

Will of Richard Lawson of Langcliffe 1699

North Yorkshire County Record Office, Northallerton ZXC I 1/21/1

In the name of God amen the twenty fourth day of October in the yeare of our Lord according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred ninety nine I Richard Lawson of Langclife in the County of Yorke yeoman being infirme in body but of sound annd perfect memory praised be God for the same doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following that is to say first and chiefly commending my soule unto God almighty beleiveing my salvation in and through the sole mercy of my onely Redeemer Jesus Christ and committing my body to the earth in hopes of a Joyful Resurrection unto Life eternall decently to be buried in the parish Church of Gigelswicke after the manner of my ancesters of that worldly estate which God in mercy hath bestowed upon me I doe dispose as followeth Imprimis after payment of my just debts and funeral expences I doe give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah one Chest of drawers bought by me at Leeds Item I doe give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Sarah the sums of fourscore pounds to be paid her by my executor when and if she doeth attaine her full age of twenty and four years Item I doe give and bequeath unto my Daughter Margrett the like sume of fourscore pounds to be paid her in like manner when and if she doe attaine her full age of twenty six years of age Item I doe give and bequeath unto my son Nathaniell the sum of fifteen pounds to be paid him when the said Nathaniell shall have fully attained the full age of twenty three years or at the end of three Months next following the determination of his apprentishipp whether soever shall happen Item I doe give and bequeath unto my son Jonathan the sume of fifteen pounds to be paid him by my executor when and if he doe attaine his full age of twenty and three years Item I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Lawson his heires executors administrators and assignes as well all my freehold estate as alsoe my Lease Lands with all their appurtinances set situate lying and being within the Towns Townshipp and Teritoryes of Langcliffe aforesaid and Lastly hereby revoking all other and former wills if any such were by me heretofore made of this my last will and testament I doe nominate constitute and appoint my said son Richard Lawson sole executor In witness whereof I have unto theses presents bearing date the day and yeare first above written set my hand and seale Richard Lawson hand and seale sealed signed and published to be the last will and testament of the above named

Testator Richard Lawson in the sight of us with those words whethersoever happens first interlined John Green his marke Thomas Paley Richard Atkinson

Gregory Lawson 1615

In the name of god Amen the Nyne and twentyth day of June in yeare of our lord god one thousand six hundred and fiftene I Gregory Lawson of Langcliffe in the county of yorke yeoman beinge at this instant of good and pfect memory god be praised therefor doe make and ordeyne this my last will and testament in manner and form followinge, first I comend my soul into the mercifull hands of almighty god trustinge and assuredly psuadding my self that through the merritts and precious blood shedinge of my sweete saviour and redeemer Christ Jesus I shall have full remission of all my sinnes and be made ptaker of life everlasting and for my bodie I comitt the same to the earth from whence it came to be buried within the pish Church of Gigeswicke in or for now as conveniently may be unto the place where I doe use to kneele and sitt on the sundaies and holidayes. Item I desire Mr Shute to preach at my buriall and for that his pains I give him five shillings. Item I doe hereby revocke all former wills by me made at any time before the day of the date hereof Item whereas I have by my deede in Wryting indented bearing date the six and twenteith day of the instant June, given granted assigned and set over unto Mathew Sigswicke of Langcliffe and Thomas Lawson of Airton late sonne of Roger Lawson of Knight Sanford and to their executors and assignes all my Messuage Tenement and estate that I have (wthyn?) my lands or grounds whatsoever in langcliffe aforesaide to and such uses as are therein limitted and expressed I doe now hereby ratifie and refirme the sam deede to be good and effectuall in law to and for the sam use therein specified and declared. Item I give unto the poore people of the pish of Gigeswicke Twentie shillings to be distributed amongst them at the discretion of Mr Christopher Shute and churchwardens of this pish Item my will is and I ordaine that Thomas Palye son of John unto whom I have limitted my Tenement after my decease, shall give unto Robert Stalman my sisters sonne Twentie nobles, and unto Thomas Claphame sonne of the saide Christopher fortie shillings, to be paide unto them at the time of mariage of the Thomas and my will is that upon the payment of the saide some to the saide Robert Stalman he the saide Robert shall give release unto my executors of all such rights as hee might clame in any pte of my goods or other rights whatsoever, and shall alsoe release unto the saide Thomas Paley all the righ that he might claime in the Tenement and grounds or else if he refuse soe to doe then to have noe benefite of the legacie And if this saide Thomas Paley shall refuse to paye the saide legacies, to the saide Robert Stalman, and Thomas Claphame, then my will is, that the said feoffees or freinds in trust and my executors shall pay the same out of the proffits and increase of my saide tenement Item my will is that the saide Thomas Paley shall be guided and governed by my executors hereafter named, and by my supervisors, and likewise that (t)he shall have the guideing, mannring, useing, and husbanding of my Tenement, for his behoofe, and towards his better bringing upp and pfermet if in case that hee be not married in my life times untill the second daye of februarie wch shall be in the yeare of our lord god one Thousand six hundreth Twentie and two Item I give unto unto (sic) the saide Thomas Paley my armour, That is to say, my talliver with the furniture thereto belonging, and all my husbandry geare. Item I give to Christopher Claphame and Thomas his sonne either of them Twentie shillings, and unto Thomas Paler of Gigeswicke Twentie shillings and unto Thomas Paler sonne of the saide Thomas Tenn shillings and unto Rober(t) Cookesonne fortie shillings Item I give unto Willm Lawson fortie shillings wch he owes me, and I give unto Henrie Lawson sonne of the

