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CHARTER
—OF—
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—OF—
St. Martinville Stock & Loan Association Limited.

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Martin.

Be it known and remembered that on this sixth day of the month of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, before me *Jas. E. Mouton*, a Natory Public duly commissioned and otherwise qualified in and for the Parish of St. Martin, in the State of Louisiana, and in the presence of the hereinter named and subscribing witnesses:

Personlly came and appeared the several persons, whose respective names are hereunto subscribed, and declare that, availing themselves of the provisions of the general laws of this State, and particularly of those contained in Act No. 36 of the General Assembly of the year 1888, all providing for and relative to the organization of corporations in this State, they have covenanted and agreed, and do now by these presents covenant, agree and bind themselves, as in fact they do, to constitute themselves, as well as other persons who may hereafter associate with them, into a corporation and body politic in law, for the objects and purposes, and under the stipulations, to wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be the "Saint Martinville Stock and Loan Association, Limited", and by that corporate name, this association, or corporation, shall have power and authority to have and enjoy succession for a period of ninety-nine years, to contract in its corporate name, and likewise to sue and be sued, to purchase, receive, hold, mortgage, hypothecate, pledge or convey property both Real and Personal, to employ managers, agents, directors, or other officers as may be deemed convenient; and from time to time to make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations, as may be necessary or expedient; as also to have and use a corporate seal.

ARTICLE II.

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the Town of St. Martinville, Parish of St. Martin, in the State of Louisiana, and all citations, writs or legal process whatever shall be served on the President, or in case of his absence or inability to act, on the vice-President of said corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The object and purpose of this corporation and the nature of the business to be carried on by it, are hereby declared to be the purchasing and selling of property real and personal, the building of all classes of houses, the leasing and renting of same, and the conducting of business of such sort as may be consistent with the terms of this charter.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of Five thousand dollars, represented by one hundred and twenty-five shares of "Forty" (125) each, at par value; which capital stock be increased, at any future day, by a vote of Three Fourths of the paid up stock, at any meeting specially called for that purpose by publication in a local Newspaper, serving a period of at least seven entire days preceeding said meeting.

ARTICLE V.

When, upon due compliance with these formalities, the stock shall be increased, the original stock-holders shall, by preference, respectively have the privilege of taking shares in proportion to the shares already held by them, after which all remaining shares shall be disposed of, at not less than par value, by the Board of Directors, and to the best advantage and interest of the organization.

ARTICLE VI.

All shares and stock shall be payable by monthly instalments of not less than "Fifty cents" nor more than "Two Dollars" and in all cases, when more than the minimum instalment is required, the surplus shall be assessed, as necessity may demand, by the Board of Directors, due notice of this increase of instalment to be given by publication in the local Newspaper, or otherwise.

ARTICLE VII.

Stock and shares may be issued by the Board of Directors, as paid stock, either as payment for property acquired by the corporation, for the payment of labor done, for services rendered and accepted, two-thirds of the Board of Directors consenting.

ARTICLE VIII.

The non-payment of any regular instalment, whether ordinary, or assessed as provided in Article VI of this Charter, at the time and place that the same be due and exigible on any share, shall subject the owner of said share to an additional liability of Five cents on said unpaid instalment; and any such four successive failures shall operate as an absolute forfeiture of such share in favor of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX.

All corporate powers, and the entire management of its business, shall be vested in a Board of Directors, to be composed of Ten Stock-holders, six of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and each of whom shall have, in his own name, at least Three shares of stock. From this Board of Directors shall be chosen the President and vice-President of this corporation, said choice to be made at the first meeting of each incorming Board of Directors. All checks, or drafts for money shall be drawn by the President, shall be entered and countersigned by the Secretary, and approved by the Treasurer of the corporation.

ARTICLE X.

