

I solemnly of other wills made by me or her mine & thus Iack
wrote 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

Amey Carter Kasal

Signed sealed in presence of us.

Wm. Beetham, Samuel Packer

Northampton County of February Court 1784

The preceding will of Amey Carter and was exhibited into
Court & proven in the oath of both the subscribing witnesses
to it at the same time & the said Amey Carter was sworn to
execute the said will according to law which on motion was
ordered to be entered & recorded. 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 to die & 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 Wm Chambers except about ten acres be the same more
or less and is marked off bying Wm Prisons line, the river
which said track of land, I give to my son Wm Short this heirs
forever also the upper land called Marsh Island & the upper part
of the lower Island called Millers Island, which I purchased
of Mas. a Caplay, including the ridge Island & 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 for one hundred
twenty acres of land be the same more or less, I 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 be 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 a line of marked trees
& up a small branch to the head thereof & from thence along a
line of marked trees to the center of three oaks near my gate
marked for corner trees & from thence a line of marked trees
right an east course to the road that crosses the upper Swamp
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 shall or papers
showing the several branch lines & about, to of north of the
said bounds for the four hundred acres, which said four hundred
and acres of land I give to my son Wm Short this heirs forever
Canoe further I give to my son William Short one hundred acres
of land be 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 be the same more or less at it is now
his off bying Wm Prisons line & the river including the barn
where this 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 be the same more or less on the Occochee Swamp

which I purchased of William Scott, which said tract of land
I give to my son David Short & his heirs forever - & I further
give the negro man unto my said son David Short & eleven
negroes, viz. Bob, old Hardy, Casar, Jaffer, Charles, little
Nancy, Mark, Jerry, Brook, Peggy & Nann, which said
eleven negroes, I give to my son David Short & his heirs forever -
Now I give the negro man unto my said Thomas Short, my water-
mill & all my other lands that I have not before
given away, meaning one hundred acres of Land, which
I purchased of George Rayland be the same more or less,
& two hundred acres of Swamp & George Rayland be the
same more or less & two hundred acres of Swamp Rayland
be the same more or less - and two hundred acres of
my Manour Plantations be the same more or less - Three
Hundred acres of Colling-Follyery be the same more or
less - which said lands, plantations & mill, I give to my
son Thomas Short & his heirs forever - And fur-
ther I give & bequeath unto my said son Thomas Short
eleven negroes (viz) Tomy, Jack, George, Will, Jacob,
Joby, Abraham, Eddy, Rudy, Phibbs & Moll, which
said eleven negroes, I give to my said son Thomas
Short & his heirs forever - and I also give & bequeath
unto my said son Thomas Short my still, only reserving
to my other three sons John, William & David Short,
the liberty of Stillling their own liquor in towns as long
as they shall respectively live which said still I
give to my son Thomas Short & his heirs forever.
I further give unto my said son David Short & his heirs
forever, the half of my estate which I have not before
given away except my four negroes, namely London,
Sam, Phillis & Florak, and all the debts due to me
in any manner whatever, observing that my Will
& desire is that my son Thomas Short or his heirs
divide the same, excepting the four negroes and
the debts due to me as before mentioned, and

give my son David choice
 my will I shew is that my son Thomas, that pay & discharge, all my just
 debts & payed in full out of the same & the money due to the
 same, and further my will & desire is that after my debts are
 paid & discharged & he hath a hundred pounds virginia
 money before mentioned & given to my four daughters
 be paid that then my son Thomas that be obliged anytime
 after four years after my death to make a calculation
 of what the goods in? Here sold for & what real or money
 there is & what money he shall have or retired & render an
 account thereof on oath to his brothers widows, first taking
 a reasonable allowance out for settling & collecting & in
 case there shall appear to be four hundred & fifty pounds
 or upwards that then my son Thomas that shall be liable
 at the death of his mother to pay to each of his brothers
 except fifty pounds each.
 I give to my son Thomas that & his heirs forever Four Acres
 (viz) Land & Cam, Phillis & Morak which said four acres
 grow & all the rest of my estate of what kind or nature so
 ever, (which I have not before given away, I give to my
 said son Thomas that to maintain his mother on. And
 Case his mother shall not like her maintenance nor that
 my son Thomas that shall be obliged to pay her twenty pounds
 a year virginia money & a maid is about on her as long as
 she shall live & I further will in this provision in my will
 that if any of my children shall claim any thing given
 them by their uncle, I am that and & by the death of their
 father that & make an interruption shall so long as he she
 or they shall continue so to do, be cut out of any part of my
 estate except twenty shillings virginia money, but so soon
 as opportunity will permit that they respectively give up
 their right agreeable to my will, and also agreeable
 to bond & am Col. Tabb.
 Lastly I do appoint my son Thomas that & my son David that
 executed this my last will & testament hereby revoking all

