

**Probate, NC, Burke, John Beatty 1787**

State of North Carolina  
Burke County

The deposition of **MARY THOMPSON** taken before me **WILLIAM WHITE**, Esquire one of the justices of the said county, to be read in evidence in the suit Den on the devise of **BEATY** against **JOHN LONG** by the consent of **WILLIAM BEATY & JOHN LONG** both personally present, viz.

**MARY THOMPSON** of full age being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith **JOHN BEATY** on his death bed said he would leave his land to his brother, **ABEL BEATY**, which is said land that is now in depute and she believes **JOHN BEATY** had no other land, also further saith that **CHARLES BEATY**, the land now in dispute was in the possession of **JOHN BEATY Senr.**, who was father to **JOHN, CHARLES** and **ABEL**, and **ABEL BEATY** lived and worked with his father, and after the death of **CHARLES BEATY**, **ABEL BEATY** took possession and retained the same until his death, after which his widow retain the possession until her marriage with **JOHN LONG** who has continued the same down until this time, and also further saith that her brother **THOMAS BEATY**, on his death bed, was asked who he would leave said disputed land to, he, who answered it was not his to leave.

**MARY THOMPSON** {seal, her x mark}

Sworn before me the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1787 in the presence of and by me both parties.