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Lewis A. Sernigan / wife,

State of Georgia Washington County

I Lewis A Sernigan of the County and State aforesaid do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form as follows hereby revoking all former wills by me made

First- It is my will and desire that all my just debt, be paid by my Executors hereinafter appointed-

Second- I give and bequeath to my son Augustus S Sernigan as above named from my Estate One House and Lot in the Town of Wadsworth together with all and singular the improvements thereon whereon he now resides and Cash together with the same to make up the sum of Eight hundred Dollars to him and his Children forever, and if he should die without child or Children the same to return to my Estate and be equally divided among his Brothers and Sisters that may survive him and the Children of those that may be dead, they only to receive the amount their Father or Mother would receive if in life

Third. I have already advanced to my beloved son William S Sernigan something over the amount of Eight hundred Dollars which is all I intend for him to receive during the lifetime of my wife Martha Sernigan,

Fourth I give and bequeath to my said son William Sernigan in trust for the use and benefit of my beloved Daughter Mary N Arneau and her Children forever in the way of advancement, one House & Lot in Wadsworth whereon she now lives together with Cash to make the amount of Eight hundred Dollars not to be subject to the Control debts or liabilities of her present or any future Husband she may marry. I also give to my son in law Francis M Arneau twenty Dollars in Cash

Fifth I give devise and bequeath unto my son in law George W Ward in trust for the use and benefit of my Daughter Cara Victoria the wife of the said George W, one Negro boy by the name of Jehan about ten years of age in the way of advancement, The said Boy Jehan I now value at the sum of Eight hundred Dollars

Sixth I give devise and bequeath to my son Augustus Sernigan in trust for the use and benefit of my beloved Daughter Ellen S Sernigan and her Children should she ever have any in the way of advancement from my Estate Eight hundred Dollars in Negro property and Cash not to be subject to the disposal debts or Control of any Husband she may marry and if the said Ellen S, die leaving no child or Children then the said property is to return back to my Estate and be equally divided between her surviving Brothers and Sisters and the Children of those of them that may be dead: they only to receive the amount that their Father or Mother would receive if in life at the distribution of the same. I also give and bequeath to my said son Augustus S Sernigan in trust for the use and benefit of my two Daughters Lucinda and Emma S Sernigan eight hundred Dollars each to be held by him for their use under the same limitations and restrictions in every respect as that portion given to him for the use of my Daughter Ellen S in the foregoing part of this Item

Louis A Sernigans, will.

Seventh- I give divide and bequeath to my son Andrew S Sernigans in the way of Advancements, from my estate when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one year either in money or negroes properly eight hundred Dollars to be returned to my estate and be distributed in the same way as the property given to my other children in the event of his dying and leaving no child or children to inherit the same

Eighth, I Loan to my said son Augustus D Sernigans in trust for the use and benefit of my wife Martha Sernigans during the term of her natural life all the residue of my estate both real and personal, embracing all of my Town property in Soudersville to wit the House and lot in which I now reside together with the Shop on the South East Corner, of my lots now occupied as a Tailors shop by Mr Galliker, and harness shop occupied by William J Gray, the said property not to be subject to the controll debt or liabilities or marital rights of any Husband she may marry, At the death of my said Wife Martha, the remainder to be equally divided among all of my children living and the children of those that may be dead to be held under the same trust, limitations restrictions and reservations as expressed in the several preceding items of this my last Will and testament to my several children named therein

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my three sons Augustus D Sernigans William S Sernigans and Andrew S Sernigans as soon as he arrives at the age of twenty one year, Executors to execute and carry out the several provisions of this my last Will and testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and sixty one
Louis A Sernigans

Signed sealed published and declared by Louis A Sernigans as his last will and testament in the presence of the subscribing witnesses who have subscribed our names in his presence and of each other, this 30th day of April 1861
Ann Magsam

John G Collins
Magistrate Resident in