The following named persons shall constitute the first Board of Directors, and so continue to remain until the First Monday of December A. D. 1896, and until their successors shall have been elected, as herein provided, viz:

Albert Woodley,	Isidore Michell,
Tele. Thibodeaux,	Philippe Detiege,
S. P. Daniel,	Geo. Phillip,
M. L. Francois,	Emanuel Jacquet,
Adol. Williams,	J. B. Daniel.

and no failure to elect shall be regarded as forfeiture of this charter.

ARTICLE XI.

The Board of Directors shall be elected by ballot, at any election to be held for that purpose on the first Monday of December of each succeeding year, each share to be entitled to one vote, to be cast by the owner personally, or under his writen proxie to another share holder, a majority of the votes cast electing. And all vacancies occurring on the Board shall be filled by the Board from among the stock holders, with the approval of a majority of the Association to be expressed at the meeting next following said Board's action.

ARTICLE XII.

There shall be a Secretary and a Treasurer, both of whom to be named and appointed by a majority of the Board of Directors, whom respective salary shall be fixed by by-laws or regulations of the corporation; each of whom shall be removable at the Board's pleasure. The Treasurer shall furnish Bond, with security, for the faithful performance of all duties incumbent on him as such, said Bond to be for such sum as may be fixed by the Board, and the same to be approved and accepted by them.

ARTICLE XIII.

This present Charter and Act of Incorporation, may be changed, modified or altered, or this corporation may be dissolved by and with the express assent of three-fourths of the stock-holders, at a special meeting of said stock-holders, called for that purpose, ten days previous notice by mail, stating the object of the meeting, having been given to each stock-holder.

ARTICLE XIV.

No informality in the organization of this corporation shall have the effect of annulling this Charter, or expose any liability beyond the unpaid balance due on his stock.

ARTICLE XV.

The several offices, as above mentioned in this Charter, shall be respectively filled, until the next regular election for same, by the following named incorporators, to wit:

That of President by Philippe Detiege.

That of Vice-President by Thelesphore Thibodeaux.

That of Secretary by Adol. Williams.

That of Treasurer by M. L. Francois.

ARTICLE XVI.

Any member of this corporation who may hereafter wish to withdraw, shall communicate his intention to that effect, in writing, to the Board of Directors, at least thirty days in advance, which withdrawal shall take effect only after due adjustment of all matters as between the party withdrawing and the association.

ARTICLE XVII.

All applications for stock in this corporation, shall first be presented to the Board of Directors, in whom is vested the full power and authority, to consider and pass upon the propriety of said application, and determine, if approved, the number of shares to issue thereunder.

ARTICLE XVIII.

At the dissolution of this corporation, either by limit of time, by consent or otherwise, its affairs shall be liquidated under the supervision of three commissioners from among the stock-holders, to be selected for that purpose by the Board of Directors, in which even the said commissioners shall be vested with full and unlimited power to sell all assetts, things and property, both real and personal, which may then belong to the corporation, convey full and complete title thereto, receive payment therefor, and, in fine, do and perform all acts necessary and proper towards a faithful and complete settlement and liquidation of its affair.

Thus done, executed and signed before me and in the presence of J. F. Penne and Geo. F. Penne, two conpentent witnesses who sign their names with said appearers on the day, month, and year written in caption hereof.

Wittnesses:

J. F. Penne,	Adol. Williams,
Geo. F. Penne,	M. L. Francois,
	Isidore Michell,
	Emmanuel Jacquet,
	Geo. Philip,
	J. B. Daniel.
	Phil. Detiege,
	Albt. Woodley,
	T. Thibodeaux,
	S. P. Daniel,

J. E. MOUTON,
Notary Public.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Iberia,

Having read and examined the foregoing Charter of Incorporation, and finding therein nothing contrary to law or goods morals, I hereby approve the same.

New Iberia, La., this day of April A. D. 1896. R. F. BROUSSARD,
District Attorney.

State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Martin,

Received this 8th day of April A. D. 1896, for recordation and duly filed in this office.

Witness my hand and seal of office at St. Martinville, La. WM. B. EASTIN,
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