

[1919, May 22]

PROGRESSIVE FARMERS AND HOUSEHOLD UNION OF AMERICA
STOCK CERTIFICATE

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Mr.AMOS WORLEY OF RATIO, ARK, .

Mrs.....

has bought \$50.00 worth of shares, value \$10.00 each, totalling 5 shares in the building that is being erected at Winchester, Ark, known as the Progressive Farmers and Household Union of America Temple, with R.L. Hill, W.L.People and J.W.Lewis names engraved. And it is agreed that all income from said Union Building will be shared equal with all Stockholders according to the extent of their investment.

The name of Mr. Amos Worley shall be engraved in said building.

WILEY STEVENSON.....SECRETARY

CHARLEY NOREEN.....TREASURER

ROBERT L.HILL.....Legal Adjuster
\$20.00 in stamp; due \$30.00
by note. 5/22/19

J.W.LEWIS D.R.G.

ORDERS OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE GREAT TORCH OF LIBERTY

EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE

To the Congress called by the PROGRESSIVE FARMERS & HOUSEHOLD
UNION OF AMERICA

Equality and Justice are finding its way before the
Legal Bar

THIS IS TO CERTIFY

That I have examined Mr. Charley Black
and found him fit to sit in the Congress called by the Progressive
Farmers & Household Union of America, and he shall be allowed to
speak on all subjects and laws that shall come before the house.
This Congress is called for the purpose of improving our country,
also setting plans to secure the Constitution of the United States
from being questioned.

Examined by me this 10, day of July, 1919.

ROBERT L.HILL.....

Grand Councillor

Congress will be held in August, 1919
at Winchester, Ark.

ORDERS OF WASHINGTON, D.C.
THE GREAT TORCH OF LIBERTY
THAT LEADS TO RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

O God Thy Truth and Thy Lights have gone out and are giving sight to
all men

Your Name in full.....Tyeler Dyllar.....Your age.....37
Place of Birth...Lake Providence..County..East Cal...State ..Louisiana
Did you register for war.....yes. In what County...Phillips.
Do you hold any office...No. Why.....Not called....
Your Nationality....Negro. Do you believe in the Almighty God...yes.
Your Postoffice address...Elaine....County,..Phillips...State...Ark -
Do you give respect to all humankind....yes....Your health....good.
Are you married....yes.....Do you obey the law at all times....yes.
Do you go to Church....yes.....Your preacher's name...Rev.S.T.Jackson..
How Many children have you....X.....How old youngest...X....Have
you a sound mind....yes.....Do you visit Court...No...Why...Not
allowed. Do you believe in court...yes.....Will you defend this
Government and her Constitution at all times...yes.

God grant that all men will be equal in Thy sight and the sight of men.
Examined by me and found fit to sit in the first Congress called by
the Progressive Farmers & Household Union of America, which Congress
will be held in August at Winchester, Arkansas.

V.E.POWELL, M.D.
Employed in the United States
Service

THE NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE

JOIN THE PROGRESSIVE FARMERS AND HOUSEHOLD UNION
OF AMERICA

O you laborers of the earth hear the word. The time is at hand that all men, all nations and tongues must receive a just reward.

This Union wants to know why it is that the laborers cannot control their just earnings which they work for. Some of the leading business merchants and authorities are saying we are pleading the right cause and due consideration.

There are many of our families suffering because our men are forced to act as children. We also plead that we be recognized as tax paying citizens. Remember the Holy Word when the Almighty took John upon the mountain and commanded him to look, and asked John what he saw, and John said, "I see all nations and tongues coming up before God" -

Now we are a nation and a tongue. Why should we be cut off from fair play? Hear us, O God, hear us! We only ask every negro man for \$1.50 and for joining fees; women 50¢

WRITE BOX 31, WINCHESTER, ARKANSAS

And we will come down and set up a body among you. Get

15 men and 12 women. We will set you up together.

Appendix II

**In the Drew Circuit Court
Constitution, Petition, Etc., of the Farmers Laborers
Household Union of America**

Petition for Incorporation

We the undersigned citizens of the state of Arkansas, being desirous of associating ourselves as a body corporate for benevolent and fraternal purposes under the corporate name of "Farmers and Laborers Household Union of America," to be resident in and have its principal place of business and its head officers in Winchester, in Drew County, Arkansas, hereby respectfully petition the Circuit Court of the County of Drew, State of Arkansas, that a Certificate of incorporation declaring said Farmers Laborers Household Union of America, a body politic and corporate, as provided in Sections 1047 to 1057, inclusive, of Kirby & Castle's Digest of the Statutes of Arkansas.

We have attached hereto and file herewith, the duly adopted Constitution of said Farmers Laborers Household Union of America together with a list of the present members thereof, as provided by law.

