

**Borthwick vol 25 fol 974**

**William Kydd 1591**

In the name of god Amen the [twenty second day] of March in the yeare of our Lord god one thowsand fyve hundreth nyntie one I Willm Kydd of Lancllyffe sycke in bodye but of perfect memory prayed be Almightye god doe make this my last will and testant in manner and forme followinge First I commend my soule into thandes of my heavenly father by whose mercyes through Jesus Christ I beleve to be saved and my body to be buried at the discretion of my friendes Itm I geve for my mortuarie that which of right is due Also I geve to Elizabet my wife her thirdes of my goodes landes and tenementes according to Custom of the Countrey and as of right appertainnes unto her to have and geve to all my children being not maryed now sett forward to any say(?) of sharing(?) out my goodes heretofore their dew portyons of goodes as in equytie appertains... Item Also whereas I have Bargayned and concluded wth mr Nicholas darcy for the purchase of my tenement and have paid him alredie sixteene poundes & (?) rest Indebted yet thirtie two pound xx d which is to be paid uppon and at the sealinge myne assurance my will is And I do devyse that yf the said Nich Darcy or any other(?) for(?) him do Assure my said tenement to me or myne Assignes whether yt be by deed(?) lease or other wyse that then my son Thomas shalbe myne Assigne And have ye said tenement to him and to the heires of his body Lawfully begotten for ever my wifes Lawfull thirdes received during her life And my will is that my said sonn Thomas shall paie in Consideracion theireof vj li xiiij s iiij d to every one of my childrenne being nowe unmaryed Itm I geve the best fether bedd at my howse and my two pair of Lomes to my said sonne Thomas kydd in Consideracon of parte of his Childes portyon and my will is that he shalbe further considered at the sight of my frendes mr Shutt Lawrence Swaynson and James Bankes to whom I confer the ordering and setting downe of all thinges as shalbe thought good &(?) trewe(?) for the behoofe and Benefitt of my Children The rest of all my goodes not already(?) geven and bequeathed I geve to my sonn Robert Kydd and my daughter maude kydde equallie to be devyded betweene them And of this my last will and testant I make Elizabeth my wyfe and Thomas Kydd my sonn Execoutures These being wytnesses Richard kydson and mathew Sigsweek wth others

Latin text

{Mr Shutt was Vicar of Gigleswick }

**Ann Lucas 1664 / 5**

In the name of God Amen the Eleaventh day of January in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand six hundred sixty ffoure; I Ann Lucas late of Gigleswicke and now of Langcliffe in the County of Yorke widdow being sickly and infirme in Body, but of good and pfect remembrance (praised be God) doe make this my last will and testament in manner followinge, revokeing hereby all Wills by me formerly made: And first I remitt and willingly resigne my Soule into the merciful hands of Almighty God my maker and creator, trusting through his mercy and by the meritts of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to be saved, and to have pdon and remission of all my sinnes: And my body to the Earth whereof it was framed to be buryed att my parish Church of Gigleswicke in Christian manner att the discretion of my Executor and friends. And for my worldly and temporall goods and estate reall and personall, I doe give devise and dispose of the same as followeth, ffirst I will that my debts and funerall expenses be payd out of my whole goods. Item I give unto my son Lawrence Swainson and to his heires executors and assignes All my houses and grounds att Stackhouse with their appurtenances pcells of ye Mannor of Newby, and also those my Closes called Ravensber, and all my writeings concerning the same. Ite(m) I give to every one of the children of Mathew Evers(?) of the parish of Leeds tenn shillings a pece Ite(m) I give unto that child wherwith the said Mathew Evers wife was conceived and not delivered thereof att the time of the death of my late deceased husband Mr Rowland Lucas the summe of ffive pounds if the said child be now living and if the said child be deade, I will that the said ffive pounds shall be given and equally divided amongst the other children of the said Mathew, and I will that all the said legacies so hereby given to the said children shall be paid to their said ffather Mathew for his said children uses Ite(m) I give to every one of the children of Richard Turner of the parish of Leeds ten shillings apeece to be likewise payd to theirsaid ffather for their uses All which above said legacies and sum(m)es I doe give unto all the above said children for the love that I had unto my late deceased husband Mr Lucas and in remembrance of him Ite(m) I give to my brother Hugh Stackhouse his children ten pounds equally amongst them. Item I give to Tomazin Stackhouse ffive pounds to be payd when she attaines the age of xxi yeares, or before if shee be marryed before that she attaine that age, with the consents off my brother Hugh Stackhouse and of my Executors Ite(m) I give to Thomas Howson ten shillings and to Isabell Howson ten shillings; Ite(m) I give to James, Margaret and Ellen the son and daughters of my deceased brother Robert Stackhouse ffive shillings apeece, And to Valentine Robinson ffive shillings. Item I give to my sister in law Margaret Roome ten shillings Item I give to every one whom I stand as godmother twelve pound. Ite(m) I give to my sister Walker my gold Ring Ite(m) I give to Isabell Stackhouse my sister my best shifte. Also I give to my brother Walker ten shillings. All the remainder of my goods I give unto my son Lawrence Swainson and I doe make and nominate my said son Lawrence Swainson *Jurat* sole Executor of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written.

