

# ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT AND INCORPORATION

Of

*National Abstract Company*

## KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the Corporators hereinafter named have this day, and by these presents, formed a corporation under and in pursuance of an Act of Congress, approved February 18, 1901, entitled "An Act to put in force in the Indian Territory certain provisions of the Laws of Arkansas, relating to Corporations, and to make said provisions applicable to said Territory," which said Act provides for incorporations for manufacturing and other lawful business purposes in the Indian Territory, and in evidence thereof do hereby execute the following Articles of Incorporation:

FIRST: The name of said Corporation shall be *National Abstract Company*  
SECOND: The Corporators are *J. P. Ward, H. P. Stewart, A. A. McDonald, Belle M. Ward and H. S. Dean.*

THIRD: The place of business is to be located at *Wagon and Antler, Indian Territory* and its office for transaction of business shall be in *Wagon, Indian Territory* or at such other place as the Board of Directors may select.

FOURTH: The general nature of the business proposed to be transacted by this Corporation is *to make, prepare, extend and sell abstracts of land titles, do a general abstract business, buy, sell, and deal in real estate, write fire insurance and negotiate and make real estate loans.*

FIFTH: The amount of capital stock of said Corporation shall be *Seven Thousand* Dollars; of which *Three Thousand* Dollars has been subscribed by the Corporators aforesaid, and the residue thereof may be issued and disposed of as the Board of Directors may from time to time order and direct.

SIXTH: The capital stock shall be divided into *Four hundred* shares of the value of \$25.00 each.

SEVENTH: The affairs and business of the Corporation shall be conducted and controlled by a Board of Directors, consisting of *five* members, all of whom shall be stockholders of the Corporation. Said Board of Directors shall elect one of its members as President, and one of its members as Vice-President, and shall also elect a Secretary and Treasurer.

EIGHTH: The first election of Directors shall be held immediately after the organization of the Corporation, and said Directors shall serve for one year and until their successors are elected.

NINTH: The Board of Directors are empowered to ordain and establish all by-laws and regulations necessary to the management and business of said Corporation, and alter and repeal same at pleasure.

TENTH: The first meeting of said Corporators for organization shall be held in *Wagon,* at the office of *National Abstract Company* at *ten* o'clock *A.M.* on the *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* 190*7*. The subscribers hereto hereby waive notice of said meeting.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands, on this the *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* 190*7*

*J. P. Ward  
H. P. Stewart  
A. A. McDonald  
Belle Ward  
H. S. Dean*

## CERTIFICATE.

WHEREAS, *J. P. Ward, H. P. Stewart, A. A. McDonald, Belle Ward and H. S. Dean*

have associated themselves together as a body politic and corporate, to be known as *National Abstract Company*

AND WHEREAS, The said Corporators, being the subscribers to the capital stock of the said Corporation, have waived the fifteen days' notice as required by law and called a meeting for organization, to be held in *Wagon, Indian Territory* at the office of *National Abstract Company* at *10* o'clock *A.M.* on the *fifteenth* day of *June* 190*7*

WHEREAS, at the time and place above set out, a meeting of the subscribers aforesaid was held to organize said Corporation and elect five Directors; and,

WHEREAS, at said meeting the following named persons were elected Directors, to-wit:

J. P. Ward, W. P. Stewart, A. A. McDonald, Belle Ward and H. S. Lean

and,

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the said Board of Directors

J. P. Ward

was elected President,

and W. P. Stewart

was elected Vice-President, and

H. S. Lean

was elected Secretary, and

A. A. McDonald

was elected Treasurer.

NOW, THEREFORE, The said

J. P. Ward

as President, and the said

W. P. Stewart, A. A. McDonald, Belle Ward and H. S. Lean

as Directors, do, in pursuance of law, issue this, their Certificate, verified by their oaths, and do hereby certify as follows:

FIRST: Said Corporation is formed for the purpose of to make papers, extend, and sell abstracts of land titles, do a general abstract business, buy, sell and deal in real estate, write fire insurance and negotiate and make real estate loans.

SECOND: Its capital stock is Ten Thousand Dollars, divided into shares of \$25.00 each.

THIRD: Three Thousand Dollars

of said capital stock have been actually paid in by the subscribers hereto.

FOURTH: The names of the stockholders and the number of shares owned by them respectively, is as follows:

NAMES	NO. OF SHARES	NAMES	NO. OF SHARES
<u>J. P. Ward</u>	<u>52</u>		
<u>W. P. Stewart</u>	<u>20</u>		
<u>A. A. McDonald</u>	<u>20</u>		
<u>Belle Ward</u>	<u>20</u>		
<u>H. S. Lean</u>	<u>8</u>		

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said J. P. Ward President of said Corporation, and W. P. Stewart, A. A. McDonald, Belle Ward and H. S. Lean

a majority of the Board of Directors of said Corporation, have hereunto set their hands on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1907

J. P. Ward President.  
W. P. Stewart,  
A. A. McDonald,  
Belle Ward  
H. S. Lean Directors.

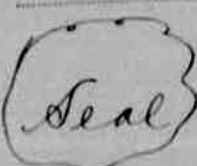
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Central District.)

J. P. Ward, W. P. Stewart, A. A. McDonald, Belle Ward  
and H. S. Lean

on their oaths say that the matters and things in the foregoing certificate set out are true, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

J. P. Ward  
W. P. Stewart  
A. A. McDonald  
Belle Ward  
H. S. Lean

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1907 In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office. Chas. G. Skull, Notary Public



Filed in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals in the Indian Territory, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 1907 W. C. Coleman Clerk.