

In the Name of God Amen I Demsey Summer of the
County in the State of North Carolina being of Sound and well Dis-
mind and memory do make constitute and ordain this to be my Last
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 its Existence hoping through his Mercy and the
merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ to Receive a full ^{and 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 Bless which he has prepared for
those that fear and 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 following
First I Give and devise to my Son Demsey Summer all my Land at
the Cabin Swamp a place so called in Nancemond County in Virginia
with all the appertinances to have & to hold to him and his Heirs and
Assigns for ever. Secondly I Give and Devise to my Son Sethro Summer
my Land and Plantation whereon I now Live on with the Lands and
Plantations which I Bought of Ephraim Peck and Robert Peck &
all other my Lands Joining said Plantation, also one of the

all other my Lands Joining said Plantations, also one acre of Land
which I Bought of John Benton and my water Grist Mill with all
the Appurtenances I also Give & Devise to my said Son & Heirs one half of the
Land I Bought of Joshua Allen to be laid off at the end adjoining
Bennets Creek so as to Include the Plantations to have & to hold the
aforesaid Tracts of Land with all the Appurtenances to him and to his
Heirs and Assigns for ever. Thirdly I Give and Devise to my Son Edwin
Sumner 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 and Plantation whereon Philip Dunford now lives and adjoins the
aforesaid Land I say I Give the said several Tracts of Land with the
Appurtenances to have and to hold to him and his Heirs and Assigns for ever.
Fourthly I Give and Devise to my Son James Baker Sumner all my
Land in this County at the Honey Pott Swamp with all the Appurtenances
to have and to hold to him and his Heirs and Assigns for ever. I also Give
and 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 to which the highway
shall be so as to Include half the said Land I also Give him the Land
and Plantation I Bought of George Vann I also Give him all my
Land which I Bought of William Henry that lies in transition

County I give the several Plantations and Tracts of Land in the
these Appertinances to him the said James Baker Sumner and to his heirs
and assigns for ever. Fifthly I leave the use of my mansion Plantation being
Dear and Loving wife Martha Sumner During her natural life she
not to alien or hinder my son James from selling his share the
use of my five Negroes John Sonca Belinda Sarah and Durate to my
said wife during her natural life and after her Decease to be divided
ted part of my Estate and with the Increase of the wench if any to be divided
as the other part of my Estate hereafter mentioned. Sixthly whereas my
Daughter late wife of Capt. James Maduck is dead and left several
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 home of age
and it is my Desire that the Money be placed out on Interest with good
Security and for Cash to draw their share as the home of age or money. Seventhly
I give to my Daughter Mary wife of W. Thomas Peate one young Negro
wench named Phibby that has long been lent to her to her and to her heirs
uses Eightly I give to my five children namely John Cassin, and James
Baker Sumner my Sons and Theresa and Satisfia my Daughters Three
Negroes P. 10

is not Disposed off and for each Shear to be of Equal Value as high as possible
and also I give to each of them a good feather Bed and furniture as per
Ninethly I give and devise to my Son James Baker Sumner my Negro boy
named Luke to him and to his Proper use Tenthly I leave all the Real and
Residue of my Personal Estate Consisting of Slaves Stocks household furniture
and all of every kind or Denomination whatsoever to be Equally Divided between
my dear wife and all my Children namely Demsey, Sethus, Levens, James
Baker Sumner my four sons and Mary the wife of Thomas Fitch Lytle
the wife of Sethus Ballard and Thracia and Lillipia Sumner my four
Daughters I say in Equal Portions between my wife and all my Children
as aforesaid Shear and Shear alike to each of them and lastly I nominate and
appoint my wife Martha Sumner my Son Sethus & Levens Sumner my
Executors and Guardians to them my last will and Testament and hereby I certify
Declaring that he will Truly & honestly fulfill the same and not be contented
and Testimony that the above is my Last will and Testament and hereby I certify
that the 11th day of August in the year of our Lord 1811 and 31st year of
James Ballantyne the 1st year of the said State of New York
John Canton Clerk of the Court of Sessions
of the County of Northampton
The within written will was entered into by the said James Baker Sumner
and was proved by the said James Baker Sumner and the said John Canton
to the said Court and was thereupon admitted to be the last will and Testament
of the said James Baker Sumner and the said John Canton was appointed