Witness hereto our hands and seals this 4th day of August, 1919.

T.L. Dickson	Henry Davis	Z.R. McKenzie
W.M. Nixon	E.D. Williams	D.A. Jon Wilson
V.E. Powell, M.D.	Ned Jones	F.H. Barnett
Joe Hyde	Peter Davenport	

**In the Drew County Circuit Court, Arkansas
List of Members of the Farmers Laborers
Household Union of America**

Henry Davis	Z.R. McKenzie	Wm. Nixon
E.D. Williams	D. Adroy Nixon	V.E. Powell, M.D.
Ned Jones	T.H. Barnett	Joe Hyde
Pete Davenport	T.L. Dixon	

Appendix III

Constitution of the Farmers Laborers Union of America

Article 1

This Association shall be known as the Farmers Laborers Household Union of America

Article 2

Section 1. The sovereign [sic] body of this association shall be called the Grand Circuit and it shall have absolute and exclusive jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the association; it is the true and legitimate source of all authority, and the final resort of appeal and there is no power vested in any offices or committee to alter its laws or its decisions.

Section 2. It shall establish subordinate unions throughout its jurisdiction.

Section 3. It shall establish a ritual with written and unwritten work and shall change the same when necessary, provide for its security and the uniform dissemination of its teachings.

Section 4. It shall furnish all charters, rituals, cards and forms necessary to uniformity throughout the association.

Section 5. It shall provide a revenue to meet the expenses by per capita tax on the membership and by fees, dues, and assessments, and will furnish supplies, such as constitutions [sic] blanks report to be made to the Grand Circuit and application blanks for membership to the subordinate union.

Section 6. It shall divide the territory under its jurisdiction into districts which may be assigned to subordinate unions.

Article 3

Section 1. The Grand Circuit shall be made up as follows: The President; Grand Councillor; Grand Secretary;

Grand Treasurer; Vice President. Delegates as herein provided and all past Presidents of the Grand Circuit who are members of this Association, all of whom shall be entitled to a vote on all matters coming before the Grand Circuit.

Section 2. Each subordinate union organized under a charter from the Grand Circuit shall be entitled to a delegate for each 100 members or fraction thereof. The number of members of a subordinate union shall be based on the membership in good standing on the first day of January immediately preceding the meeting of the Grand Circuit, provided that each union organized after January 1st next, preceding the meeting of the Grand Circuit shall be entitled to delegates in accordance with its Charter membership.

Article 4

Section 1. No member shall be eligible for election as delegate or alternate to the Grand Circuit unless he or she has been a member in good standing of this association for at least one year, and shall be a member of the subordinate union which he or she desires to represent.

Section 2. The evidence of election as delegate shall be a delegates certificate signed and sealed by the President and Secretary of the subordinate union.

Section 3. The Grand Circuit shall be the judges of the election of its own members and their qualification to serve and the right to be seated as representatives of the various subordinate unions according to the laws of the association.

Section 4. Compensation of the delegates to the Grand Circuit shall be fixed by the subordinate unions.

Article 5

Section 1. The Grand Circuit shall convene annually at such time as the board of Directors deem best in the home offices of the Grand Circuit at Winchester, Arkansas, and special meetings may be held at the same place whenever the Board of Directors may deem it necessary or upon the call of ten subordinate unions. Subordinate unions shall be given one month's notice of all special or call meetings of the Grand Circuit.

Section 2. Delegates from a majority of the established subordinate unions in good standing shall constitute a quorum at the session of each Grand Circuit.

Section 3. Upon the reading of the roll of the delegates-elect, by the Grand Secretary delegates therein named or there alternates shall be seated as a body competent to transact the business of the Grand Circuit.

Section 4. If the seating of any delegate or alternate is protested, the Grand Circuit as temporarily organized, shall immediately dispose of the case or cases.

Section 5. The first act of the Grand Circuit after disposing of protests shall be to name a committee of three whose duty it shall be to name the following committee: 1. Committee of Constitution; 2. Committee on Subordinate Unions; 3. Committee on Finance and Salaries; 4. Committee on Resolutions; 5. Committee on Official Reports; 6. Committee on Printing; 7. Committee on Transportation; 8. Committee on Rules.

Article 6

Section 1. The President, Vice-President, Grand Secretary, Grand Counsellor, and Grand Treasurer, who shall compose the Board of Directors, shall be elected by the Grand Circuit every five years, beginning with the annual meeting for the year 1924, and shall serve until their successors have been elected and qualified.

Section 2. The following persons are hereby named as the officers of the Grand Circuit to serve until the first election mentioned in Section 1 of this article; Henry Davis, Grand President; R. L. Hill, Grand Counsellor; C. J. Rogers, Grand Secretary; C. H. Norton, Grand Treasurer; W. L. People, Grand Vice-President.