former will be made, satisfying & confirming this
into this to be my last and testament. In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & seal this tenth day of March
before one thousand seven hundred & twenty three.

Signed sealed & manifested by William Short Secal
in presence of us

John B. Smith, John Richards, Anna Hagland, Elizabeth Barrett
Northampton County / February Court 1744

The preceding will of Col. John Short was exhibited
into Court and proven in the oath of Thos Barrett one of the
subscribing witnesses thereto, at the same time Thos Short
one of the Executors therein named was duly qualified to
execute the said will according to Law, which on motion
was ordered to be Certified & recorded.

John Medowars Clerk.

Benjamin Glover Will

In the name of God amen. I Benjamin Glover of North
ampton County living of perfect mind & memory makes
this my last will & testament. First, I devise my Estate
& Effects I bequeath & dispose of in manner & form following
I desire my Just debts to be paid & after I have unto my wife
Elizabeth Glover all the remainder of my Estate during
her life or widow hood & after the whole to be sold at
vendue & the value thereof Credit given & the amount
of my Estate to be equally divided ^{among} my Children
I Give my wife Elizabeth Glover & Thos Glover Executors
of this my last will & testament, as witnesses my hand
& seal this twenty third day of October in the year of
our Lord one thousand seven hundred & twenty three,
Signed sealed in presence of

Lewis Williamson John Rusk
Northampton County / May Court 1744
The preceding will was read in Court and proven in the
oath of Lewis Williamson one of the subscribing witnesses
thereto at the same time Elizabeth Glover was duly qualified to
execute the said will according to Law, which on motion
was ordered to be Certified & recorded
John Medowars Clerk

Charity Dawson Will

In the name of God amen. I Charity Dawson of the County
of Northampton, in the Province of North Carolina do make & ordain
this present my last will & testament, that all in manner & form
following (that is to say, First of all, It is my will & desire
that all my Just debts be paid & satisfied.

Secondly I Give bequeath to my brother Solomon Abston one
negro man Slave named Harry, to him & his heirs forever.

Thirdly I Give & devise to my Daughter Charity Dawson my Plan-
tation & tract of Land, lying in her own near the falls
of said river in Edgecombe County the said tract of Land
Containing about five hundred Acres, to the same man
or his, to her & her heirs & assigns forever.

Fourthly I Give & devise to my son John Dawson all my lands & tenements
lying & being in the County of Halifax in the Province of
North Carolina with five Plantations thereon to him his
heirs & assigns forever.

Fifthly I Give bequeath & devise to my Daughter Charity Dawson
& my son John Dawson all the rest of my lands & tenements goods
& chattels monies and other Estate whatever not herein before
mentioned given bequeathed & devised to be equally divided
in value between my said Children, & when so divided
each of my said Children to hold the moiety or half thereof
which to each of them shall be allotted to them & each of
their heirs & assigns forever.

Sixthly It is my will & desire that of both of my said Children
should die before they come or arrive to the age of twenty
one years, & not married that then all the Personal Estate
herein thereby to them given & bequeathed should be equal-
ly between & among my, kindred & relations here in men-
tioned, that is to say, my deceased Brothers James Abston's
four Children (to wit) John, James, Charity & Sarah,
my sister Elizabeth Williams & my Nephews Edmund
Henry John Williams, Solomon Williams, John Abston
& Samuel, the sons of my brother Solomon Abston and