

whatsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof —

Witness our hands and Seals at Yelita, El Paso County, Texas July 29th 1876 —

Signed and delivered
in presence of
Fred A. Smith

Ward B. Blanchard
Gabel Blanchard



State of Texas
County of El Paso

Before me, L.M. Wahl, Clerk of the District Court of El Paso County, personally appeared Ward B. Blanchard, to me well known, who acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the foregoing instrument of writing for the purpose and considerations therein stated, also personally appeared Gabel Blanchard, wife of Ward B. Blanchard, parties to the above instrument of writing, dated the 29th day of July A.D. 1876, and hereto annexed, and having been examined by me privily and apart from her husband, and having the same fully explained to her, she, the said Gabel Blanchard acknowledged the same to be her voluntary act and deed, and she also stated that she wished not to retract it.

In testimony whereof I herunto set my hand, and affix the impress of my official seal, at office in Yelita this 29th day of July A.D. 1876 —

L.M. Wahl

Clk. D.C. & P.D.

A true copy,

filed for registration July 29th A.D. 1876, at 2 o'clock P.M. and duly recorded August 5th A.D. 1876 — at 2 o'clock P.M.

L.M. Wahl, Clerk

The State of Texas
El Paso County

Be it remembered, that we the undersigned, Joseph Magoffin, Joseph Schutz, Solomon Schutz, Charles Kerber, Incorporators, and E. Fuhrmann, Leopold Sender, A. Krakauer, and James P. Hoague, Subscribers for the Stock of "The El Paso Mill and Irrigation Company," do hereby, under and by virtue of the provisions of of the Legislature of said State, entitled, "An Act concerning Private Corporations, Approved on the 23^d day of May A.D. 1874, amend the Charter of our said Company heretofore filed in the office of the Secretary of State, which Amendment shall be as follows;

Section The use of water from the Ditch constructed by this Company, shall forever be free and without charge, to the inhabitants of the respective Towns of El Paso, Yelita, Socorro, and San Elizario, and to all other persons resident in El Paso County; and such Ditch, together with all rights and privileges thereto incident and belonging, when the same shall have been received and paid for by the State, shall vest in, and be and remain forever the property of El Paso County; Provided always, that said County shall keep and maintain such Ditch, without charge or liability to this Company, for the period of Ten Years — from and after

payments therefore shall have been made by the State -
 Joseph Magoffin
 Solomon Schutz
 Joseph Schutz
 A. Krakauer
 Leopold Sender
 James P. Hague
 C. Fuhrmann
 Charles Kerber

The State of Texas
 El Paso County

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared, Joseph Schutz - Solomon Schutz - C. Fuhrmann - Charles Kerber - A. Krakauer - and James P. Hague, to me well known, and each of whom acknowledged to me that he signed the foregoing instrument in writing, for the uses and purposes therein expressed. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, this August the Fifth AD 1876 -

Joseph Magoffin
 County Judge, of El Paso County.

State of Texas
 County of El Paso

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Joseph Magoffin, to me well known, who acknowledged that he signed the foregoing instrument of writing for the purposes and considerations therein stated.

In testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name, and affix the official Seal of said Court, at office in El Paso this 8th day of August AD 1876 -

(Seal)

J. M. Wahl
 Clerk, D.C.C. &c.

A true copy.

Filed for registration August 8th AD 1876 - at 7 o'clock P.m. and recorded August 12th AD 1876 - at 9 o'clock A.M.

J. M. Wahl, Clerk

The State of Texas
 County of El Paso

Know all men by these presents, that we Martin C. Aldente, and Manuela Aldente (his wife) of the County of El Paso and State of Texas, for and in consideration of the Sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, to me in hand paid by Benigno Aldente, of the Same County and State, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, before the signing, sealing and delivering of these presents, have granted, bargained, sold, released and conveyed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, release, convey and deliver unto the Said Benigno Aldente, his heirs and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the Town of El Paso, County and State aforesaid, and more fully described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stake on the bank of a Small Acequia, set for the S.E. corner of the Survey, Thence 14th E. 340 varas to Rio Viejo - Thence up said Rio Viejo C. 56th N. 390 varas to a bunch of Manos -

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 C. Fuhrmann
 Fred A. S.

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 County of El

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A true copy
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Artificial Copy of Charter.El Paso Irriga-
tion Co.

El Paso Texas July 15th. 1889.

City and County of El Paso,
State of Texas.

By direction of the Directors of the El Paso Irrigation Company, now applying for charter, for Irrigation and Telephone line, We hereby withdraw and retract all that portion of said proposed charter which asks for a telephone line and request that the same be eliminated and stricken out from said Charter, Temp. Respy.

Secretary.
(Signed.) J. W. Eubank.

(Signed.)

A. Blacker President
of the El Paso Irrigation Company.

Articles of IncorporationEl Paso Irrigation Company

Know all men by these presents: That we A. M. Loomis, J. W. Russell, A. Blacker, R. L. Mayer, W. M. James, G. B. Strainson, E. S. Newman, J. H. Etheridge and J. W. Eubank, residents and citizens of the County of El Paso and State of Texas, have associated ourselves together, as a corporation under the name and style of the El Paso Irrigation Company, for the purpose of becoming a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas.

