

Stephen Burt
Will - 1793
Halifax County, NC

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Will: Stephen Burt, 1793, noncupative, Halifax Co., NC

[Halifax County, NC, Will Book 3, p. 214. Copy received from North Carolina State Archives.]

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[On one page]:

I leave my Brother John my Negroe Fellow. to each of my Brothers William & Jesse Burt on [sic] third part of my other estate after giving said all my wearing apparel the remainder to be equally divided between the rest of my Brothers & Sisters

Halifax County to wit
July 16th 1793

Doctor Mungo Ponton & Mr. Thomas Amis, Personally appear'd before me, Bassett Stith, one of the justices of the peace for said county & made Oath that the above was written by Mr. Stephen Burt, in their presence and was, as they believe, intended to be the last will & Testament of him the said Stephen, and by certain signs & tokens deliver'd to them as such & that they do verily believe, that the said Stephen, at the time of writing & delivering the above was of sound & perfect mind & memory. Given under my hand & seal this 16th day of July 1793 as above written

B [H ?] Stith JP

[below this signature and at an angle on the page is written]:

it is not properly wrote

[On the back]:

Halifax County [Ct ?]

August Sessions 1793 Then this noncupative will was exhibited in Open Court and Mungo Ponton and Thomas Amis the subscribing witnesses thereto came in and being duly sworn sayeth that the Said Stephen Burt at the time of making the Said Will was as they believed in his Sound Senses and Capable of making a Will whereupon it was Ordered that the Same be Recorded

Witness

[L ?] Long CC

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[On a separate set of two pages]:

State of North Carolina
Halifax County

Mr. Stephen Burt of the County and Town of Halifax Merchant was taken suddenly ill in the town of Halifax his usual place of residence on Monday

morning July 15th in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, and was by the act of God, deprived of his speech and all power of utterance between the hours of ten and eleven oclock in the evening of the same day and remained in that melancholy and unhappy situation till he departed this Life which was about the hour of eight oclock the next morning (Tuesday), [possessing ?] nevertheless it appeared to us and as we verily believe his senses perfect and entire and about an hour before he died finding his dissolution fast approaching and still speechless possessing as before sound mind and memory he made signs and beckoned unto us for [illegible] ink and paper, with all which being immediately furnished he declared the disposition of his Estate and worldly Effects and his last will in writing [these last two words are underlined] before us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereunto, and by sign and tokens requested us to bear witness thereto in manner and words following as will more fully appear by the original pager in his own proper hand writing hereto annexed. "I leave my Brother John my negroe Fellow -- to each of my Brothers William & Jesse Burt one third part of my other Estate after giving said all my wearing apparel -- the remainder to be equally divided between the rest of my Brothers & Sisters."

Mungo Ponton
Thomas Amis

Halifax County Court
Sworn to before me the 16th July 1793
B [H ?] Stith [J. P. ?]

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