

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

ORIGINAL ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

(BUSINESS CORPORATION)

Know all Men by these Presents, That we Barbara H. Wooddell, of the Town of Lincoln, County of Providence and State of Rhode Island, and Henriette Y. Cheetham and Irene B. Sasur, both of the Town of Cumberland, said County and State,

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 Chapters 7-1 to 7-5 (inclusive), 7-9 and 7-10 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended.

SECOND. Said corporation shall be known by the name of

DROLET HARDWARE, INC.

THIRD. Said corporation is formed (as permitted by § 7-2-3 of the General Laws) for the purpose of owning, operating and conducting a hardware business, buying and selling at wholesale and retail all those articles of property normally and generally sold in hardware stores, and doing all other things as are permitted by law to be done by a corporation.

In addition to the foregoing, said corporation shall have the following powers and authority, viz:—(See § 7-2-10 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 with 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 this section contained shall authorize any corporation to carry on the business of a bank, savings bank or trust company.

(OVER)

FOURTH. Said corporation shall be located in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.
(City or Town)

FIFTH. The TOTAL amount of authorized capital stock of said corporation, with par value, shall be (\$) dollars as follows, viz:
Common stock in the amount of (\$)
dollars to be divided into () shares of
the par value of (\$) dollars each; and
Preferred stock in the amount of (\$)
dollars, to be divided into () shares, of
the par value of (\$) dollars each.

(Or if capital stock is without par value)

The TOTAL number of shares of capital stock authorized, without par value, shall be
SIX HUNDRED (600) shares
as follows, viz:— SIX HUNDRED (600) shares of
Common stock, without par value; and
() shares of
Preferred stock, without par value.

(If capital stock is divided into two or more classes) Description of several classes of
stock, including terms on which they are created, and voting rights of each, viz:—

SIXTH. (If not perpetual) The period of duration of said corporation shall terminate

(Further provisions not inconsistent with law)

SEVENTH No stock of the corporation shall be sold, or transferred on the books of the corporation, unless said stock shall first have been offered in writing to the corporation at the lowest price at which the holder thereof is willing to sell the same, and the corporation shall either accept or reject such offer within thirty (30) days of the receipt of said offer. This provision may be waived by vote of the stockholders or directors.

EIGHTH

NINTH

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and stated our residences this 30th day of September, A. D. 19 65

NAME	RESIDENCE (No. Street, City or Town)
Barbara H. Wooddell	3 School Street, Lincoln, R. I.
Henriette Y. Cheetham	12 Westwood Drive, Cumberland, R. I.
Irene B. Sasur	31 Meadow Avenue, Cumberland, R. I.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, } City
COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE } In the } of Pawtucket,
xTOWNx
in said county this 30th day of September, A. D. 19 65,
then personally appeared before me Barbara H. Wooddell, Henriette Y.
Cheetham and Irene B. Sasur

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.

John J. Fenner
Notary Public

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ORIGINAL

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF

Drolet Hardware, Inc.

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL TREASURER

Nº 35183

Providence Oct. 1, 1965

I Hereby Certify That Drolet Hardware, Inc.

has paid into the State Treasury a fee of Eighty dollars
Eighty Dollars for Incorporation

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

Raymond H. DeFurber

General Treasurer.

SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

At a special meeting of the stockholders of Drolet, Inc., held at the offices of the corporation on September 30, 1965, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., by a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to consent to the use of the name "Drolet Hardware, Inc." by those proposing to form said new corporation. There being no further business the meeting then adjourned.

Georgette Drolet
Secretary

A true copy.
Attest:

Georgette Drolet
Secretary