Thomas Paley  
Hugh Stackhouse *Jurat*  
Brian Cookeson

Ann Lucas  
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*Overleaf*

Craven

Anne Lucas nupr de Giggleswick def. ?? corte per Lancaster 20 Jany 1669

Entrd

**CLAPHAM THOMAS Ref.Borthwick.,York Bundle Dec 1647/8**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god amen I Thomas Clapham of Winskall sick of body, but of good & pfect memory prayed bee the lord, Imprimis I Bequeath my soule to god my maker, And I hope to be (saved) by the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour & redeemer, & my body to the erth

Itt. I give to E(lizab)eth Lawson my Granddaughter daughter to (Richard) Lawson of Lankliffe vj (li?)

Itt. I give to (Richard) Lawson my grandson & sonne to the (sayd) Richard Lawson xli

Itt. I give unto Elizabeth Brayshey my grand daughter & daughter to Richard Brayshey of Cowside xl s. ...en shee cometh to the age of one & twenty yeares & in the mene tyme to have xiid p ... pound each yeare for the use

Itt. I give unto my sonne Richard Clapham his children (that is to say) Thomas Elizabeth & Agnes iiili a peec when they come to Lawfull (y)eaes, And to be payed in the mene tyme xiid. per pound by the yeare

Itt. I give to Isabell Lawson, Tomazyn Brashey my daughters, Ales Clapham my Doughter in Law xis. viiid., a peece, And I Apoynt Richard Clapham jurat my sonn Executor of this my last will & Testament

Witness J..hn Foster jurat

**CLAPHAM THOMAS 1698 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.62 fol.106**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the eleaventh day of June in the yeare of our Lord God 1698 I Thomas Clapham of Winscale in the pish of Giggleswick & County of Yorke being weak of body but of pfect memory praised be God do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following viz: first and principally I commend my Soule into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, hoping thro the merritts and mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour to obtaine remission of sins & everlasting life, my body to the Ground to be buried in decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my friends and Excs. as for my temporall Estate which I have not formerly disposed of I give & bequeath as followeth First I . . . . that all my debts Legacies and funeral expences & other necessary Charges be paid out of the Creditts and money owing to me so far as it will extend & the rest to be paid out of my goods till all be fully satisfied Item I give unto my three Grandchildren Alice Thomas & Anthony Clapham each of them five shillings Itm I give to my Grandson Richard Wharfe the like sume of four shillings. And I give to my four daughters Isabell Anne Elizabeth & Alice all the rest of my goods after my sd. Debts Legacies and funeral expences be discharged of what kind or nature soever they be except one young Colt which I give to my two sons Richard & Thomas Clapham whom I likewise appoint Excs. of this my Last Will and Testamt. Revoking all others by me formerly made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hands and Seale the day and year first above written – Thomas Clapham In the presence of Richard Lawson. Willim Clapham

