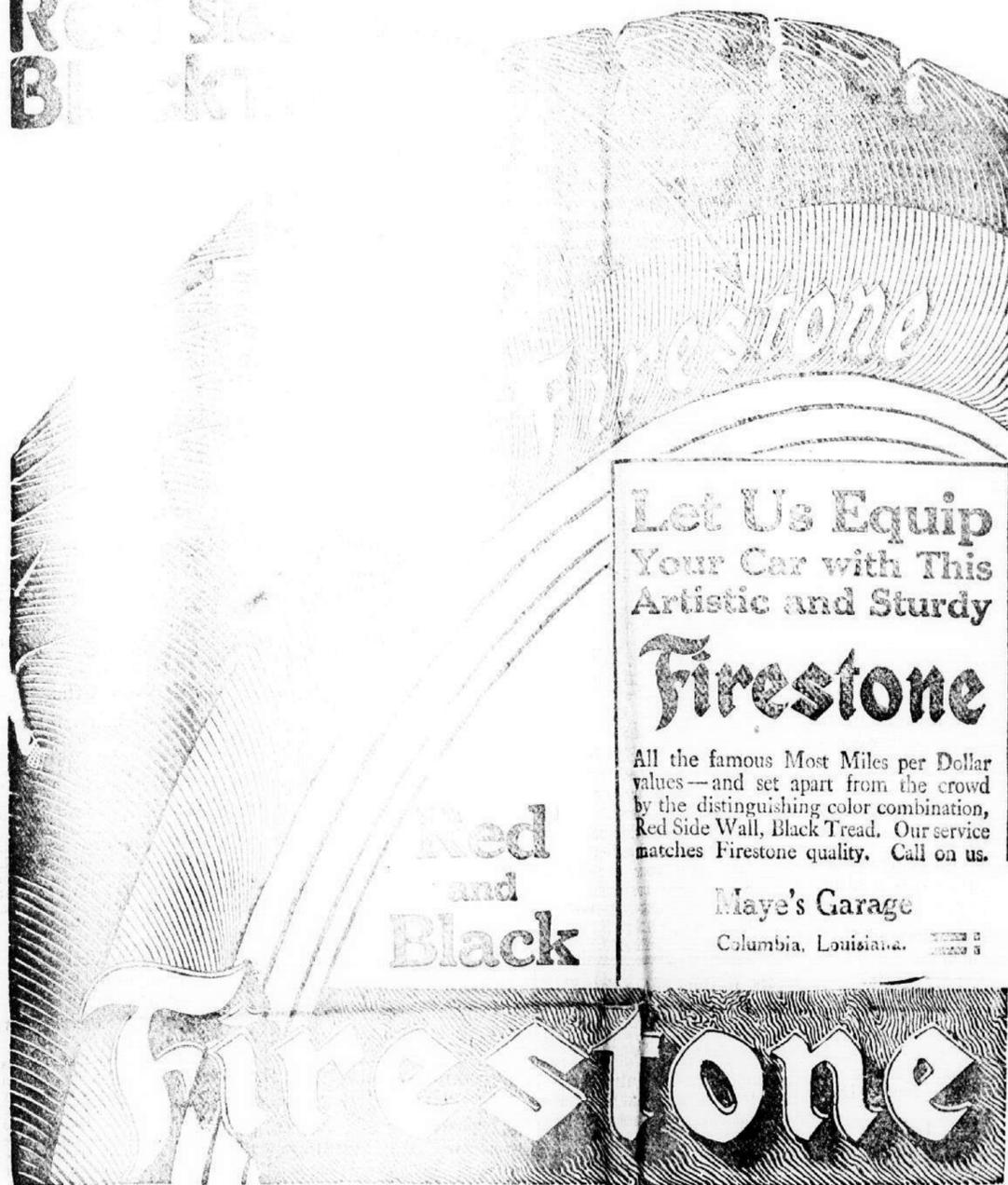


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CHARTER

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
PARISH OF OUAUCHITA.

Before me, the undersigned authority and two attesting witnesses, on this the 30th day of October A. D. 1916, personally came and appeared James M. Bennett, Mrs. Louise Moore Bennett, herein aided and authorized by her husband, James M. Bennett, both residents of the Parish of Caldwell, State of La., Allen Sholars and John Boatner Lamkin, both residents of the Parish of Ouachita, State of La., who declared and acknowledged that availing themselves of the laws of the State of Louisiana, and especially of Act No. 267 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana for the year 1914, they have formed and organized, and by these presents do form and organize themselves into a corporation and body politic for the objects and purposes hereinafter set forth and expressed, which they hereby adopted as the Charter of the said corporation, to-wit:

ARTICLE 1.

The name and title of this corporation shall be "Waverly Planting Company Incorporated," and by its said name shall have and enjoy existence for the full term and period of ninety-nine years from date hereof.

Its domicile shall be in the town of Monroe, Parish of Ouachita, Louisiana, and it shall have a seal with such inscription and device as the Board of Directors may elect, and the same to alter and change at pleasure.

Its certificate of stock shall be signed by the President and Secretary, and bear the impress of the seal of the corporation.

It shall have the power and authority to hold, purchase, receive, sell, mortgage, or otherwise use, and mortgagable, sell, lease, pledge, pawn, chattel mortgage, and convey its property, both real and personal, movable and immovable.

