

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

ORIGINAL ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

(BUSINESS CORPORATION)

Know all Men by these Presents, That we Henry R. Di Mascolo,
Anthony Di Petrillo and James A. McGuirk

all of lawful age, hereby agree to and with each other:

FIRST. To associate ourselves together with the intention of forming a corporation under and by virtue of the powers conferred by Article II of Chapter 116 of the General Laws of Rhode Island.

SECOND. Said corporation shall be known by the name of
CARDI'S DEPARTMENT STORE, INC.

THIRD. Said corporation is formed (as permitted by § 4 of said Chapter 116) for the purpose of conducting a store or stores for the buying and selling hardware, roofing, plumbing, heating, lighting, ventilating, electrical and builders' and farming supplies and implements. Also to buy and sell, and generally deal in furniture and to carry on the business of interior decorating and furnishings of every nature and description. Also to rent, lease, hold, purchase, mortgage and convey both real and personal property used in connection with said hardware and furniture business.

In addition to the foregoing, said corporation shall have the following powers and authority, viz:—(See § 5, Chapter 116 of the General Laws.)

To do any lawful act which is necessary or proper to accomplish the purposes of its incorporation. Without limiting or enlarging the effect of this general grant of authority, it is hereby specifically provided that every corporation shall have power:

(a) to have perpetual succession in its corporate name, unless a period for its duration is limited in its articles of association or charter;

(b) to sue and be sued in its corporate name;

(c) to have and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure;

(d) to elect such officers and appoint such agents as its business requires, and to fix their compensation and define their duties;

(e) to make by-laws not inconsistent with the constitution or laws of the United States or of this state, or the corporation's charter, or articles of association, determining the time and place of holding and the manner of calling and of conducting meetings of its stockholders and directors, the manner of electing its officers and directors, the mode of voting by proxy, the number, qualifications, powers, duties and term of office of its officers and directors, the number of directors and of shares of stock necessary to constitute a quorum, which number may be less than a majority, and the method of making demand for payment of subscriptions to its capital stock, and providing for an executive committee to be elected from and by the board of directors and defining its powers and duties, and containing any other provisions, whether of the same or of a different nature, for the management of the corporation's property and the regulation and government of its affairs;

(f) to make contracts, incur liabilities and borrow money;

(g) to acquire, hold, sell and transfer shares of its own capital stock: *Provided*, that no corporation shall use its funds or property for the purchase of its own shares of capital stock when such use would cause any impairment of the capital of the corporation;

(h) to acquire, hold, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of any bonds, securities or evidences of indebtedness created by, or the shares of the capital stock of, any other corporation or corporations of this state or of any other state, country, nation or government, and while owner of said stock to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the right to vote thereon;

(i) to guarantee, if authorized so to do by its charter or articles of association, any bonds, securities or evidences of indebtedness created by or dividends on or a certain amount per share in liquidation of the capital stock of, any other corporation or corporations created by this state or by any other state, country, nation or government;

(j) to acquire, hold, use, manage, convey, lease, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of within or without this state any other property, real or personal, which its purposes shall require;

(k) to conduct business and have offices in this state and elsewhere: *Provided, however*, that nothing in paragraph (a) to (k) inclusive contained shall authorize said corporation to carry on the business of a bank, savings bank or trust company.

(City or Town)

(Or if capital stock is without par value)

One hundred & fifty

150

(Further provisions not inconsistent with law)

SEVENTH. No stockholder shall sell or transfer his stock or any portion thereof without first offering the same in writing to the other stockholders of record, in proportion to the number of shares they hold, for a period of thirt (30) days at the lowest price which he is willing to sell the same.

EIGHTH.

NINTH.

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and stated our residences this 6th day of May, A. D. 19 47

NAME.

RESIDENCE.
(No. Street, City or Town)

Henry R. DiMascolo, 73 W. h. Charleston, Prov. R. I.
Anthony D. Petullo, 25 Victory St. Cranston R. I.
James A. McGuirk, 12 Ashdale St. Prov. R. I.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, }
COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE }

In the City of Providence

in said county this 6th day of May, A. D. 19 47
then personally appeared before me Henry R. DiMascolo, Anthony DiPettrillo
and James A. McGuirk

each and all known to me and known by me to be the parties executing the foregoing instrument, and they severally acknowledged said instrument by them subscribed to be their free act and deed.

Frank H. Martin
Notary Public

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF

CARDI'S DEPARTMENT STORE, INC.

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SECRETARY OF STATE.

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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL TREASURER

Nº 28551

Providence

Nov. 9 1960

I Hereby Certify That

Cordell's Department Store, Inc.

has paid into the State Treasury a fee of

Eighty

Dollars for

Securities Corporation

in accordance with the provisions of 7-1-9, General Laws.

Frederick D. Thompson

General Treasurer.

CARDI'S DEPARTMENT STORE, INC.

Increase

\$80.00

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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL TREASURER

Nº 13410

Providence, May 6, 19 47

I Hereby Certify That CARDI'S DEPARTMENT STORE, INC.

has paid into the State Treasury a fee of

Twenty-Five and 00/100

Dollars for

incorporation

in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 116, General Laws of 1938.

\$ 25.00

Thomas H. Hardy

General Treasurer.

CARDI'S DEPARTMENT STORE, INC.

Incorporation

\$25.00

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