saide Willm Tenn shillings. Item I give unto James Falthropp Twentie shillings wch he owes me. Item I give unto Margrett Iveson widdow Twentie Shillings if shee be living at my decease, or if shee be dead, then I give it to James her sonne Item I give to Anne Kiddson my maid servant Ten shillings. And for the residue of all my goods cattalls and other rights unbequeathed I give one halfe of them unto the saide Thomas Paley sonne of John. Provided alwaies and upon condicion that if the saide Thomas paley sonne of John dye before he be maried this his legacie shalbe voide and then I give the porcon of goods and cattalls to him limited unto the executors and supervisors of this my will to be distributed according to their discrecon amongst my kinfolke and freinds. And I give the other halfe unto Richar(d) Lawson and unto his wife and children equally amongst them. Item I give unto Thomas paley the sonne of John and to his heires and assignes forever my customarie estate in that pcell of grounde called Stackhouse holme uopn condicion that he shall give and pay to Thomas Lawson and Joh Lawson sonnes of Richard be paide the some of Eleaven pounds when he comes to age of Twentie one yeares or within a twelvemonth now after my decease or for want of payment thereof then I give tennt and customarie estate of the pcell of grounde to the saide Thomas Lawson and John Lawson and to their heires and assignes forever. And I doe appoynt and ordaine the saide Christopher Clapham Thomas Paler of Gigleswick and Richard Lawson to be joynt executors of this my last will and testament and I desire Rober falthropp and the saide Willm Lawson to be supervisors thereof and to assyst my executors with their best directions and helpe. Witnesses hereof
James Falthropp Thomas Lawson Willm Lawson and Mathew Sigswicke

Latin text

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 Gigleswicke 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 Testam: in manner and forme following first I give and Comend my soule unto the mercifull hand of Almighty 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 gigleswicke 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 assygnes 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 assygnes shall pmitt and suffer the said Ann my wife and her Assygnes to enioy all the said pmisses untill the said Thomas my sonne shall accomplllish his full age of one and Twentie yeares to and for such intentes and purpesses as hereafter in this my will shall be expssed and declared and alsoe that hee the said Thomas his yssue and Assygnns shall pmitt and suffer the said Ann my wife and her assygnes to enioy one full third parte of all my said Messuage Tenemt and pmisses 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 assygnes 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 Assygnes 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 assygnes 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 & Assygnes in lew thereof all my groundes lying at Stripe(?)...about nyne roodes and one pcell called Cro.....croftes containing by estimacon three roodes lying & being wthin the Towne feildes of Gigleswick aforesaid and now in my possession To have & to hold the said Stripes & Cro.... Croft to my said sonne George his Executors Adminstrators and Assygnes 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 Assyngnes 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 enjoy 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 pmisses with theappurtenncs unto William my youngest sonne and to his lawfull yssue and Assyngnes and for want thereof then to my said sonne George & his lawfull yssue and Assyngnes and for want thereof then to my said sonne Henry & his lawfull yssue and Assyngnes And for want thereof then to my said daughters and their lawfull yssue & assyngnes 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 condicons 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 Wiliam Lawson

Latin text

Borthwick vol 19 fol 707

Thomas Lawson 1574

In the name of God Amen the xxiiij th day of October a thowsand fyve hundrethe seventie foure I Thomas Lawson of Langclif within the pish of Giglesweke husbandman sicke in bodie but of good & pfyct memorie loved by allmyghtie god maykes this my laste will & testament in manner & forme folowinge fyrst I gyve & bequythe my sowle to allmightie god & to all the glorious company in heaven & my bodie to be buried in the pishe church yarde of Giglwsweke Also I bequythe for my mortuarie & other churche dewes all that right will Also I will that Elizabeth my wyfe shall have her widowrighte bothe of my goodes & farmeholde And I gyve unto my said wyfe a which of myne as she will choose Also I will that George Lawson my sone shall have for his title & tennante righte of my farmehold & his childe porcon of my goodes iij li vj s viij d in redie mony at that tyme as the righte honorable Erle of Cumberlande shalbe at full aige and demannde Gressom of hym Also I gyve to my fyve daughters & to everie one of them one Ewe schepe of the beste Also I will that xpofer Lawson my sone shall have his thirde porcon of my goodes & the said goodes shalbe delyvered to Richarde lawson my sone & the said xpofer shalbe founde (?) of my farne olde Also I gyve unto Elizabeth deane a gymmer lambe The reste of my pte of goodes my dettes & other ordinarie feys paid & discharged I gyve & bequythe to Richarde Lawson my sone & his children And I mayke & constitute my sone Richarde Lawson my hole executor Thes witnes Willm Bankes of Giglesweke Thomas kinge Giles (?) Cookeson & mathewe Sigisweke with others

Latin text