

Last Will and Testament of Johnson Summers – Surry Co, NC dated 23 Sept 1807

Abstracted by Jack London, 14 June 2004

In the name of God, Amen, I Johnson Summers of Surry county and State of North Carolina Being in sound senses and perfect memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows

First I bequeath all my estate real and personal goods and chattels to my wife Sarah during her life and after her decease the estate if any to be the property of Jephtha Lakey son of Margaret Lakey.

In Witness
September 23rd 1807

William Summers Jurat (?)
his
John x Wooten
Mark

State of North Carolina }
 }
Surry County }

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Adam Ward one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County, William Summers, John Summers Snr & Polly Waggoner and made oath on the holy evangelist of almighty God, that on the twenty third day of September last, Johnson Summers deceased, lying sick at the home of John Reaves (?) in the County of Rowan, being surprised with sickness on a journey to a _____, and made a will in the following words, to wit,

In the name of God, Amen, I Johnson Summers of Surry county and State of North Carolina, being in sound senses and perfect memory do make and ordain, this my last will and testament as follows, First, I bequeath all my estate real and personal, goods and chattels to my wife Sarah, during her life and after her decease the estate if any to be the property of Jephtha Lakey, son of Margaret Lakey, In Witness.

September 23rd 1807

Testees
William Summers
his
John x Wooten
Mark

And the said deponents mentioned as aforesaid further swear, that the said Testator Johnson Summers, was at the time of making said will to the best of their knowledge and belief, in his perfect senses and that he was also of _____ and disposing mind and memory, and that the said will was read over to him the said testator distinctly and that he

died on Friday the twenty fifth of September last, and that they believe the same to be his last will and that William Summers aforesaid was especially called upon as well as John Wooten whose names appear to the said will annexed, to bear witness to the same. Given under my hand and seal at Rockford on the first day of October AD 1807. (The widow of said Johnson Summers, decd, being present) & the deponents subscribed their names

T. A. Ward, J. P. {Seal}

John Summers
William Summers }
Her } Jurants(?)
Polly W x Waggoner }
Mark }

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WARNING

Ruth Longino of Florida gave Hester Jackson of Dobson, North Carolina this WARNING when she visited in Dobson in 1995. Hester printed it in her Family Information Swap column in *Simple Pleasures*. It was a reprint from "IRGS Newsletter Vol. 16, Number 2, February 1995."

"A warning has been issued to watch out for Genealogy pox claimed to affect many family historians. It is very contagious to adults and there is no known cure. Symptoms:

1. Continually wants names, dates and places.
2. Has bland expression and often deaf to spouse and family.
3. No taste for work except researching at libraries, courthouses.
4. Has a compulsion to write letters; mad at mailman who leaves no letters.
5. Goes to cemeteries, ruins and desolate areas.
6. Hides phone bill from spouse and mumbles to self.

Treatment: Medication is useless; disease gets worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogy magazines and have quiet in which to be alone. The sicker they get, the more they enjoy it."