Section 3. The President shall appoint one Teller. The Vice-President shall appoint one Teller and the Secretary shall appoint one Teller, to receive and count the votes. A majority of all votes shall be necessary to elect and there should be no choice on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and so on with each ballot until a choice is made, but in case of a tie vote, neither candidate shall be dropped. The nomination, election, and installation of officers shall be the last order of business at the session of the Grand Circuit.

Section 4. All members of this association, in good standing, shall be eligible to office.

Section 5. During the recess of the Grand Circuit, the officers thereof are amenable only to the Board of Directors and all charges must be filed with such board.

Section 6. No member of the Grand Circuit, except the members wearing regalia shall be permitted to speak or vote unless wearing the Grand Circuit badge, pinned in a conspicuous place on the breast.

Article 7

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand President to preside at all meetings of the Grand Circuit; enforce strict obedience to the laws, rules and regulations of the association and he shall have a vote in all elections, and a deciding vote in all questions before the Grand Circuit.

Section 2. He shall at all times strictly enforce the laws of the association and shall call to account any member violating the same.

Section 3. He shall pass upon and approve or reject all applications for charters for the establishment of subordinate unions, when received from the Grand Secretary and properly endorsed, and shall arrange for the institution of local unions, when such applications are approved by him. The Grand President shall, with the approval of the Board of Directors, be empowered to suspend the Charter of any local union for cause, such suspension to be subject to appeal to the Board of Directors and ratification of the Grand Circuit. He shall have power to compel the Secretary and Treasurer of any suspended union to turn over to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer all funds, records, and property of the suspended union.

Section 4. He shall establish the pass-word of the current term and shall advise the various local unions of the association in their work and proceedings.

Section 5. He may appoint a Deputy President to perform specific acts in his stead and upon the accomplishment of such act or acts he shall require of the Deputy a report of his official act.

Section 6. He shall be empowered to appoint and employ local and traveling organizers for the association, when he deems it necessary, at such compensation as is fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. He shall employ the necessary help and assistance in the conduct of his office, and shall pay such salaries and fees as the Board of Directors may deem just.

Section 8. He shall approve or reject the by-laws of subordinate unions.

Section 9. He shall furnish within a reasonable time, to the Board of Directors any information in his possession that they may require concerning matters pertaining to the affairs of the order.

Section 10. He shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Section 11. He shall give bond in any sum named by the Board of Directors, the said sum not to exceed \$1000, for the faithful discharge of his duties as Grand President.

Article 8

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Grand Circuit. To preserve the archives of the association and perform such other duties as may fall to his office.

Section 2. He shall receive all applications for charters for subordinate unions, and when accompanied by the required fee and signed by the requisite number of members, he shall endorse and forward such application to the Grand President, and if the same is approved by the Grand President, the Grand Secretary shall, after the institution of the union issue a charter signed by the Grand President and himself and bearing the seal of the association.

Section 3. He shall keep a record of all subordinate unions, with the place of location, the time of meeting, and the date organized, and no subordinate union shall change its time or place of meeting without giving notice to the Grand Secretary. He shall also keep a correct list of all members of each subordinate union.

Section 4. He shall issue each member a membership card.

Section 5. He shall conduct all necessary correspondence of his office and attest all official documents with his signature and the seal of the association and provide himself with the necessary stationery and the necessary office supplies.

Article 9

Section 1. The Grand Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Grand Circuit, pay out the same by order of the Grand Circuit for the liquidation of the legitimate expenses of the association, and shall be prepared to show receipts and vouchers upon the examination of his books and furnish the Board of Directors with all required information.

Section 2. He shall employ the necessary help in the conduct of the business of his office, and shall pay such salaries as the Board of Directors may deem proper.

Section 3. He shall be the General Auditor of the association and shall be empowered either personally or by properly accredited representative, to examine the books and accounts of any subordinate union.

Section 4. At each session of the Grand Circuit he shall render a full and complete report of his official acts, and an accurate statement of all receipts and expenditures of the funds of the Grand Circuit together with its assets and liabilities.

Section 5. He shall give bond in any sum specified by the Board of Directors.

Article 10

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assist the President at the sessions of the Grand Circuit, to preserve order and decorum and to preside in the absence of the President.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Grand Counsellor to advise the various officials of the Grand Circuit and the subordinate unions upon any subject pertaining to the association and he shall have authority to retain and pay for any legal or other expert advice which was necessary.

A true copy of the original petition, signers, Constitution, etc., as filed, on the 7th day of August, 1919, a certificate being issued by me as such Clerk declaring said association "a body politic and corporate," as the law directs, on said date.

A. D. Cotham, Cir. Clerk & Recorder