JOHN BAKER DECEASED, 1/3 LAND SET OFF FOR WIFE SUSANNAH 1817 CHATHAM COUNTY, NC Transcribed By: Ron Cornwell

State of North Carolina. Chatham County

In obedience to the annex writ. I have D. Bridges Sheriff of the County aforesaid be the **3rd day of May 1817**. And in the forty first year of American Independence attended by **THOMAS STEEL Senr**. Aaron Lindley, Jesse Meacham, Samuel Lee, Frederick Williams, Allen Williams, John Braxton, **Thomas Steel Junr**. **THOMAS BAILIFF**, John Jean, Nathaniel Robertson and Thomas Snipes freeholders uncommitted with **SUSANNAH BAKER** <u>widow and relict</u> of JOHN BAKER deceased by causanguivety or affixing and entirely disinterested by our duty summoned came in proper person a certain plantation whereof the said JOHN BAKER died seized and possessed with and in the annexed writ lying on **Haw River** in the County aforesaid containing **two hundred and ninety six acres** more or less. And the freeholder's aforesaid being duly sworn and required to allot and set off to the said **SUSANNAH BAKER one third part** of the **plantation** aforesaid did allot and set off to her the said **SUSANNAH BAKER** the part or portion contained and comprised in the following tracts and bounds.

To wit: Beginning at a sassafras on the **Rudy Branch Thomas Stutgiun corner** running up the branch seventy eight poles to a forked Spanish oak on original corner thence West eighteen poles to a hickory in **Simon Whites line**, thence north with said line seventeen poles to a red oak, thence west four pole to a red oak thence north one hundred poles to a stump thence east thirty three poles to a stake, thence north seventy eight poles to a white oak stake thence east eighty five poles to a post oak, thence north east fifty poles to a post oak, thence east twenty six poles to a white oak thence north 60 degrees east fifty poles to a white oak on the bank of the river, thence down the same as it meanders to **THOMAS STEELS** white oak corner thence south 75 degrees west ninety seven poles to a hickory. And including the dwelling house or mansion of the said **John Baker** deceased wherein he most generally would next before his decease and all the offices outhouses buildings and improvements thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining which being dower. I the said sheriff and freeholders put the said **SUSANNAH BAKER** in possession of the premises.

In witness whereof I said Sheriff and freeholder have hereunto set our respective lands and seals the day and year aforesaid.

Thomas Steel, Senr THOMAS BAYLIFF Jesse Meacham Gott Williams Tilan Williams Sal Lee Thomas Steel, Junr. John Broxton A. Lindley J. Jaien

Thos Snipes

SOURCE: Chatham County, NC, Wills

NOTE: The Bailiff, Steel and Baker families have close connections in Chatham County, North Carolina.