

The Wills of the Feoffees

Sale of the Manor No.5
29 November 1591
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This Indenture is between Nicholas Darcy and a group of men acting as trustees or feoffees for the purchase of the manorial rights of Langcliffe. The wills of some of the feoffees have been found but some are also uncertain. It seems surprising that the names of Carr and Paley families in Langcliffe are absent but perhaps their wealth was generated later, in the next century.

Richard Foster the elder of Fryer Stayneforth yeoman died 1629?
Christopher Saylebank of Fryer Stayneforth yeoman died 1600?
James Carre of Stackhouse yeoman died 1654
Richard Clapham of Stackhouse yeoman
Lawrence Lawson of Giggleswick yeoman died 1617/8
Adam Browne the elder of Settle yeoman 1622/3
John Wildman of Settle yeoman died 1592
William Lunne of Settle yeoman
William Banke of Huggon House yeoman

these men acting on behalf of

Henry Somerscales
Richard Somerscales
William Armysteade
Christopher Armysteade
Thomas Kydde
William Browne
Richard Kydson
Thomas Sowden
Anthony Armysteade
Mathew Siggeswick
Richard Foster
Gyles Foster
Henry Peycocke
Michael Saylebanke
Thomas Foster the elder
Richard Lawson
Bryan Cookeson
Thomas Newhouse
Thomas Preston
John Lupton
William Carre
John Brayshawe
George Lawson
Lawrence Iveson

Notes

YAS volumes scanned 1585 to 1652. It may be that some of the feoffees did not leave wills.

Richard Foster died 1629

Lands and family at Winskill. Another candidate is Richard who married Alice Falthrop in 1579. Not clear who is Richard Foster the elder.

Christopher Saylebancke died 1600

Property in Stainforth but no evidence that he was a feoffee

James Carr died 1654

Noted as last surviving feoffee by Brayshaw and Robinson.

Richard Clapham died 1614

Borthwick vol. 33 fol. 507 RC of Burnsall, gent. No evidence that he was a feoffee

Lawrence Lawson 1617/8

Has land in Giggleswick but no mention of Langcliffe. Nevertheless probably a feoffee since there were Lawsons in Langcliffe. Gregory Lawson of Langcliffe died 1615 had land in Langcliffe (Borthwick vol. 34, fol. 666)

Adam Browne elder died 1622/3

Borthwick Craven Admon. mf 1170 of Winskill
wife Agnes of Giggleswick

John Wildman of Rathmell died 1592

Refers to William Carr of Langcliffe. However, there is an Admon. in 1609 for John Wildman of Stainforth mentioning Anne and John Bullock who were connected with Winskill.

William Lund died 1614

Husbandman of Thornebar in Long Preston so unlikely to have been a feoffee

William Bank of Huggon House Rathmell

(i) Borthwick vol. 32 fol. 127 died 1612 in Slaidburn - husbandman so unlikely candidate

(ii) YAS RS Index to York Wills in Commonwealth Period 1649-1660
p215 Act Book 1658 folio 157

William Banks of Grine (Green, next to Huggon House) Administrator Alice Banks relict

Death in 1658 rather late for a feoffee and post James Carr said to be the last one.
Could be a father William earlier.

