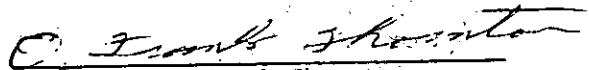


I, O. Frank Thornton, Secretary of State of South Carolina, do hereby certify that the original Agreement of Merger of Southern Bank and Trust Company and The First National Bank of Laurens into SOUTHERN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, was duly filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of South Carolina on the ~~20~~¹⁹th day of November, 1971, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-20.4 of the Code of Laws for South Carolina, 1962, as amended, and that the foregoing 16 pages constitute a true and correct copy of said original Agreement of Merger so filed.

Given under my hand and seal of the State at Columbia, this 16th day of November, 1971.



O. Frank Thornton
Secretary of State

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