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William Foster of Winskill 1587

In the name of god amen the xiiij th day of october in the yeare of oure lord god a thowesand five hundreth eightie seaven I Willm Foster of Winskile in the pyshe of giggleswicke in the countie of york sick in bodye but of good and pfect remembrance praysed be god do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge First I bequithe my soule to Jesus christ my maker and onlye savioure and my bodye to be buried in the churche yard at giggleswick and for my mortuarye and other churche dues all that right will Itm my Will is that my debts be paid of my whole goodes and the rest that remaneth my will is my Wiffe shall have her widoweright my children their porcons thereof Itm my will is that my wiffe shall have the occupacon of my ten[emen]t and rule of my children and the goodes and the goodes to bring them upp upon so longe as henrye foster of Rathmell & Myles foster (sic) of hesledon and xofer Lawson of malhame shall think mete and pfitable for my children And the monaies that can be made theare [from] the same to be devided amongst my children at the discretion of the Abovesaid Henrie foster Miles fawcett and xofer Lawson Itm my will is and I give and bequithe the Title & Tennt right of my whole tenementes and of my pt of Lancliffe mylne unto Thomas Foster my elder sone and to his lawfull issue and for lack of him and his lawefull issue I will the same shall remaine unto my next sone and his lawefull issue and so frome sone to sone and their lawfull issue....unto the same at suche tyme as thabovesaid henrye foster Miles fawcett and xofer Lawson and the survivores of them And which of them as shall refuse their order my will is they shall have no beny fitt of this my will so far as the lawe will allow The Residue of my pt of goodes not bequithed my and other lick thinges dischargedto my..... equallie to be devidede amongst them Itm I do ordayne and appointe Jennet my Wyfe my sole executrix and thabovesaid henrye foster Miles faucett and xofer Lawson sup[er]visors of this my last will and testament trustinge they will see the same pformed according to my true meanyng This beinge witnessed henrye foster Miles fawcett xofer Lawson... Richard(?) frankland Robert....

Latin text

Foster Thomas Langcliffe [undated] v42 f328
Will proved 1634

In the name of God amen I Thomas Foster of Winskill sick in body in good and perfect memory, the lord's name be praised for the same, do make and ordain this my last will and testament imprimis I bequeath my soul to God by whose merits I hope to be saved and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my friends.

Item my will is that my son William Foster enter and possess the ground that now I am possessed of at the end and expiration of six years to come paying out unto my other children Christopher, Elizabeth and Agnes viz. to my son Christopher ten pounds within one year after the entry onto it and six pounds the year following, viz three pounds to my daughter Elizabeth and three pounds to my daughter Agnes.

And concerning my grounds in the meantime my will is that my son William be apparelled out of the profit that is raised thereof, my will is that my sister Agnes dwell in my house and have the benefit of my garden till May day next. I give unto my daughter Elizabeth one cow now in the hands of John *****, the use of my grounds for those six years to come my son William being apparelled with, the rest of my goods my debts paid, my funeral expenses discharged I give equally to be divided between my daughters Elizabeth and Agnes.

I ordain my son William executor and entreat my friends Roger Lawson and Thomas Chaphill supervisors of this my last will and testament.

Witnesses: Thomas Foster and Christopher Foster.

Thomas son of William b Aug 1568 his sister Agnes b 1566
Margaret wife of Thomas died 1623 (may have married in Gisburn 1595)
Thomas buried 1625 (he intimates that his son will be 21 in 6 years, so this is the right
Thomas and the will is out of date order or was proved very late, i.e. when William
grew up)

