

Calling to remembrance the uncertain state of this transitory
life and that all flesh must yield to death when it shall
please God to call to make & ordain this my last will
& testament in manner & form following nothing
annulling all other, only this to be my last will & testament
I do give the selling of my temporal estate all debts & dues as
I do owe, to be paid in convenient time after my decease by
my Executors hereafter.

Item I give the great tract unto my son John Vinton the plantation whereon
I now live containing one hundred & a half acres of land lying on
the north side of Bear Swamp, to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give the great tract unto my son Thomas Vinton two hundred
acres of land, whereon he now dwells to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give the great tract unto my son John Vinton one hundred acres of land
on the north side of Bear Swamp to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give the great tract unto my son John Vinton one hundred acres of land lying
to John Vintonland & John Vintonland to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give the great tract unto my son James Vinton of plantation whereon I now
dwell containing one hundred & fifty acres of land lying between Snake
Swamp & the Bear Swamp to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give to my daughter Susannah Morgan five ^{pounds} ~~shillings~~ Virginia
Currency to her & her heirs forever.

Item I give the great tract unto my son David Vinton five shillings
Virginia Currency to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give to my son Peter Vinton six pounds Virginia Currency
to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give ^{the great tract} to my daughter Sarah Gutter five pounds Virginia
Currency to her & her heirs forever.

Item I give ^{the great tract} to my daughter Rachel Quake five pounds Virginia
Currency to her & her heirs forever.

Item I give the great tract unto my daughter Charity Carter sixty acres
of land lying on the south side of Bear Swamp to her & her heirs forever.

Item I give the great tract unto my well beloved wife Rachel Vinton
all the rest of my estate my negroes & my riding horses & cattle
& the rest of my moveables ^{the only goods} I give her the use of them during her natural
life.

and after her decease to be valued & the value equally divided
between all the persons mentioned hereunder, and of this my last
will & testament I make nominate & appoint my trusty
well beloved friends my son David Vinton, & James Vinton
my whole sole Executors, reaching & annulling all other ^{wills} ~~wills~~
by me heretofore made, ratifying & confirming this & no other
to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have set
my hand & seal.

Thomas Vinton

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of us
Samuel Capitan, Thos. Hays, Robert Hays

Northampton County 2nd February Court 1744

The preceding will of Thomas Vinton was read before the Court
present on the oath of Thomas Hays one of the subscribing
witnesses thereto, at the same time David Vinton & James Vinton
were qualified as Executors thereof, which on motion was
ordered to be certified to the Clerk of the Court.

John Carters Will

In the name of God Amen I John Carter of Northampton County
Shire of North Carolina, being at this time sick & in perfect
sunder memory, thus the mercy of God calling ^{to mind} that it is appointed
me for all men to die, do make & ordain & constitute this
to be my last will & testament in manner & form following.

Item I give the great tract unto my well beloved daughter Katharine Knight three
acres three young cattle one large brown pet. I then give to her & her
my parish bible, one bed & other furniture belonging to it & all the
rest of my household stuff & also my side saddle, to her & her heirs
forever.

Item I give ^{the great tract} to my well beloved son Andrew Carter one negro woman
called Dinah to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give the great tract unto my well beloved son Isaac Carter all my corn
& all my hogs & all my pigs & swine.

I do hereby appoint my well beloved son Isaac Carter & my well
beloved son in law Melcham Knight & my well beloved friend
Joseph Bonthal my Executors.

I Testament of other wills made by me or her mine & thus Iack
wale, up to be my last will & testament.

and being my hand & seal this twenty seventh day of January
in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred &
eighty four.

Sam^l Carter & seal

Signed sealed in presence of us.

Wm. Beetham, Samuel & others

Northampton County of February Court 1784

The preceding will of Sam^l Carter and was exhibited into
Court & given in the oath of both the sub. & being into probate
to at the same time Carter's there was named were satisfied to
leave the said will according to law, which on motion was
ordered to be certified & returned. T. H. Howland clerk

William Short's Will

In the name of god Amen. I William Short of the Per-
ish of Saint George in the County of Northampton County
Province of North Carolina, being very sick & weak in body
but of sound mind & memory & understanding thanks be to almighty
god for the same, knowing the Certainty of death & the cer-
tainty of him there of do make & Ordain this my last will
& testament in manner & form following, to wit, first &
principally I recommend my Soul to almighty God thus
gave it & my body to the Earth to be buried at the discre-
tion of my Executors here after mentioned.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son John Short all the lands & bought
purchase of W^m Chambers except about ten acres be the same more
or less as it is marked off joining W^m Prisons line, the river
which said track of land, I give to my son W^m Short this heirs
forever, also the upper land called Marsh Island & the upper part
of the lower land called Millers Island, which I purchased
of Jas. a Taylor, including the ridge land & observing that the
before mentioned part of Millers Island includes all the
lands above a Gut running through it which said Island

I give to my son John Short this heirs forever, one hundred
acres of land in the same more or less, & further give to
my son John Short two negroes (viz) old will & Hannah to him &
his heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son William Short four hundred acres
of land in the same more or less, viz: Beginning at the head of
my mill pond or otherwise at the mouth of Occochee branch
then ~~going~~ a South east Course along line of marsh tracts
& up a small branch to the head thereof & from thence along a
line of marsh tracts to the center of three oaks, near my gate
marked for corner tracts of some thence a line of marsh tracts
right an east course to the road that crosses the upper branch
on the Occochee swamp, then down the said road to the lower
end of the land I purchased of Collen & others of London, including
the plantation he now lives on & all the land, I hold in paper
forming the several branch lines above, to wit, north of the
said bounds for the five hundred acres, which said five hundred
and acres of land I give to my son W^m Short this heirs forever.
Canoe further I give to my son William Short one hundred acres
of land in the same more or less, it being the land between
the gut in Millers Island, also I give to my son William Short
about ten acres of land in the same more or less, at it is mar-
ked off joining W^m Prisons line & the river including the barn
where the heirs forever. I further give to my son William
Short two negroes viz. old Jack which formerly belong
ed to my brother, and little Peter to him this heirs forever.

Item I give to my daughter Mary Weston two negroes (viz) Paddy
& Kate to her this heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my four other daughters Martha Short
Sarah Short, Penelope Short, & Betty Short, four hundred
pounds Current money of Virginia each, to them & their
heirs forever. I also give to each of them one feather bed &
furniture to them & their heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son David Short, six hundred & forty
acres of land in the same more or less, on the Occochee swamp.