

THE LOATS FEMALE ORPHAN
ASYLUM OF FREDERICK CITY
IN THE COUNTY OF FREDERICK,
A BODY CORPORATE OF THE
STATE OF MARYLAND,
East Church Street
Frederick, Maryland

vs.

FLORENCE L. ESSOM,
Westminster, Maryland
AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVES, DES-
CENDANTS OR SUCCESSORS
OF JOHN LOATS, DECEASED,
AND OF LOUIS LOATS, DECEASED

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ANSWER OF LAWRENCE V. STERNER

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

The Answer of Lawrence V. Sterner, one of the heirs at law, devisees, descendants and successors of John Loats, deceased, Defendant, by Leroy W. Preston, his solicitor, to the bill of complaint of The Loats Female Orphan Asylum of Frederick City, in the County of Frederick, a body corporate of the State of Maryland, filed against him and others in this Court and answering the same herein respectfully says:

1. That John Loats died on December 29, 1889 leaving surviving him as his only heirs at law, ten children of whom one was Laura K. Sterner, mother of the Respondent herein; that the said Laura K. Sterner died on October 22, 1918 leaving as her heirs at law six children of whom the Respondent herein, the said Lawrence V. Sterner is one and who resides at 8927 Amigo Avenue, North Ridge, California; furthermore, your Respondent says that he is a direct descendant and one of the heirs of John Loats, deceased, and files his answer herein pursuant to the order of publication of this Honorable Court dated October 31, 1957 wherein the unknown heirs, devisees, personal representatives, descendants or successors of John Loats, deceased, were sued.

2. That he admits all the matters and facts set forth and alleged in the first paragraph of said bill of complaint, excepting the allegation that the Plaintiff has been the owner of the land therein described, which he denies. Further answering said paragraph, your Respondent says that the title to said