Richard Foster of Settle 1626 amended 1629
Borthwick vol 40 fol 510

In the name of God Amen the fyftenth day of February in the seconde yeare of the reaigne of our sovraigne lord Charles by the grace of god kinge of England France and Iraland defender of the fayth 1626 I Richard Foster of Settle in the prish of Gigleswicke and county of yorke husbandman beinge pfecte of health and memorie (thankes be to god for the same) and beinge desirous to sett all thinges in order and that I may thereby leave peace after my death doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge Imprimis I give and bequeath my soule to god my maker beinge assured of myne eternall salvation through the meryttes of Christ Jesus my saviour and my bodye to be buried in the church or churchyard at Gigleswicke aforesaid Item wheras I have grannted demysed bargayned assygned and sett over all that my messuage farme and tenement in Settle with all appurtenances pfyttes and comodities therunto belonginge and also my full and whole estate right title interest seavane of yeares use possession and partie (?) clame and demand therof wch I now hould under the right honorable Franncis Earle of Cumberland and Willm Inglebie knight of the yearly rente of twenty three shillinges Eleaven pence halfe penny unto Giles Foster of Barnacastle in the county of Dunelms (?) Clerke one of my naturall sonnes and to Hugh Lawson of the lodge in the prishe of Gigleswicke and county of yorke aforesaid (?) by deed indented beginninge (?) date the five and Twenty daye of may in the xxcj th yeare of the Raigne of our late sovraigne lord kinge James of famous memorie of England etc and of Scotland the seaven and fyftyth (?) etc(?) for divers ends reasons and uses therin mentoned now my will and mynd is that the said deede shall remayne and contynue and be in full power strength & vertue accordinge to the true intent purporte and meanyinge therof and to none other ends or uses wch said deede I hereby doe ratiffie allow and confirme unto them the said Gyles and Hughe but wheras I have therby inioyned them to paye unto Maude Browne Twenty six pounds thirtene shillinges and foure pence if it please god that I paye the said monie unto the said Maude before my death then my will is that the said Twenty six pounds thirtene shillinges and foure pence shall come agayne remayne and goe unto my said sonne Giles Foster and my son Robert Foster Equally betwixte them Item wheras at the marriage of my sonne thomas Foster **I did passe an estate unto my said sonne Thomas by a deed of Feoffment unto the Feoffees in trust** of all my grounds lands or tenements at Winskall by wch deeds my said sonne is inioyned to pay thirty pounds after my death unto my executors, and for non payment therof my said executors or those whom it shall be due unto or to enter unto peaseably hold and possesse the..... Pykedhill Close with a house therein standinge and a close called intacke and the ground or pasture gates in the browne bancke as by the said deed more at large it may appeare, now I give the said thirtye pounds unto mine executors and I hereby ratifie and confirme the said deed, and I will that it contynue in full force and vertue, Item whereas my sonne Thomas hath put me to dyvers charges since the makinge of the said deed my will is that the said estate and charges with him synce shalbe unto him for his full filliall & childe porcion Item my will is that my debts be paid and funerall expenses out of all my other gods & chattels wch beinge done I leave unto my wyffe if she be livinge the third pte of the reste of my said goods due unto her by lawe, but if it please god she dye before me, then I give the said third parte unto my fower daughters Agnes Wilkinson Hellinor (?) Lakeland Margrett Wilkinson and Bridgett Carr equally amongst them, Item I give a second third parte thereof unto Isabell Foster and Richard Foster children to my late sonne Adam Foster

to be equally payd unto them when they shall come to the full age of one and twenty yeares, Item out of the last third parte of my said goods, I give foure silver spoons unto my foure daughters, agnes, hellino(r), margarett and Bridgitt. Item I give unto every grandchild that I have an Ewe and a lambe at myd Aprill next after my decease. Item I give unto every one of my sonnes in law and daughters in law two shillings sixpence Item I give unto my Kozen Henry Claphamson three shillings foure pence, Item I give to Anthonye Wilkinson my best suyte of appell Item I give to every one of my godchildren foure pence. Item the reste of my goods not formly given nor bequeathed I give equally betwixt my aforementioned sonne Gyles Foster and my sonne Robert Foster, and last of all I hereby revoke and frustrate all other former wills and Testaments, and I make and ordayne my said sonne Gyles Foster sole executor of this my last will and Testament and I intreat my forenamed frends henry Claphamson and henry Wilkinson to be supervisors thereof In witnesse whereof I the said Richard Foster have hereunto putt my hande and seale the daye and yeare first above rytten.

