In the name of God, Amen.

Of Joshua Short, of the county of Hampshire and State of Virginia, being of sound mind and memory, do make and set forth the following, my last will and testament, revoking all others.

It is my will that all my debts if any there be be paid immediately and the residue to go to:

My wife, for her proper support during my lifetime.

I also will and bequeath unto my said wife all the property that she has in my name or that I shall receive during my lifetime, and she is hereby authorized to use the earnings of my estate.

In consideration of the above, I shall also remove, on a permanent basis, all the remaining part of my estate on property situated between my three sons, Joshua, John, and Robert, and my two daughters, Zilpha, and Elizabeth, and my grandson, Allen.

I also will that my son, John Short, and my daughter, Zilpha, be the executors of the will and testament.

The inventory of my debts at my death shall be the twenty-fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

[Signature]

Joshua Short

We, the undersigned, do hereby declare that this writing contains the true, last will and testament of the within named Joshua Short, deceased, as far as we know or believe and that this will and testament was executed by the said John Short and the above-named Allen, in the presence and in the presence of the said Allen, and that we will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels as are hereunto annexed and the same true, in that the account of our estate of goods and chattels and the estate of goods and chattels at my death, to the best of my knowledge and ability, to be had and found.

James Short

Subscribed to and sworn to this 7th day of February 1844.

[Signature]