It shall have the right to borrow money and issue its negotiable notes or bond, unsecured or secured by mortgage, pledge, pawn, chattel mortgage, or other liens on its property, both real and personal, and shall have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name.

The President, and in his absence the Vice-President, is hereby designated as the officer upon whom all citations or other legal process shall be served.

ARTICLE 2.

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 purchase, sale and lease of agricultural, timber and other lands, the cultivation, growing, raising and marketing of all agricultural crops, and the manufacturing, warehousing and sale of products thereof, and the buying, selling and rearing of horses, mules, hogs and any and all other kinds of animals and stock in the Parish of Caldwell, Louisiana, or in any other portion of the State of Louisiana, or of the United States, and in connection with the above objects and purposes, to make advances of money and supplies to its tenants and others, and to conduct a general mercantile business both wholesale and retail.

ARTICLE 3.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at Ten Thousand (\$10,000) dollars each. The capital stock of this corporation may be increased to an amount not exceeding two hundred and fifty (250) shares making a total of Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars.

ARTICLE 4.

The executive powers of this corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of Directors, composed of stockholders, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business with full power to purchase, receive by donation, sell,

mortgage, chattel mortgage, pledge, pawn, convey and lease, either as lessor or lessee, property both real and personal, to borrow money and issue the company's negotiable notes or bonds, either secured or unsecured by mortgage on its real estate, chattel mortgage, pledge or pawn of its personal property, and to do any and all other acts which this company is authorized to do in carrying out the purposes and objects of this corporation, to make and establish by-laws, and change the same, to hire, employ, appoint and discharge all officers and employees, and to fix their salaries, and to fill all vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors by death, resignation or otherwise.

Each Board of Directors shall elect from their number a President and General Manager, and a Secretary and Treasurer. The office of president and general manager may be held by one or two persons and the office of secretary and treasurer may be held by one or two persons.

The first Board of Directors shall consist of James M. Bennett, Mrs. Louise Moore Bennett and Allen Sholars, with J. M. Bennett as president and general manager and Allen Sholars as secretary and treasurer, who shall hold office until the second Monday of January A. D. 1918, or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

The second Monday of January A. D. 1918, and annually thereafter on the second Monday in January of each year, the stockholders shall meet for the purpose of electing a board of directors, and the transaction of such other business as may properly

come before the meeting. Written notice of annual stockholders' meetings shall be delivered personally or by depositing it in the post office, addressed to the stockholders last known address at least fifteen days before such meetings. Other stockholders' meetings may be held as provided by the laws of Louisiana. At all stockholders' meetings each share of the stock shall be entitled to one vote, to be voted in accordance with the laws of La.

This charter may be altered or amended, the corporation dissolved and the authorized capital increased to as much as twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars, or decreased in accordance with the laws of Louisiana, upon complying with the laws of Louisiana, in force at such time, but no stockholder shall be liable for the contracts or faults of the corporation to a greater sum than the unpaid balance on the stock for which he has subscribed, and no more informality in the organization of this corporation shall render this charter null, or expose a stockholder to any liability except the unpaid balance due on his subscription to stock.

ARTICLE 5.

The following persons have subscribed for stock in this corporation in the number of shares and amounts as follows:

Name	Address	No. Shares	Am't
J. M. Bennett	Waverly, La.	23	\$2300.
Mrs. L. M. Bennett	"	75	7500.
Allen Sholars	Monroe, La.	1	100.
J. B. Lamkin	"	1	100.

which number of shares and the amounts thereof the signers of this act of incorporation declare to be their subscription to the stock of this corporation.

ARTICLE 6.

The twenty-three shares of stock subscribed for by James M. Bennett, having a par value of twenty-three hundred (\$2300.) dollars, and the seventy-five shares of stock subscribed for by Mrs. Louise M. Bennett having a par value of seventy-five hundred (\$7500.) dollars, and the one share of stock subscribed for by John B. Lamkin, having a par value of one hundred (\$100) dollars, and the one share of stock subscribed for by Allen Sholars, having a par value of one hundred (\$100) dollars, have all been paid for in property by the separate transfer by the said James M. Bennett and Mrs. Louise M. Bennett of property of an actual and appraised value of Ten Thousand Dollars to the corporation.

There is annexed hereto and made a part of this act of incorporation a detailed description of the property referred to herein, together with a statement of its value and the appraisal thereof by directors of the corporation.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, the said parties hereinabove named have signed their names on the day and date first above written, in the presence of me the undersigned notary, and Reita Hatman and O. B. Hill, legal and competent witnesses.

James M. Bennett,
Mrs. Louise M. Bennett,
I authorize my wife,
J. M. Bennett,
Allen Sholars,
John B. Lamkin.

ATTEST:
Reita Hatman,
O. B. Hill,
Pat S. Hammon, Dy. Clerk and Notary Public,
State of Louisiana,
Parish of Caldwell.

THIS CERTIFIES: That, the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Act of Incorporation of the Waverly Planting Company, Incorporated, on file and of record in charter book "A" page—, of my office. Witness my signature and seal of office, at Columbia, La., this Nov. 18th, 1916.

M. L. Mecom, Clerk,
30th District Court
(SL) and Ex-Officio Recorder.



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