Sealed signed and acknowledged in the presence of Henry Claphamson & Willm Robinson

Whereas I the abovenamed Richard Foster beinge now sycke but in pfecte memory thanks be to god have maid my last will and Testament as above specified I doe hereby ratiffie allowe and confirme the same (exceptinge some pticulers therof) wherof I hereby declare my true meanynge and my will is as followethe First that my said wyffe shall have the third pte of my goodes as formerlye I have bequeathed then unto her Item that every one of my grandchildren in stead of a Ewe and a lambe shall have three shillinges in money Item I give unto Abraham Tailor my late servant my seconde sewte of apparell Item I hereby Revoke the legacie above geven wch was the seconde third pte of my goodes unto Isabell Foster and Richard Foster children of my late sonne Addam Foster and my mynd and will is that all other legacies geven and bequeathed by this my will shall be payd out of two ptes of my goodes and the remainder to be equally devided unto and amongst my sonnes Thomas Gyles and Robert Anthony Wilkinson my daughters Ellinor Margarett and bridgitt and the above named Isabell Foster and Richard Foster the said children of my said late sonne Addam Foster And herby I intrust my sonne Giles Foster and Robert Foster to give and paye thirty pounds unto my said late sonne Adam's Children Isabell and Richard belowe named out of the prize or pfitts of my farme and tenement in Settle wch I have past unto them, and I doe herby so farr as I have power give the said thirtye poundes unto the said Isabell and Richard to be payd and remayne after other somes be payd out of the said farme unto my wyfe her sister Magdalyne and my daughters unto my said sonne Gyles Foster or his assignes for the use of the said Isabell and Richard and that my said sonne Giles or his assignes shall pay the said thirty pounds with the pfytttes that shall come therof after the recypt of the same unto the said Richard and Isabell equally betwixt them as and when they shall come to the full age of twenty foure yeares Item my will is that Anthony Wilkinson shall have, what I above gave unto his late wyff. In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the nynth day of May in the fyfthe yeare of the Reaigne of our soverayne lord Charles by the grace of god of England etc kinge defender of the fayth etc Annodm 1629 Witnesses here of Henry Claphamson Thomas Newhouse Margrett Wilkinson & Isabell Foster etc Latin text

Christopher Sailbanke 1600
Borthwick vol. 28 fol. 348

In the name of God Amen the Sixteenth day of November in the year of our lord one thousand and six hundred I Christopher Sailbanke of Stainford under Bargh in the County of York yeoman sick in body but of perfect memory god be praised do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty god my maker redeemer and saviour and my body to be buried in the parish Church of Gigglesweeke Also I will that my wife shall (have and) enjoy my lease and the tenement now in my possession for the tenure of six years next ensuing And at the end and expiration of the said six years I give and bequeath my said tenement and all my Right therein together with the lease to my son James Sailbanke and to his executors and assigns during the term herein specified (excepted unto my said wife one third part thereof For and during her widowhood) so always as my son James will content and pay unto my daughter Alice Sailbanke in consideration of this my tenement the sum of thirty pounds of lawful english money at or before the end and expiration of seven years next ensuing in or at the now dwelling house of me the said Christopher Sailbanke And in default and for lack that my said son James do not content and pay this said sum of thirty pounds in manner and form as is by me my will and is And I give to my said daughter Alice in recompense thereof seven acres of pasture ground in Sannat close in the field called stringleholme by estimation five (?) roods and another close called the shortleis and a parcel of ground called howcroftes by estimation one Rood during the term of my said lease Also I will and bequeath that at the end of the said six years my son James shall have all my husbandry gear which I have saving that my wife have the third part of it so long as she shall keep her my wife and widow, also that my wife shall make the charges of the whole crop, saving that year which my son shall enter to it Moreover it is my will and that whereas I am indebted to my brother Richard the sum of six pounds four shillings and eight pence That if my said brother Richard Sailbanke be content to suffer the said sum abovesaid to remain in the hands and Custody of my wife and son James that then my said brother Richard shall have his finding and maintenance with meat drink and apparel during his life of my said wife and son James and if he do procure the said money to be paid out of the lands of my said wife or son James that then he shall have a bedroom in some Convenient place of my now dwelling house And I give to my daughter Alice the best Arke that I have and A Chiste in recompense of the boards that her grandfather gave her Also I give to my son James another Arke and the best pan that I have Also I give to my said daughter Alice the moiety of all my household goods (the said two arkes and pan before bequeathed excepted) And for the rest of my goods I give them unto my wife whom I do make and appoint my executrix of this my last will and testament These being Witnesses William Lakeland William Kidson Richard Iveson and Thomas Lakeland