First: The corporate name of our said Corporation shall be the El Paso Irrigation Company.

Second: The object for which our said Company is formed and incorporated are to construct, maintain and operate a canal for conveying water for domestic purposes and irrigation, and for mining, milling and stock raising, in the County of El Paso and State of Texas, to construct, maintain and operate dams, wing dams and reservoirs for the purpose of supplying our canal with water; and to construct maintain and operate laterals or branch irrigation ditches for the said main canal of the company to use or dispose of the water conducted through its main line for the purposes herein set forth.

— To acquire by voluntary donation or purchase, and to hold and dispose of, all necessary lands and other property, and to borrow for the construction, maintenance and operation of its canals, ditches, flumes, feeders, reservoirs and wells, and may issue bonds and mortgage its corporate property and franchises to secure the payment of any debt contracted for the same. Provided that all lands acquired by said Corporation except such as are used for the construction, maintenance and operation of said canals, ditches, laterals, feeders, reservoirs and wells, shall be alienated or mortgaged within twenty years from the date of acquiring said lands or be subject to judicial forfeiture. So as any or all things that may be incident or conducive to the attainment of the aforesaid objects or any of them or to the usual powers of corporate bodies.

Third: Our corporation shall exist for the term of fifty years commencing from the date of execution of these articles.

Fourth: The capital stock of our Company shall be One hundred & fifty thousand Dollars (\$150,000) divided into Six thousand shares of twenty five Dollars each, which shall be issued for the purpose of providing the capital necessary for the construction of said canal and laterals, the purchase of rights of way and rights of water therefor, and for providing the capital for carrying on the business of this Company.

Fifth: The affairs and management of our said Company shall be under the control of nine directors, and the names of those who shall as directors manage the affairs of our company for the first year with their residences as follows: A. M. Loonier, J. H. Russell, A. Blacker, R. L. Mayer, W. M. James, H. B. Strainson, E. I. Newman and J. H. Eubank all of whom reside in El Paso, El Paso County, Texas and R. G. Etheridge ^{who resides} at Clint El Paso County, Texas.

Sixth: The officers of our said Corporation shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Seventh: The use to which the said water is to be applied is for domestic purposes and the irrigation of land and for mining, milling and stock raising, along the line of said canal, and the laterals thereof.

Eighth: The source from which the water is to be taken to supply said canal and laterals, is the Rio Grande in the County of El Paso, State of Texas, on the East bank of said stream, at or near the city of El Paso.

Ninth: The line of said canal is as follows: Beginning at a point of rock 650 ft. up the river from the Santa Fe Railway well in said City of El Paso, Texas, in the State and County of aforesaid below the face of Harts Mills, pier marked by a stone mound on said point of rock: Thence running in a South Easterly direction through the valley of the Rio Grande to a point at Fabens in said County.

Tenth: In the management of the business of our said Company, the directors thereof, are hereby empowered, and shall have authority without prejudice to our derogation from their general powers under these articles, and the constitution of the Company.

To do all things necessary to carry into effect the powers specified in these articles, and in general to manage the property and to transact the business of this Company in such a manner and upon such conditions as they may deem expedient and beneficial and for the best interests of the Company.

To make such prudential by-laws as they may deem proper and necessary for the management, conduct and control of the affairs, business and property of the company.

Eleventh: The business of our company shall be carried on in the County of El Paso, State of Texas, and the principal office for the transaction of said business shall be kept in the City of El Paso in said State.

In Witness whereof we hereunto set our hands & seals this 6th day of July A.D. 1889. —————

Signed. —————

A. M. Loomis. —————

J. W. Russell. —————

A. Blacker. —————

R. L. Mayer. —————

H. B. Stearnson. —————

W. M. James. —————

E. S. Newmann. —————

S. G. Etheridge. —————

J. W. Eubank. —————

The State of Texas

County of El Paso. Before me H. B. McLachlen a Notary Public in and for the County and state aforesaid personally appeared A. M. Loomis, J. W. Russell, A. Blacker, R. L. Mayer, H. B. Stearnson, W. M. James, E. S. Newmann, S. G. Etheridge and J. W. Eubank, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, who to me each separately acknowledged, that he had signed and delivered the said instrument of writing and they each and separately declared the same to be their act and deed, for the purposes and consideration therein stated.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 6th day of July.

A. D. 1889. —————

[Signature]

(Signed)

H. B. McLachlen Notary Public

El Paso Co. Tex.

(Endorsed) —————

Chartered. —————

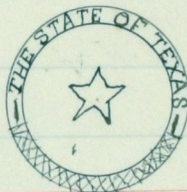
The El Paso Irrigation Co. —————

Filed in Department of State July 17th A.D. 1889.

(Signed)

J. J. Buttel.

Chief Clerk.



Department of State. —————

I, Geo. W. Smith Secretary of State of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original Charter of the El Paso Irrigation Company, with the endorsements thereon as now appears of record in this Department.

Witness my official signature, and the seal of State, affixed at the City of Austin this 11th day of January A.D. 1892.

Geo. W. Smith.

Secretary of State.



Filed Jan'y 15th 1892 at 10³⁰ A.M.

Recorded Jan'y 18th 1892 at 10²⁰ A.M.

[Signature] Thomas County Clerk