

Teste

James Stephen C. B. C.

In the name of God Amen I William Shonhill of Bedford
County in the state of Virginia knowing the frailty of Human Nature &
the uncertainty of this life do make & ordain this present Writing to be
my Last Will & Testament & do dispose of the worldly Goods & Estate
my Divine Creator hath been pleased to bless me with in the following
manner (Viz) First that my burial Expenses shall be paid & the
Expenses of my being sick at the said house. Item I lend to my loving
wife Sarah Shonhill all my Estate real & personal during her life or
Widowhood & at the death or marriage to be disposed of in the following
manner (Viz) Item I give to my son William Shonhill the tract of land
whereon he now lives & joins the old patten line whereon Arrow line
to him this heirs forever. Item I give to my son Ezrah Shonhill one
hundred acres of Land joining his Brothers line the place whereon he now
lives also a half to him this heirs forever. Item I give my Daughter

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719 Rachel Shornhill one sonel Mare four years old nett springton
her & her heirs forever. Item my Desire is that all the rest of
my Estate both real & personal after paying my just Debts be
equally Divided at the Death or marriage of my wife among all
the rest of my children that is not married only the waggon &
team & it is my desire they should sold to them & their heirs
forever. Item I do hereby appoint my wife Sarah
Shornhill & William Shornhill my true & lawfull Executors
to this my Last Will & Testament. In witness whereof
I have this thirtieth day of November in the year of our
Lord one thousand seven hundred & Eighty nine set my
hand & seal

Signed sealed & Delivered

In the presence of

John Bayne

Pravley Dodson

Witness

Virginia to wit

William Shornhill

State of North Carolina } September 1790
Hawkins County }

The within last Will & Testament of William Shornhill

deceased was proved in open Court by the Oath

John Bayne and Pravley Dodson two sub

Witnesses thereto Teste Thomas Hutchinson

Seal

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Thomas

The commonwealth of Virginia to Thomas
Anderson Gentleman presiding Judge or Chief Magistrate of the
County Court of Hawkins in the state of north Carolina greeting
whereas William Thornhill late of Bedford County & state of
Virginia departed this Life having first made his last Will &
Testament in writing bearing date the thirtieth day of
November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
Eighty nine & thereof appointed Sarah Thornhill & William
Thornhill Executors, & whereas John Payne & Broughtly Dodson
the Witnesses thereto subscribed are out of the Jurisdiction of
said County Court of Bedford & cannot be compelled by any
legal process to attend said Court for the purpose of proving the
said Will. Therefore we do give unto you power to take &
receive such attestation as they the said John Payne & Broughtly
Dodson are able to make & we do command you that at such
certain days & places as you shall appoint the Witnesses
aforesaid before you, you call & cause to come & diligently
Examine on the 10

Solemn affirmation was the case may be & their Examination into our
County Court of Bedford distinctly & plainly without delay you shall
send certify inclosed under your seals returning also to us this writ with
the original Will annexed or such authenticated copy thereof as will
authorize our said Court to admit the same to record according to
law. Witness James Steptoe Clerk of our said County Court of
Bedford (and our seal of office) this thirty first day of August
one thousand seven hundred thirty & in the XVth year of the
Commonwealth. Ja: Steptoe CKB

Thomas Henderson Presiding Justice of the County Court of Hawkins
in the territory of the United States south of the River Ohio do hereby certify
that I have caused to come before me agreeable to a Commission from the
County Court of Bedford & therewith returned John Payne one of the
subscribing Witnesses to the Will hereunto annexed personally to appear
before me who being diligently examined on the Holy Evangelist of
Almighty God depose & say that William Thornhill the Testator
signed the writing of the said Will.

signed the writing aforesaid as his Last Will & Testament & that he
was of disposing mind & Memory at the time he signed said Writing
& that he subscribed his name thereto as a Witness in his presence & at
his Request & that he saw Raleigh Dodson Sign the same as a
Concurring Witness. In Testimony of the Truth of these presents I have
hereunto put my hand & affixed my seal this tenth day of September
1793 in the 22nd year of American Independance...

Thos^r Henderson B. J. H. C. Seal
I do certify that Thomas Henderson is a Justice of the peace of
Hawkins County & Chairman of the Court, Given under my hand
and the seal of the County at its office this 10th
day of September 1793.

Rich^d Mitchell Clk
At a Court held for Bedford County the 23rd day of September 1793
The Last Will & Testament of William Thornhill Deceased Late of
Bedford County was produced in Court & appearing by the Certificate

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of Thomas Henderson Chief Justice of Hawkins County in the ^{territory}
 of the United States south of the River Ohio returned to this Court
 agreeable to a writ for that purpose to him directed that the same
 was proven according to law. It is ordered that the same be admitted
 record. & on the motion of Sarah Sherrill widow & relict of said
 decedent who comes into Court & refuses to accept of the provision
 made for her in her said husband's Will - It is ordered Thomas
 Seftwick Christopher Clark & Charles Mooriman as lay off and
 allot unto her her share of her Deceased husband's estate
 according to Law & make return thereof to Court -

Teste, Jas. Sleptoe Clk

Keenum Sarah Keenum adm^{tr} To the Estate of Alexander Keenum De
 24th 1782 apud
 To the amount of the whole Estate as appears to us by
 account of sales to us produced ^{1/15-9}
 the above sold at twelve months credits
 contra Cl^k