Latin text

James Carr of Stackhouse 1654
died 10 Dec 1654
Borthwick reference folio 100, York Wills in London 1649-1660
PRO reference PROB 11/244 quire 100

In the name of God amen the fourth of December 1654 I James Carr of Stackhouse in the parish of Giggleswick county of York the unprofitable servant of God weak in body but strong in mind do willingly and with a firm hand which he of his fatherlie goodness gave unto me when he first fashioned me in my mother's womb making me a ??? and a reasonable creature nothing doubting but that for his infinite ??? in the precious blood of his dearly beloved son Jesus Christ our only saviour and redeemer he will receive my soul unto his glory and place it in the company of the heavenly angels and blessed family and as concerning my body even with a good will and sure heart I give it over comending it to the earth whereof it came nothing doubting but according to the article of my faith at the great day of the general resurrection when we shall appear before the judgement seat of Christ I shall receive the same against the mighty power of god wherewith he is able to subdue all things to himself not a corruptible mortal weak and frail body as it is now, but as uncorruptible mortal strong and perfect body in all points likewise the glorious body of my Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. Imprimis first of all I give to my son Richard Carr this year rent Item to my son Robert Carr ten pounds Item to my son Francis Read ten pounds Item to my son John Tennant ten pounds Item to every child that I am grandfather to twenty shillings a piece Item to my grandchild George Read a bond of five pounds which is in the hands of Thomas Carr of Crenarig Item to my daughter Katherine a bedd coveringe Item to my grandchild Thomas Carr a long table which is in the bodystead of the house Item to my son Francis a bond of four pounds two shillings that is in the hands of Robert Barckley Item I give to my daughter Jane Carr twenty shillings Item I give to my grandchild John Carr thirty four shillings more towards buying apparel and sending him to London Item I give to my daughter Ellin one bedd of close and one chest standing in the parlour Item I do make my son Richard Carr and my son Francis Read my executors of this my present will and testament to perform my legacies above mentioned and see my debts paid and funeral expenses performed And the remainder of my goods if there shall any remain to be equally divided betwixt them. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the fourth day of December 1654. James Carr his mark

Witnesses James Stackhouse his mark Richard Berry Thomas Wilson his mark

This will was proved at London before the judges for probate of wills and granting administrations the sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fifty six by the oath of Francis Read one of the executors named in the last will and testament of the said deceased to whom administration was committed he being by commission first sworn truly to administer power being ??? to promise the like administration unto Richard Carr the other executor when he shall legally require the same.

Lawrence Lawson 1617
Borthwick vol 35 fol 256

In the name of God Amen, the third day of Januarie in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand sixe hundreth and seaventeene I Lawrence Lawson of Giggleswicke in the Countie of Yorke yeoman sick in body but of sound mynd and pfect memorie praised be god therefore doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testamt: in manner and forme following first I give and Comend my soule unto the mercifull hand of Almightye god my maker and Redeemer trusting assuredly through the meritts and

