



**SHAW-WALKER**

Third Cut #9203R



# In the Name of God Amen

I Demsey Summer of Gates County in the State of North Carolina Being of a Sound and well Disposing mind and Memory, Do make, constitute and ordain this to be my Last will and Testament, in manner and form following (that is to say) First and Principally I Recommend my Immortal Part into the hands of the Omnipotent Author of My Existence hoping Through his Mercy and the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ to Receive a full & free Pardon for all my Sins and when I shall leave this Troublesome world, then to be Received into one of the Everlasting mansions of Blessing which He Has Prepared for those that fear & Love him. And for Preventing any Disputes that may arise after my Decease about What Temporal Estate it hath Pleased the Almighty to Bestow on me I Do Give & Dispose thereof as follows Vizt.

First I Give and Devise to my Son Demsey Summer all my Land at the Cabin Swamp a Place called in Nansemond County in Virginia with all the Appertinances To have & to hold to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever

Secondly I Give and Devise to my Son Sethro Summer my Land & Plantation whereon I now Live on With the Land & Plantations which I Bought of Ephraim Peel & Robert Peel & all other my Lands Joining said Plantation Also one Acre of Land which I Bought of John Benton and my water Grist Mill with all the Appertinances I also Give & Devise to my said Son Sethro One Half of the Land I Bought of Joshua Allen to be Laid off at the End adjoining Bennetts Creek so as to include the Plantation, To have & to hold the aforesaid Tracts of Land with all the Appertinances to him and to his Heirs and Assigns forever

Thirdly I Give and Devise to my Son Edwin Summer all my Land which I Bought of William Hughes of John Vann and of William Vann on the Eastern Side of the Main Road Also my Land & Plantation whereon Phillip Dunford now Lives & adjoins the aforesaid Lands I say I Give the said several Tracts of Land with the Appertinances To have & to hold to him & his Heirs & Assigns forever

Fourthly I Give and Devise to my Son James Baker Summer all my Land in this County at the Honey Potts Swamp With all the Appertinances To have and to hold to him & his Heirs & Assigns forever I also Give & Devise to my said Son James Baker the Other Half of the Land I Bought of Joshua Allen to be Laid off at the End Towards the Sypris Ponds so as to include Half the said Land I also Give him the Land & Plantation I Bought of George Vann & also Give him all my Land which I Bought of William Henry that lies in Nansemond County I say I Give the several Plantations & Tracts of Land with all these Appertinances to him and to his Heirs & Assigns forever



Fifthly I leave the use of my Mansion Plantation to my Dear & Loving wife Martha Sumner During her Natural life She not to Debar or hinder my son Jethro from settling thereon I also Leave the use of my five Negroes John Tonia Belinda Sarah & Dinah to my said wife During her Natural life and After her Decease to be accounted Part of my Estate & with the Increase of the wench(es) if any to Be Decided as the Other Part of my Estate Thereafter Mentioned -

Sixthly - Whereas my Daughter late wife of Capt. James Riddick is Dead and left five Children I Give the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Current money of this State to be Equal Divided Between them or the survivor of them as the come off age And it is my Desire that the Money be Placed out on Interest with Good Security & for Each to Draw there In as they come of Age or Marry -

Seventhly - I Give to my Daughter Mary wife of Dr. Thomas Peete one young Negro wench Named Phoby That has long been Lent to her, to her and to her Absolute use

Eighthly - I Give to my five Children Namely Jethro Edwin James Baker Summer my Son and Therisa and Letitia my Daughters Three Negroes a Piece to Each of them to be made out of my best Negroes that is not Disposed off and for Each share to be of Equal Value as High as Possible I also I Give to Each of them a Good feather Bed & furniture a Piece -

Ninthly - I Give & Devise to my son James Baker Summer my Negro Boy Named Mike to him & to his Proper use and all of Every kind or denomination whatsoever To Him Equally Divided Between my Dear wife & all my children Namely Demsey Jethro Edwin James Baker Summer my four Sons & Mary the wife of Thomas Peete Elizabeth the wife of Jethro Ballard and Therisa & Letitia Sumner my four Daughters I say in equal Divisions Between my wife & all my children as aforesaid Share & share alike to Each of them - And Lastly I nominate and Appoint my wife Martha Sumner & my two sons Jethro & Edwin Sumners to be my Executors and Executors to this my last will & Testament hereby Requesting & Desiring that they will Truly & Honestly fulfill the same Know to conclude In Witnes whereof I Testimony that the above is my Last will & Testament Sealed with my Seal The Eleventh Day of August in the Year of our Lord Christ One Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy Nine -

Signed Sealed & by the Testator Published & Declared  
to be my last will & Testament in the Presence of us

Jam<sup>s</sup> Benton  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Bentley  
Sept<sup>r</sup> Benton Sarah

Demsey Sumner



State of North Carolina  
Gates County

Darius Summer

Ex No<sup>r</sup> Inferior Court of Cas & Quarter Sessions 1779

The within written Will was exhibited into Court by  
Hannah Summer Co Heir & Eliza Summer Co Heir there in appointed and was  
proved by the oath of Jesse Benton one of the Subscribing Jurors and on  
motion was ordered to be Recorded, at the same time the said Petrea Heir  
was duly qualified for that office and was granted an Order for Letters Testame-  
ntary thereon which was accordingly granted

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