

William Short 55 In the name of God amen the 22 day of May 1769
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Will

William Short Int. of the County of Brunswick and Parish of Saint Andrew ...
being sick in body but of good and sound memory Thanks be to Almighty God
and calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of this transitory life and that
all flesh must yield to death when it shall please God to call DO make --
constitute ordain and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and
form following revoking and annulling by these presents all and every Testam-
ent or Testaments Will and wills heretofore by me made and declared either by
word or Writing and this to be taken only for my last Will and Testament and
none other and first being penitent and sorry from the bottom of my heart for all
my sins past most humbly desire forgiveness for the same; I give and commit
my soul to Almighty God my favour and in whose and by the Merits of Jesus
Christ I trust and believe assuredly to be saved and to have full remission and
forgiveness of all my sins and that my soul will with my Body at a general
day of Resurrection shall rest again with Joy and through the merits of Christ
Death and Passion prosper and Inherit the Kingdom of Heaven prepared for his
elect and chosen and my Body to be buried in such place where it shall please my
Executor hereafter named to appoint And now for the settling of Temporal estate
and such goods and and Chattels and debts as it hath pleased God

my debts to be paid upon me I do order give and dispose the same in manner
 and form following that is to say first I will that all these debts and dues as I
 owe in Right and conscience to any manner of person or persons shall be contented
 and paid or ordained to be paid within convenient time after my decease by
 my Executors hereafter named Item I give and bequeath unto my Son William
 Short one Negro fellow named Pompey to him and his Heirs for ever. Item I
 give and Bequeath unto my Son Jacob Short one negro fellow named Hannibal
 to him and his Heirs for ever as also the land I now on after his Mothers Death
 Item I give and Bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Rebecca Abornathy
 one Negro Child named Phety or five pounds back to her and her Heirs for ever
 Item I lend all the rest of my estate to my wife during her Natural life
 and after her decease to be equally divided amongst all my Sons and Daughters
 Item I do appoint my Son William Short Jacob Short and Charles Abornathy
 my Executors of this my last Will and Testament as Witnes my hand and
 Seal this day and Year above written

William Short (S)

Signed Sealed and
 Declared in presence of {

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Matthew Carlos

William Smith
Siles Abernathy

I know all men by these presents that I William -
Short Senr. of Brunswick County. This is my Will

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that John Buncio and his wife shall never have any of my estate as Witness
my hand this 12th October 1769

William Short Senr.

William Short junr. Witness

^{his}
Jacob C Short Witness
^{made}

At about held for Brunswick County the
27th Day of November 1769

This Will was presented in Court by William Short
Jacob Short and Charles Abernathy the executors therein named who made
oath thereto according to law And the same being proved by the oaths of
Matthew Carlos and William Smith two the Witnesses thereto and ordered
to be recorded And on the motion of the said executors who together with
James Walker their security entered into and acknowledged bond in the
penalty of one thousand pounds with condition according to law certificate
is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form And a writing
annexed to the said Will was also proved by the oaths of William Short junr.
and Jacob Short the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

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Edm. Trickett