passion of my blessed savior Jesus Christ to have full and free remission of all my sinnes and to be made ptaker of eternall blisse in heaven and my body to be buried at the discrecon of my loveing wife and Freands and my will is that my debts mortuarye and funerall expencs shall be paid out of my whole goods And as concerning my messuage and Tenemts all my grounds and Comons with their appurtencs which I hould in gicleswicke and whereof I am Tennant to the right honorable Francis Earle of Cumberland I give and bequeath all the same and all my full and whole estate right title interest terme and termes of yeares therein and all my deeds and emdentes concerning the same unto Thomas Lawson my second sonne and to his lawfull yssue and to the assynges of such yssue yet nevertheles under such condicons as are hereafter expressed that is to say first that hee the said Thomas Lawson his yssue and assynges shall pmitt and suffer the said Ann my wife and her Assynges to enioy all the said pmises untill the said Thomas my sonne shall accompllish his full age of one and Twentie yeares to and for such intentes and purpospes as hereafter in this my will shall be expssed and declared and alsoe that hee the said Thomas his yssue and Assyngs shall pmitt and suffer the said Ann my wife and her assynges to enioy one full third parte of all my said Messuage Tenemt and pmises with thappurtencs from and after the tyme that my said sonne Thomas shall accomplish his said age of Twentie and one yeares, for fiftie nyne yeares then next following if she soe long live and be not maryed againe And alsoe upon condicon that hee the said Thomas his yssue or assynges shall truly content and pay unto George Lawson my oldest sonne the some of three score Pounds of lawfull English monie which in one yeare next after that the said George shall accomplish his lawfull age of Twentie and one yeares and to the rest of my Children Henry William Margaret and Jenet everie of them Twentie Pounds when they shall succesively accomplish (their) severall ages of Twentie and one yeares And it is my will and mynd that the said Ann my wife and her Assynges shall out of the profitts of my said Tenem. pay and allow unto the said George my eldest sonne yearely and everie yeare five pounds for foure yeares now next coming, for and towards his better exhibicon and maintenance at the universitie to be paid unto him quarterly by equall porcons And the rest of the profitts that shall aryse thereof dureing the noneage of my said sonne Thomas to goe to my said wife and her assynges for the better releife & educacon of my sayd wife and children And if my said sonne George shall not have the said some of three schore pounds paid unto him atthe tyme above menconed and limited for paymt. thereof then my will is and I give unto toe said George his executors & Assynges in lew thereof all my groundes lying at Stripe(?)....about nyne roodes and one pcell called Cro.....croftes conteining by estimacon three roodes lying & being wthin the Towne feildes of Gicleswick aforesaid and now in my possession To have & to hold the said Stripes & Cro.... Croft to my said sonne George his Executors Adminstrators and Assynges for and dureing all the yeares terme and tyme (which) then shall be unspent of the lease and leases by (which) the same are now by me holden And if my said sonne Thomas his yssue or Assynges shall make default in paymt of the said severall somes of twentie poundes apeece to my said other Children of the tyme above menconed for paymt thereof then my will is that such Childe or Children as shall be soe disapoynted therof shall enioy my said whole Tenemt my said wife her ryght excepted untill they shall be satisfied & payd her said Twentie pounds a peece successively out of the pfittes of the same And if my said Children dye in their noneage then the Twentie pounds of him her or them soe dying to remaine & be good to the survivors of them And if my sonne Thomas dye without yssue lawfull then I give my said messuages Tenemts and pmises with theappurtenncs unto William my youngest sonne and to his lawfull

yssue and Assygned and for want thereof then to my said sonne George & his lawfull
yssue and Assygned and for want thereof then to my said sonne Henry & his lawfull
yssue and Assygned And for want thereof then to my said daughters and their lawfull
yssue & assygned Provided that wh of them soer the some shall soe come unto they
to pay the reste of my said Children such somes as before is limited unto them and to
pforme the condicions aforesaid anything therein conteined to the contrarie
notwithstanding And as touching the disposall of my moveable goodes that shall
remayne after my debtes mortuarie and funall expenses be deducted & sett out and my
wife haveing her thirde according to have my will is that my said sonne Thomas shall
have noe share nor parte thereof because hee shall be otherwise pfered by my said
Testmt and Leases but that the same shall bee equally devided amongst the rest of my
children George Henry William Margreat & Jennett And I make & ordaine the said
Ann my wife to be sole executrix of this my last will and testmt. These being
Witnesses John Bankes and William Lawson

