

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/241/518.

*Abstract of the Will of Thomas Short of Wootton Bassett in the County of Wilts, Gentleman, written 31 Dec 1653, proved 28 Nov 1654.*

Gives 5 shillings to the parish church of Wootton Bassett.

Gives 5 shillings to the poor people of the same parish to be equally distributed among them.

Gives & bequeaths to **his son John Short** his messuages, lands and tenement in Stratton in co. Wilts which he lately purchased from **his brother-in-law Francis Crippe**. He also gives to John a flockbed, one great kettle, and two platters.

Gives & bequeaths to **his son William Short** his messuages, lands and tenement in Stratton in co. Wilts which he lately purchased from Thomas Baylie, gent. He also gives to William a little pot, one middle kettle, and two platters.

Gives & bequeaths £60 to **his daughter Anne Short**, along with the tenement in which he now resides. He also gives to Anne a featherbed, his biggest brass pot, two platters, a table board and frame, five joined? stools, and one cupboard.

Gives & bequeaths to **his son Vincent Short** his burgages, lands and tenements in Wootton Bassett originally bought from one Robert Coyle. Additionally he forgives Vincent the debts he owes, and gives him a brass pan, his best great coat, and his best suit of wearing apparel.

Gives & bequeaths 30 shillings each to **Katherine and Joan the daughters of his son Vincent**.

Gives & bequeaths to **his son Thomas Short** his gown, and 20 shillings each to **Thomas's three children John, Gabriel\* and Avis**.

Wills that **his current wife Anne** be responsible for the tuition and raising of **his (their) children John, William and Anne**, until they reach the age of twenty one. If his wife Anne dies or remarries, then he charges **his sons Vincent and Thomas** with the same responsibility.

Makes **his wife Anne** sole executrix of his last will and testament.

Nominates **his sons Vincent and Thomas** to be overseers of his will, giving them 12 pence each for their efforts.

(his mark)

Witnesses: Robert Hilles, **Vincent Shorte**

\* Gabriel died 11 months later.