

Halifax County, NC - Will - Burt, Joseph-1788

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Will: Joseph Burt, 1788, Halifax Co., NC

[Halifax Co., NC, Will Book 3, p. 152. Copy received from North Carolina State Archives.]

In the Name of God Amen. I Joseph Burt of Halifax county in the State of North Carolina, Planter, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, Thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. That is to say, as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has please God to bless me in this life, I give, demise [sic] and dispose of the same in the following manner and Form.

First, I give and bequeath to my beloved son John Burt one Negro girl, Dillie, to him and the heirs of his body forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Joseph Burt all that tract or parcel of land which was granted to me by deed from John Worley in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, containing two hundred acres more or less, also one Negro boy named Simon, also one bay mare, one cow & calf, one sow & pigs, and all the other things which I have given into his possession to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Stephen Burt one Negro man named David, also one bay horse called Barney and one feather bed & furniture, the Negro and horse to be delivered to him the first day of January next and the bed when he comes to the age of twenty-one years old, to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son William Burt one Negro boy named Ned and one bay colt called Sparrow to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Jesse Burt one Negro man named Same and one black colt to him and his heirs forever, the Negro to be hired out for him after two years from the first day of next January.

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Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Zacheus Burt one Negro man named Lewis to him and his heirs forever.

Item I leave one Negro girl named Jude to be sold by my executors and a young Negro to be bought with the money, which Negro I give and bequeath to my beloved son James Burt to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Richard Burt one Negro girl named Millia to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Salley Flewellen one Negro woman named Millia and her child Essex to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Burt one Negro girl named Hanah (to be delivered to her when she come to the age of eighteen years old or sooner if she marries) and also one sorrel mare to

her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Burt one Negro girl named Kiz to her and her heirs forever.

Item I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth Burt two Negro women viz, Lyd and Surprisor, during her natural life, also the land and plantation whereon I now live.

I also lend to my son John Burt the land and plantation whereon he now lives (if he continues to live on it) during the time that my wife shall live.

At the death of my wife, my will and desire is that the two Negro women, Lyd and Surprisor, and their increase, and all my land (except that which I have given to my son Joseph Burt) shall be equally divided, share and share alike between nine of my children, viz:

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John Burt, William Burt, Jesse Burt, Zacheus Burt, James Burt, Richard Burt, Salley Flewellen, Elizabeth Burt, and Mary Burt, to them and their heirs forever. I also lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth Burt three feather beds & furniture, and all the rest of my estate which is not before mentioned, during the time of her natural life, and at her death I desire it all to be divided between seven of my children in the following manner, first giving ten pounds specie to Zacheus Burt, also ten pounds to James Burt, also ten pounds to Richard Burt, and also ten pounds to Mary Burt, and then the remainder to be divided equally, share and share alike, between William Burt, Elizabeth Burt, Jesse Burt, Mary Burt, Zacheus Burt, James Burt, and Richard Burt, to them and their heirs forever.

I do hereby constitute and ordain my beloved son John Burt and my trusty friends, Benjamin Doles, Jesse Read, and William Burt, executors of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every other former will and testament by me made, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

Joseph (his mark) Burt {seal}

Signed sealed and published in presence of us  
John Mershell Jut  
Shadrack F. Ellen  
Edwin Drake

[On back of third page of the will]:

Halifax County [Ct ?], August Sessions 1788 Then this will was published in open court, and duly proved by the oath of John Marshall one of the subscrib witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded, whereupon William Burt, and John Bu qualifyd as executors thereto [blot]

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