Latin text

John Wyldman 1592
Borthwick vol 25 fol 997

In the name of God amen the xvii th daye of Julie in the yeare of our lord god one
thousand Fyve hundreth nyntie two John Wyldmann of Caplesidehouse in Rathmell
in the countie of yorke sicke in bodie but of perfect remembrance praised be god do
make his last will and testamt in manner and forme following first he did bequeth his
soule to Jesus Christe his onelie savyour and redemer and his bodie to be buried in
the church yard of gigleswicke And for his mortuarie and other dewes he did
appointe and allowe all that wch of right should growe dewe Also he did geve and
bequith all his goodes chattels and debts moveable and unmoveable unto Jane his
daughter and did appointe that Willm Carr of Lancliffe and Willm Foster of
loneheade in Rawthmell should have the governemt of his said daughter and her
goodes and to use yt to her best commodytie and yf she his said daughter did die
before lawfull age then he did geve his goods wholie unto his owne two sisters and
he did appointe and ordeyne the said Willm Carr and Willm Foster his joint executors
These wytnes Henrie Robinsonn Stephen Armitstead and Willm Foster

Latin text

William Lund 1614 (probably not the feoffee)
Borthwick v 34 f 31

In the name of god Amen the seaventeenth daie of Januarie in Ano dm one thowsand
six hundreth and fowerteene I Willm Lund of Thornebar in the Countie of Yorke
husbandman beinge sicke in bodie but whole in mynde and of good and pfecte
remembrance praised be Almightye God doe proceede to the makeinge of this my last
will and testament in mann and forme followinge First and principallie I give and
bequeath my soule into the hands of Almightye God my maker and redemer fully

hopeinge to have remission of all my sinnes through the meritts death and passion of Christ Jesus and my body to be buried in the pish Church yeared of Longe preston at the discrecon of my freindes and as concerninge all my worldly goodes my will and minde is that they be ordered and bestowed as hereafter followeth And first I give and bequeath unto Henrie Lund myne eldest sonne all my right estaite and tyle of in and to all that my messuages tenements and other thappurtenncs whatsoever to and belongeinge and all leases and other writeinges concerninge the same Reserveinge onely unto Agnes my wife her widdow right viz the thirde pte of the said tenemts soe longe as she shall keepe herself chaiste sole and unmarried And if she either marrie or myscarrie then my will is that she be wholie excluded and avoyded of and from the same And for defalte of lawfull yssue of my said sonne Henrie Lund then after his dicease my will and mynde is that John and (sic) my seconde sonne shall have the said messuages and tenements and pmisses before menconed And for defalte of lawfull issue of him then the said messuages tenemnts and pmisses to remaine to willm Lunde my youngest sonne Item it is my will and mynde alsoe that all my Children be brought upp and mainetained of my said tenements untill my said said (sic) sonne Henry shall accomplishe the full age of twentie one yeares And if my said sonne Henrie did before he accomplish his full age then that my seconde sonne shall mainetaine and bringe upp my said children and if he dye before he shall accomplish his full age then my youngest sonne to bringe up his sister Margaret untill he shall accomplish his full age of one and twenty yeares Item I give and bequeath my owne pte of goods my funralle and Church dueties discharged and my bodie honestlie brought to the grave to be equally devided amongst my three youngest childrn That is to saie John Willm and Margaret Item I make my wife Agnes my full and whole executrix of this my last will and testament witnesses hereof Francis Dickonson and John

Latin text