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The solution of the Handwriting Example XIX

Transcription

[this is page 2 of the document, so some words are missing (skulle hända at wi genom Gudhs wällsignelse)]
oss under vårt ägtenskap, och förtroliga sam-
manlefnad, något Förkofrar och Förwärfwar,
Så må det på vår Död, Efter Lag delas våra
arfvingar emellan.
Och at detta Gifte Contract, Till alla sina punc-
ter och påföljder, skall Fast och obrottsligen
hållas, och troligen observeras, hafwa wi det
med egna händer underskrifwit; och till
dess större bekräftande, anmodat närskrif-
ne Gode män, jämte med oss, det samma
at bewittna, och besanna, som skedde
Nordmarkshyttan, den 18 Julij 1805
Wittnen
Olof Månsson Jon Jöns son
Anders Jons son Maria MLD Lars dotter

Translation

(If so should happen that through the blessing of the Lord) we during our marriage and
intimate cohabitation should be able to augment and acquire something, then it may after our
Death, according to the Law, be shared among our heirs.
And that this Marriage Contract to all its articles and consequenses, will be firmly and
unswerwingly followed, and observed with all fidelity; we have with our own hands signed it,
and also to its greater security asked the nearby signing Good men, to be witnesses, and
guarantee this happening at Nordmarkshytta the 18th July 1805.

Witnesses:
Olof Månsson
Anders Jons son

Jon Jönsson was a bergsman (mining farmer) living in Nordmarkshyttan. He was born 14 May 1747 in this
place, and died there 7 January 1826. He had been married two times before, and had 11 children before he
married Maria. His first wife Maria Persdotter, born 18 September 1747, died in childhood December 1785 with
her child.
In 1786 Jon remarried to Anna Christoffersdotter, born 1752, and she died 23 July 1803 of fever. As seen
above Jon married Maria Larsdotter in July 1805, and Maria was a widow. Maria was born 1763 in the nearby
parish of Gustav Adolf, which was then a part of Norra Råda parish. Maria survived her last husband for
25 years, and died 15 May 1851 in Nordmarkshyttan, where she had lived for many years with her son
Lars and his family.

This kind of antenuptial agreement is quite unusual, possibly because they were kept in the family
and not usually recorded in the minutes of the local district court, in this case the Färnebo Häradsrätt. On the
other hand one often sees wills and what is called undantagskontrakt, a contract made by an elderly couple
or individual, where that person wills all his assets to a younger person in exchange for a promise of old age
care.