

Stephen & Sons Monmouth (N.J.)

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 Ninety three,
and was by the Act of God deprived of his speech & all power of utterance between the hours of
ten and eleven o'clock in the evening of the same day, & remained in that Melancholy & unhappy
situation till he departed this life, which was about the hour of eight o'clock the next morning
Tuesday. Suspecting nevertheless as appeared to us, & as we verily believe his senses perfect and entire.
And about an hour before he died, finding his dissolution fast approaching, & still speechless, possessing
as before sound mind and memory, he made signs and beckoned unto us for pen, Ink and paper,
with all which being immediately furnished, he declared the disposition of his Estate & worldly effects, this
last Will in writing, before us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses thereunto, and by signs &
tokens requested us to bear Witness thereto, in manner and words following, as will more fully appear by the
Original paper in his own proper hand writing hereunto annexed. "I leave my brother John my negro fellow
to each of my brothers William & Jesse Burt, One third part of my other estate after giving said all my wear-
ing apparel - the remainder to be equally divided between the rest of my Brothers & Sisters"

Mungo Ponton
Thomas Umis.

Given to before me the 16th July 1793

Wm. Little J. P.

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Halifax County to wit

July 16th 1793

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B. H. Little J. P.

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by Mr. Stephen Burt in their presence, and was as they believe intended to be the last Will & Testament
of him the said Stephen, & by certain signs & tokens delivered to them as such, and that they do verily be-
lieve that the said Stephen at the time of Writing and delivering the above, was of sound & perfect
mind & Memory. Given under my hand & Seal this 16th day of July 1793. as above Mentioned.

B. H. Little J. P.

Halifax County J. P.

August 1st 1793. Then the Nuncupative will was exhibited in Open Court
Mungo Ponton & Thomas Amis the subscribing Witnesses Thereto Came in & 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 &
Capable of making a Will, whereupon it was Ordered that the same be Recorded.

Witness Long Clot.