

## WILL OF ROBERT LOONEY --- BOTETOURT CO. VIRGINIA

Robert Looney made his Will on September 14, 1769, in Augusta County, VA (Botetourt was not formed until later). He mentions his wife, Elizabeth, a son, Joseph, and a grandson, John. He states that "the rest of my children having already got all that is allow(ed) to them of my Estate." (Will Book A, pg. 3).

The Will reads:

In the name of God, Amen

September the fourteenth one thousand and seven hundred and sixty nine

I, Robert Luney, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, and knowing that all born to die once, I recommend my soul to God, who gave it, and my body to the ground to be buried in a decent manner, at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but I shall have it again at the Resurrection.

As for my worldly estate, that it has pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath, in manner and form following; I leave to my beloved wife, Elizabeth Luney, and my beloved son Joseph Luney, to be my sole executors.

Next I leave to my beloved grandson John Luney, one shilling, sterling. Also the remainder of my bodily estate after my funeral charge, and lawful debts are paid, I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife, Elizabeth, to live on, and use as she pleases during her natural life, and then to descend to my beloved son, Joseph, at her death, the rest of my children having already got all that I allow to them of my estate.

(Robert (R) Luney- his mark)

Sign and sealed and Pronounced in Presents of us  
John Smith, James Crow, Thomas Crow, Elinor Crow

"At a court held for Botetourt Co., VA, the 13 day of November 1770, this writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Robert Looney, deceased, was presented in Court by Joseph Looney, one of the executors herein named, and proved by the oaths of Thomas Crow, James Crow, and John Smith, and ordered to be recorded, and motion of the said executor who made oath according to law, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof, in due form, whereupon, he, together with Abraham McClelland, and John Looney, his securities, entered into and acknowledged their Bond in Five Hundred pounds, conditioned as the law directed. Teste. John May. C.B.C.

" REF: Pg. 31 "**The House of Looney**, A History and Genealogy of John and Llewellyn Looney, who migrated to the American Colonies at an early date, from the Isle of Man. Written by Francis Marshall Gill, at the request of Coyd A. Looney, of Estacada, Oregon (Deceased)."

**Source:** <http://members.aol.com/jsully7/wills.html>

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**Source:** Most Distinguished Characters on the American Frontier: Robert Looney of Augusta (now Botetourt) County, VA and some of his descendants with histories of the Great Road, Looney's Ferry, Crow's Ferry, Anderson's Ferry, Boyd's Ferry and Beale's Bridge – Volume 1.

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Pg. 275: Death of Robert Looney:

Robert Looney died after October 10, 1770, and before November 13, 1770. No information has ever been found regarding his place of burial. His wife, Elizabeth, was still living when Robert made his Will on September 14, 1769, but her date of death or place of burial are not known.

The Botetourt County tithables for 1770 note that Robert Looney was exempt from paying taxes that year because he was deceased.

Pg. 275: Probate of the Will of Robert Looney:

The Will of Robert Looney was probated on November 13, 1770, and reads as follows:

At a court held for Botetourt County the 13<sup>th</sup> November 1770 this writing Purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Robert Looney deceased was Presented in court by Joseph Looney one of the Executors herein named and Proved by the oaths of Thomas Crow, James Crow and John Smith and ordered to be Recorded and on the motion of the said Executor who made oath According to Law Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form where upon he together with Abraham McClellan and John Looney his securities entered into and acknowledged their Bond in five hundred Pounds Conditioned as the Law directs. Teste John May C B C

(The probate of the Will of Robert Looney was made on November 13, 1770. Will Book A, Pg. 4)

Pg. 276: Inventory of Movable Estate:

The movable estate of Robert Looney was appraised on January 11, 1771. His total estate was valued at 244 pounds, 2 shillings, and 8 pence.

An Inventory of the Appraise(e)ment of the Estate of Robert Looney desces'd appraised by John Mills Sen., John Looney Jun, and James Smith – January the 11<sup>th</sup> 1771.

<http://members.aol.com/jsully7/index.html>

Looney Genealogy Homepage:

The Looney Genealogy page was created as an online reference to the descendants of Robert and Elizabeth Looney who arrived in the New World before 1731. Their offspring are recorded in the annals of America as frontiersmen and patriots. Records show that by 1734, Robert, his wife (Elizabeth), and at least seven sons were in Philadelphia where they joined an expedition into the Colony of Virginia.

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