## **Borthwick vol 20 fol 45**

### **Edward Preston of Cowside 1575**

In the name of god amen the eight daye of maye in the yere of our lord god athousand fyve hundreth three score & fyften I edward preston of Cosheyde in the pishe of giglesweke sicke in bodie but of good & pfecte remembrance laude and prayse be to almightie god make this my laste will & testamente in manor & forme folowinge Firste I geve & bequeth my soule to almightie god & to all the glorious companie in heaven & my bodie to be buriede in the pishe churche yearde of gigleswecke Also I bequethe for my mortuarie & other Churche dewes all that right will Also I bequethe to Isabell my wife halfe of my goodes.....yf she be not with childe & yf she be withe childe she to have the thirde pte of my goodes and the thirde pte of my landes & yf my wife have no sonne but a daughter then I will that robert preston my Brother shall have the reste of my lande duringe his naturall lyfe & after his lyfe I geve my said land unto thomas preston sonne of Addam preston to thomas preston & Roger preston equallie betwext them so that they shall paye unto my daughter six pounds thertene shillinges foure pence yf I have one Also I bequethe to rychard Saylbanke one pr(?) of waine(?) Rayth Also I bequethe to roger Saylbanke my syster sonne a Jackit a doublet a layne yocke a heade shackell a Iron tynne a wayne head shackell & a trantre Also I geve to the poore folkes of gigleswecke pishe iij sh iiij d Also I geve my lease of Schayll lande liinge(?) on Remynton more to my wife & Roberte preston my Brother duringe their naturall lyves & after ther lyves I geve my said lease to Willm preston Sonne of John preston of Calton Also I geve to my wife & to roberte preston my Brother my moitie whiche I have of one Wallys duringe his naturall lyfe whiche is twentie (sic) thertene shillinges foure pence Also I will that Roberte tompsonne shall have a lease for one & twentie yeres he payinge therfore three pounds Sixe shillinge eight pence & within (?) a quarter of a houre after the said edwarde said that the said roberte cookesone should paye twentie ponde the reste of all my goodes my debttes & all other ordinares payde I geve unto Isabell my wife to my child yf she be with childe & to robert preston my brother & I make & constitute Isabell my wife & roberte preston my Brother my holle executors thes witnesses Rychard taylor Rychard saylbanke henrie paycoke henrie collare with others

**Thomas Geldard 1697**

**Borthwick mf 1788 p962 Probate 1698**

In the name of god Amen I Thomas Geldard of Langcliffe in the County of York Clothier being weakly of Body but of sound and perfect memory praised be god for the same do make this my last will and testament In manner and form following viz. first I bequeath my soul to god who gave it hoping through the merits and mediation of my saviour to obtain remission of sins and consequently everlasting life. And my body to the ground to be buried in decent and christian manner at the discretion of my friends and executrix. And for my temporal estate I give and dispose of As follows, first I give to Jane my wife (my debts and funeral expenses first paid) All my personal estate in what kind or nature soever it be. Item I give to Thomas my son and only child All my houses and lands whatsoever to enter to 2 parts of the same when he shall Attain the Age of one and twenty years And the other third part after Jane my said wife her decease. And my will and mind is that Jane my said wife shall receive and take all the profits of the said lands for and towards the education of my said son till he Attain the Age of one and twenty years. But if it happen that Jane my wife shall marry to another man then my will and mind is that my two Trustees whom I shall hereafter Appoint from and Immediately after my said son shall Attain the age of fourteen years shall enter unto and receive and take the rents Issues and profits of two parts of my said lands for and towards his better preferment in trade at his and their best discretion. And likewise my will and mind is that if my said son shall die before he Attain the age of one and twenty years that then my said wife shall receive and take all the rents Issues and profits of my said lands during the term of her natural life. And then After the death of my said son As Aforesaid then from and Immediately after the death of Jane my said wife I give unto James Geldard my brother All my houses and Lands Aforesaid paying unto the children of Agnes Pearte my sister or so many as shall be at that time living the sum of £20 within one year After he enter to the same. And if she be at the time living then to pay unto the said Agnes my sister the sum of 20 shillings ..... during her life. And I do appoint Jane my said wife Executrix of this my last will and testament. And I do likewise Appoint Richard Lawson and James Geldard trustees to take care that this my will be rightly executed. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of June Anno Domini 1697.

