

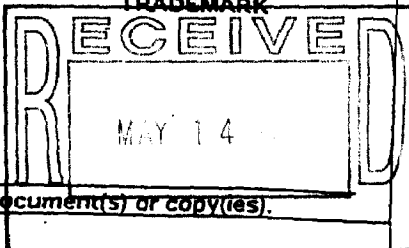
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Conveyance Type

- Assignment
  - Security Agreement
  - Merger
  - Change of Name
  - License
  - Nunc Pro Tunc Assignment
- Effective Date  
Month Day Year  
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Other Party should be Whitehall Jewellers, Inc.

Conveying Party

Mark if additional names of conveying parties attached

Name Whitehall Jewellers Merging Corp.

Execution Date  
Month Day Year  
1 19 1999

Formerly \_\_\_\_\_

- Individual
- General Partnership
- Limited Partnership
- Corporation
- Association

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship/State of Incorporation/Organization Delaware

Receiving Party

Mark if additional names of receiving parties attached

Name Whitehall Jewellers, Inc.

DBA/AKA/TA \_\_\_\_\_

Composed of \_\_\_\_\_

Address (line 1) 29 E. Madison Street

Address (line 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (line 3) Chicago IL 60602  
City State/Country Zip Code

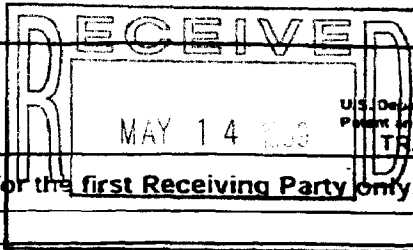
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Enter for the first Receiving Party only.

Name

Address (line 1)

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Address (line 4)

**Correspondent Name and Address**

Area Code and Telephone Number

Name

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**Fee Amount** Fee Amount for Properties Listed (37 CFR 3.41):

\$

Method of Payment: Enclosed  Deposit Account

Deposit Account (Enter for payment by deposit account or if additional fees can be charged to the account.)

Submitted with original Recordation Form Cover Sheet

Deposit Account Number: #

Authorization to charge additional fees: Yes  No

**Statement and Signature**

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. Charges to deposit account are authorized, as indicated herein.

James F. Donato

Name of Person Signing

Signature

Date Signed

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August 30, 1999

**VIA FACSIMILE**

Mr. Kirk  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C.  
Fax No. 703-308-7124

Re: Authorization of Deposit Account

Dear Mr. Kirk:

Thank you for your phone call Monday, August 30, 1999 regarding the correction to the name of the receiving party on the Recordation Form Cover Sheet submitted June 9, 1999.

As discussed, the correct name for the receiving party should be Whitehall Jewellers, Inc. Additionally, per our conversation, you are hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 19-2165.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

*James F. Donato*

James F. Donato  
Paralegal

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::ODMA\PCDOCS\CHICAGO4\933555\1 August 30, 1999 (2:40pm)

Office of the Secretary of State

I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP, WHICH MERGES:

"WHITEHALL JEWELLERS MERGING CORP.", A DELAWARE CORPORATION, WITH AND INTO "MARKS BROS. JEWELERS, INC." UNDER THE NAME OF "WHITEHALL JEWELLERS, INC.", A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE TWENTIETH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1999, AT 9 O'CLOCK A.M.

A FILED COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.



*Edward J. Freel*

Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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AUTHENTICATION: 9530226

DATE: 01-20-99

**CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP AND MERGER****MERGING  
WHITEHALL JEWELLERS MERGING CORP.  
INTO  
MARKS BROS. JEWELERS, INC.**

Marks Bros. Jewelers, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation"), DOES HEREBY CERTIFY:

**FIRST:** That the Corporation was incorporated on November 20, 1947 pursuant to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL").

**SECOND** That the Corporation owns all of the outstanding shares of capital stock of Whitehall Jewellers Merging Corp., a Delaware corporation ("Subsidiary"), which was incorporated on January 6, 1999 pursuant to the DGCL.