23.2.1599	Agnes	Thomae
18.3.1606	Isabella	Thomae
9.4.1609	Willelmus	Thomae
9.2.1612	Christoferus	Thomae

In dei noie Amen upon the fifth daie of March one thowsand sixe hundreth and two I Giles foster of Windscall wthin the parish of Gigleswick and Countie of Yorke sicke in my bodie but of perfect remembrance praised be god for the same doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. First I comend my soule into the handes of Almightye god by whose mercie through the redemption in Jesus Christ my onelie saviour I beleeve to be saved And my bodie to be buried in the churchyarde of the parish of Gigleswicke Itm I will that my debtes be paied of my whole goodes Itm I geve to the poore of the parish of Gigleswicke five shillings to be distributed at the discreton of the viccar of the church and others my frindes Itm I geve unto Thomas foster my sonne and Jane foster my daughter ther equall porcons of my goodes Itm. to Elias Deane sonne of Geffray Deane xx sh And I will that Thomas Kidd my sonne in lawe shall have the disposinge of the same xx sh for the sole (use?) of the saide Elias untill the saide Elias Deane shall accomplish the age of eighteene yeares Itm I geve to the saide Thomas Kidd my sonne in lawe xl sh and to his sonne Willm two ewes and to his daughter Alice other two ewes Itm I geve unto my sonne in lawe Willm Cockett xl sh and to his daughter Agnes two ewes Itm I geve to the daughter of John foster of Rawthmell to whome I am godfather twelve pence And for my parte of my goodes my debtes first beinge discharged my funerall expences paied and other the legacies and dues paied and donne I give the same unto my daughter Jane foster And for my sonne Richard foster of the Cittie of London Clothworker at the instance and desire of himselfe and other his frindes and myne towards his preferment I gave before the date and makinge hereof satisfied and paied to him a certeyne some of money in full satisfacton and payment of his filliall parte and childes porcon of all my goodes cattells and chattels wch I thinke well bestowed upon him if he behave himselfe lovinge and frindlie to my wife and children and be a good husband to himselfe Itm. I ordeyne and appoint Margret my wife and Thomas foster my sonne ioynt executors of this my last will and testament And I desier my frindes Richard Foster younger Willm Cockett John Twisleton Hughe Carr and Thomas Kidd to be aydinge and assistinge unto executors in the due executon of this my will These beinge witnesses Thomas Kidd Willm Cockett Hughe Carr and Brian Bainbrigge

Latin text

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Will of John Foster of Winskill 1554

In dei no(min)ie amen the 24th day of November in the year of our Lord God 1554 I John Foster of Winskill sick in body and of good and perfect memory loved be Almighty God make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and to our Lady St Marie and to all the blessed company of heaven And my body to be buried in the church of Giggleswick and for my mortuary that at right will Item I give for forgotten tithes to the high altar 12d Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Foster my son my house that I dwell upon and used with the office by the licence of the Lord or owner thereof and all the husbandry gear that belongs to my house with the bedstocks belonging to the same this my give him for his child's portion Item I will that if the said Thomas die without issue lawfully begotten that I will that this bequest wholly to re-enter to William Foster my son Item I give and bequeath to William Foster my son the plains with -- -- rest of land that lies in Langcliffe field and a fourth (?) of Langcliffe mill with the licence of the Lord and this to be for his child's portion Item I will that if the said William die before he be in possession and die without of lawful issue begotten that I will that this bequest wholly to re-enter to James Foster my son Item I will that if the said James die without lawful issue begotten my will that this bequest to wholly to re-enter to Miles my son and so from one son to another according (to) my bequests Also my will is that if the said Thomas Foster my son die and the said William Foster to re-enter of his bequest I will then that William bequest shall re-enter to James my son Also I will that my wife shall be the last and she to order all that I am in possession of at the discretion of my witness during her widowhood And if she marry she to have her possession of my goods according as the law of the -- -- -- Also I give my parts of goods to (Cecilie) my wife and -- -- -- sons (?) that have none of the former bequests and to my daughters and that to be equally divided amongst them And The rest of my goods to be divided to Cecilie my wife and her daughters and to those sons that have none of the former bequests Also my will is that my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid of the whole goods and to this my last will I make Cecilie my wife and James Foster my son my full and sole executors to perform the same according to the true intent and meaning and to this my will I have set my hand as my -- -- before the witnesses Thomas Browne Thomas Somerschall John Wildman Richard Iveson

Latin text

Richard Foster of Settle 1626 amended 1629 (Feoffee of Langcliffe and Winskill)

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 Winskill 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 shal 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 suite of apparell 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 aforenamed 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 intraet 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 thirtie 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

Borthwick admin mf 1156 Probate Act Book
(no will or probate file, administration bond or inventory)

Thomas Foster 1605

ex Latin text

On 14 July 1605, Christopher Shut, bachelor of Holy Theology and vicar of the church of Giggleswick, by virtue of the special commission granted to him, certified that he had granted administration of the goods of Thomas Foster of Winskill, deceased, to Margaret Foster, mother of the said deceased. An inventory of below £40 was exhibited and a bond was entered.

The name Margaret is written over the name Anne crossed out.

