

Georgia } I Howell Short of said State and County  
 Marion County } being of sound mind and disposing memory  
 and being duly impressed with the uncertainty of life and  
 desirous of making some disposition of my property, do make  
 declare and publish this my last will and testament  
 hereby revoking and annulling all manner of Wills heretofore  
 by me made -

After all my just debts are paid by my Executor here-  
 after to be named I make the following disposition  
 of my property -

Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire that all my property both real  
 and personal (thirty acres of land hereinafter described  
 excepted) remain together undivided of for the use  
 of my wife and for the purpose of maintaining and ed-  
 ucating my children during the natural life of my wife  
 Sarah Short or during her widowhood in the event  
 she marries again -

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah Short fifty  
 dollars.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my son William L. Mc. Short  
 the free use and enjoyment of thirty acres of above  
 said land, for and during the space of six years  
 to commence the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1852 (viz) thirty acres  
 known as the thirty acres here which the meek stands  
 now occupied by him part of lot No. (147) one hundred  
 and forty one in the fifth district of originally  
 Muscogee now Marion County -

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Elindette Francis  
 Taylor in addition to what she has already received  
 all of my interest and title in and to the estate  
 (undivided) of Luis Taylor deceased and also the  
 sum of fifty dollars -

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Ann  
 Taylor in addition to what she has already received  
 one hundred dollars besides her maintenance & living  
 as she remains a member of my family -

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Jane  
 Short one hundred and twenty dollars -

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to Julia Matilda Short two  
 hundred dollars

Item 8<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that all the property here-  
 in bequeathed to my daughters, to go to and  
 vest in my daughters and their lawful children  
 for their own sole and separate use and benefit  
 free from the debts, incumbrances and control and  
 disposition of their husbands -

Item 9<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son Robert Washington  
 Short the free use and enjoyment of the same  
 thirty acres of land hereinafter bequeathed in

like manner to my son William for and during the space of six years to go into possession 1st January 1858 and also give and bequeath unto any of said lot in fee simple to be taken from the best portion of said lot -

Item 10<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son John Harris that the free use and enjoyment of thirty acres of land for and during the time of six years to go into possession when he arrives to the age of twenty one years, and I also give and devise to him the remaining portion one hundred and twenty acres of lot of land in fee simple, and also the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars

Item 11<sup>th</sup> It is my will that all my other property not herein disposed, together with their natural increase be sold by my Executors at the death of my wife or when she marries again and the proceeds thereof be equally divided then and there alike among all my children -

Item 12<sup>th</sup> I hereby appoint William T. M. Short my true and lawful guardian of the person and property of all my children under the age of twenty one years at my death, and I also appoint and constitute William T. M. Short and Robt Washington Short my Executors of this my last Will & Testament -  
Signed, sealed and } Howell Short 

declared and published  
in the presence of

Mark H Blandford  
Samuel H Crawford  
James C Short

In the Original Will Crawford's name is signed as a witness before Blandford, mistake in recording E. H. Miller Ordng

Georgia Marion County  
Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1853

Married Court of Ordng

Personally appeared in open court at this present time, Samuel H Crawford, Mark H Blandford & James C Short attesting witnesses to the above last Will and Testament of Howell Short deceased, who being duly examined, say that the above is the last Will of Howell Short, and that they and each of them subscribed said Will as attesting witnesses at the request of the said Howell Short and in his presence and in the presence of each other, and that the said Howell Short signed said Will in their presence & that he was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of making said Will.

Subscribed in open Court Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1853

E. H. Miller Ordng

Samuel H Crawford  
Mark H Blandford  
James C Short

Recorded September 8<sup>th</sup>  
1853 E. H. Miller Ordng