

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/1544/77.

*Abstract of the Will of William Short 'the Elder' of Wootton Bassett in the County of Wilts, Baker, written 29 Dec 1812, proved 24 Apr 1813.*

Gives and devises one acre of land which descended to him from the will of **his great-uncle William Short** deceased, located in a field called Coxalls in Wootton Bassett, to **his son William Short**. Also gives to **his son William Short** his freehold tenement with garden and outhouses in Wootton Bassett, currently occupied by one Isaac Hicks.

Gives and devises to **his wife Jane** his freehold tenement where they now live, with the malthouses, outbuildings, gardens and a half-acre of land in Coxalls, for the term of her natural life or for as long as she remains a widow. After the death or second marriage of his wife he gives and bequeaths the same to **his son Joseph Short**.

Gives to **his wife Jane** two freehold cottages with gardens and outbuildings in Wood Lane Wootton Bassett, and a freehold acre of land in Coxalls aforesaid. And after her death or remarriage he gives the same to **his son Joseph Short**.

Gives £10 to **his son Joseph Short**.

Gives £20 to **his son Thomas Short** who is now in his Majesty's Service. And if his son Thomas should die or be killed while in his Majesty's Service, he directs that the legacy of £20 be paid to **Thomas's son, also Thomas**.

Gives £10 to **his grandson Henry Short, son of his late son Henry**.

All the rest of his personal estate and effects he gives and bequeaths to **his wife Jane**.

Appoints **his wife Jane** and **his son Joseph Short** co-executors of his last will and testament.

(signed)