**THIRD:** That the merger of Subsidiary with and into the Corporation pursuant to Section 253 of the DGCL was approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation by written consent of the Board of Directors on January 7, 1999, wherein the Board of Directors of the Corporation adopted the following resolutions, which have not been amended, modified or rescinded and remain in full force and effect on the date hereof.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Corporation, hereby declares it advisable and in the best interests of the Corporation to change the name of the Corporation to "Whitehall Jewellers, Inc.";

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, in order to effect the change in the name of the Corporation pursuant to Section 253 of the DGCL, the proper officers of the Corporation be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to cause Whitehall Jewellers Merging Corp., a Delaware

corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of the Corporation ("Subsidiary"), to be merged with and into the Corporation (the "Merger");

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Corporation shall assume all of the obligations of Subsidiary pursuant to said Section 253 and that all of the outstanding shares of capital stock of Subsidiary be, and they are hereby, canceled and retired and no shares of the capital stock of the Corporation, cash or other consideration shall be issued in exchange therefor;

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Merger shall become effective upon the filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, in accordance with Section 103 of the DGCL, of a Certificate of Ownership and Merger pursuant to said Section 253 of the DGCL;

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the proper officers of the Corporation be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to execute a Certificate of Ownership and Merger setting forth the resolutions to merge Subsidiary with and into the Corporation, to cause the same to be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware and a certified copy thereof to be recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of the appropriate county in the State of Delaware and to do all acts and things whatsoever, whether within or without the State of Delaware, which may be in any way necessary or proper to effect the merger;

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon the effectiveness of the Merger, the name of the surviving corporation shall be "Whitehall Jewellers, Inc." and the first article of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Corporation, as amended and in effect immediately prior to the time the Certificate of Ownership and Merger is filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, shall be amended to read after such time as follows:

"FIRST: The name of the Corporation is WHITEHALL JEWELLERS, INC."

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that anything herein or elsewhere to the contrary notwithstanding, the Merger may be abandoned by the Board of Directors of the Corporation at any time prior to the date of filing of the Certificate of Ownership and Merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware;

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon the effectiveness of the Merger, the proper officers of the Corporation be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to cause, if necessary or appropriate, the Certificate of Ownership and Merger and any required supplementary or other documents to be filed with the Secretary of State of each state in which the Corporation is qualified to do business as a foreign corporation as evidence of the change of the Corporation's name;

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon the effectiveness of the Merger, the proper officers of the Corporation be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to cause, if necessary or appropriate, the Certificate of Ownership and Merger to be recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and in any appropriate foreign registry office of patents and trademarks, as evidence of the change of the Corporation's name;

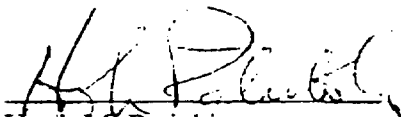
**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in the event that the purposes of the above resolutions of the Board of Directors cannot be accomplished as planned for any reason whatsoever, the officers of the Corporation are authorized and directed to take all such actions as they may deem necessary or advisable in order to accomplish such purposes to the extent practicable (including, without limitation, adjustment of the specific wording (but not the sense or purpose) of the foregoing resolutions, if necessary, to comply with applicable state filing requirements); provided, that the essential purposes achieved remain the same as those approved and adopted by this Board by the foregoing resolutions, and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the officers of the Corporation be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to execute and deliver, on behalf of the Corporation, such other documents, instruments and certificates and to take such other actions as each such officer, in his or her sole discretion, deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the full intent and purposes of the foregoing resolutions.


**FOURTH:** This merger shall be effective upon filing of this Certificate of Ownership and Merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Corporation has caused this Certificate of Ownership and Merger to be signed by its President and attested by its Secretary this 19th day of January, 1999.

**MARKS BROS. JEWELERS, INC.**

By:   
 Hugh M. Patinkin  
 President

ATTEST:

By:   
 John R. Desjardins  
 Secretary

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