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William Foster of Winskill and Langcliffe 1677/8

In the name of god Amen the seaventh day of February Anno dmi 1677 & in the thirtyth yeare of the Reigne of or (sic) Soveraigne lord Charles the second I william Foster of Langcliff in the County of yorke yeoman beinge in good and pfect remembrance make & ordaine this my last will & Testament in ye manner & forme followinge And first of all I commit & Commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god my Creator & by & through Jesus Xt my mercifull redeemer through whose merritts onely I hope to be saved & my body I leave to the earth to be buried att ye discretion of my exor Concerninge ye disposition & orderinge of those Temporall things which god of his meere (?) mercy hath bestowed upon me Impr. I doe forgive to my son in law Josias Dawson the summe of one hundred pownds which he owes me upon bond It. I give to my Grandson willm Dawson the summe of one Hundred pownds. It. I give unto Josias & william sons of my Grandson Chr Dawson the summe of fifty pownds. It. I give to Chr & Mary son and dawghter of my Grandson William Dawson the summe of fifty pownds It. I give & bequeath all my messuages howses barnes buildings lands tenments & heriditamt with thappurtencs in Settle as also the summe of one Hundred pownds to my Grandson Josias Dawson and my mind & will is that he receive & take the moneys & pfitts of those lands within one yeare after my decease It. I give to my Grandson Jonathan Dawson the summe of foure hundred pownds when he shall accomplish the age of one & twenty yeares as alsoe the summe of one hundred pownds more if my executor observeinge his good carryage shall thinke fitt, otherwise my mind & will yt ye sayd one hundred pownds shall be disposed of to such of the rest of my Grandchildren as my executor in his discretion shall thinke meet pvided yt the sd one hundred pownds be really disposed of to the use of my sd Grandchildren or some of them but if it happen yt the sd Jonathan Dawson shall dye or depart this life before he shall accomplish the age of one & twenty yeares then my mind & will is yt the sd foure hundred pownds & ye one hundred pownds shall be devided amongst the rest of my Grandchildren or such of them as my executor shall thinke foitt pvided that the sd sumes be really disposed of to them my sd Grandchildren or some of them It. I give & bequeath the sume of six hundred pownds to my two Grandaughters Alice & Anne Dawson when they shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeares which sd sume shall be pportiond and shared betwixt them accordinge to the discretion of my executor (viz (?)) yt each of them shall have such share or pte of ye sd six hundred pownds as my exor (observeinge their good Carryage) shal thinke fitt pvided that the sd sume be really disposed of to them my sd Grandaughters but if it happen yt either the sd Anne or Alice Dawson shall dye before they shall accomplish the age of one & twenty yeares my mind & will is that the one halfe or Moyety of the six hundered pownds shall be devided amongst the rest of my Grandchildren accordinge to the discretion of my exor pvided that the sd Moyety of ye sd summe be really disposed of to them my sd Grandchildren It. I give to my late wifes Grandaughter Margaret Butterfeild the sume of twenty pownds And as for the rest of my psonall estate I give to my exor & I doe hereby Constitute & appoynt my son in law Josias Dawson the sole exor of this my last will & testamt In wnesse whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seale the day & yeare abovesd

Witnesses hereof

Chr Dawson

William Foster of Stainforth

William Braddley (?)

William Foster

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William Foster of Winskill 1577

In the name of God amen The sixth daye of Januarii 1577 I Willm Foster of Wynschall within the pishe of gigleswicke thelder secke in bodye but of good and pfyte Remembrance laud be almyghtie god my maker and redeemer maike this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge First I gyve and bequethe my soull to almyghtie god and to Jesus christe his sonne and my bodye to be buried in the churche yard of gyglesweke and for my mortuarye all that Right will alsoe I gyve and bequithe to El[izabe]the my wyf all my wholle bargayne whiche I have of xofer foster and Thomas Foster my sonnes duryng her widdowhead and *(blank)* mayer withe a whithe Raiche, and her widdowe Ryght of my goodes also I will that xofer foster and Thomas foster my sonnes shall paye to their brethren for there Tente Right of my Tenement accordyng to my promisse maid when Xofer foster my sonne was maryed Tenne pound amonge them all also I will that dorothe my daughter shall have a bedrowme withe xofer foster and Thomas foster my sonnes also I bequithe to all the Rest of my children ther childe porcon of my goodes accordinge to the lawe the Rest of al my goodes my debttes and all other dewtyes paid I gyve and bequithe to El[izabe]the my wyf and to my children equallie amonge them and I maike and constitute El[izabe]the my wyf my whole Executrix this wittnes Gylis foster Willm foster and xofer foster withe others

Latin text

whithe Raiche = white streak on horse's head (rache in OED)