Acknowledge and signed in the presence of us  
Richard Lawson jurat James Geldard jurat

Thomas Geldard

Bond and Obligation attached

A true and perfect Inventory of all the goods chattels and debts and credits of Thomas Geldard late of Langcliffe deceased as they are Apprized this 27th (?) day of February by us whose names are underwritten

	ll	s	d
Imprimis his purse and Apparel	03	- 00	- 00
It 2 Cowes	05	- 00	- 00
It 26 yards of Cloth	03	- 00	- 00
It 40 yards of plain cloth and 1/2 thick	02	- 00	- 00
It 1 Cart 2 paire of wheeles	00	- 15	- 00
It in wood and 2 Ladders	00	- 08	- 00
It 1 paire of Looms with other utensills belonging Trade	02	- 10	- 00
It 1 Dresser pewter and other goods in the body of the House	01	- 19	- 00
It in wood vessel brass and other goods in the Kitching	01	- 15	- 00
It one Bed with furniture with other goods in the Parlour	03	- 15	- 00
It one Bedstead one Chist in the little chamber	00	- 07	- 00
It in Goods in the house chamber	00	- 18	- 00
It in goods in Parlour chamber	04	- 09	- 00
It in Linnen	00	- 12	- 00
It in meale Beefe and Bacon	02	- 00	- 00
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	32	- 08	- 00
It debts owing to the Deceased	92	- 00	- 00 ( <i>not clear</i> )
Sum Tota	124	- 00	- 00
Debts which the Deceased did owe	70	- 00	- 00
John Paley			
Richard Armitsted			
Richard Lawson			
James Geldard			

**HUDSON ANDREW 1688 Ref.Borthwick.,York. Vol.61 fol.59**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen, This twentieth day of July in the yeare our Lord Christ one thousand six hundred eighty eight I Andrew Hudson of Winskall in the pish of Gigleswick in the County of Yorke husbandman being weake and infirme in body but of good and perfect memory praised be God for the same doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme Following hereby revokeing all former and other will or wills by me heretofore made and first and principally, I Commend and Council my soule into the hands of Almighty God my maker assuredly trusting that in and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my saviour my sins shall be forgiven And that my soule shall be made partaker of everlasting happiness in the Kingdome of heaven, And my body to be buried in the Parrish Church yard of Gigleswick aforesaid at the discretion of my friends & Executrix hereafter named; And as to the temporall estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I give and dispose as Followeth; And First my will and minde is that my just debts and funeral expences thall be paid out of my whole goods, Cattells and Chattells; And as to the rest and residue thereof I give and bequeath the same unto Jaine Hudson my loveing wife; Item my will and minde is that she shall pay unto John Hudson my brother five shillings within the space of one yeare next after my decease as a legacy; Item I give unto the said John Hudson my brother my rideing Coate and my bootes; And Lastly I doe nominate constitute and appointe my said wife Jaine sole Executrix of this my last will and testament; In Wittness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written Andrew Hudson his marke sealed signed and published in the presence of us Antho: Armistead John Tayler James Tayler his marke

**Borthwick vol 19 fol 438**

**Jennet Stachowse**

In the name of god amen the xx day of Auguste in the yeare of oure lorde god a thousande fyve hundrethe thre score and sixe I Jennet Stachowse of Lancklif in Craven wthin the countie of Yorke singlewoman beyng of good and pfyct mynd and memorye thankes be gave to allmightie god maykethe and declarethe my testament and last will nuncupative in manner and forme followinge firste I bequythe my soule to allmyghtie god as mayker and Redeemer (and) my bodie to be buried wthin the pish churcheyarde whevr it shall please god to call upon me and I will that suche obsequies and funall services be doone and celebrated at my buriall.....and dothe stande wth the lawes of god and of the church Also I give and bequythe unto Rowland Crashawe of Kirkebye in mallomdale all my goods and cattelles moveable and unmoveable wch I shall fortune to have at and in the day of my deathe my dettes and funall expences ass..ged and I ordaine constitute and mayke the same Rowland Crashawe my hole and full executor of.....testament and last will nuncupative Thes beinge witnesses Roger Kidde John P[ar]kynson....Atkinson Richarde Knowles and John Crashawe of Lancklife aforsaid sone of Roger Crashaye

Latin text

**Borthwick vol 13 fol 485**

**James Saylebanke of Cowside 1548**

In the name of God Amen the yere of oure lorde god a [thousand] v [hundred] xlviiij the Seventhe day january I James Saylbanke of Cowsed seke in bodie and hooll of mynde thankes bee to god maike my laste will and testament as in forme followenge First I bequeathe my soule unto almightie god and my bodie to be buried in the church yarde of Giglesweke Also I bequeathe to the comon chiste iiij d Also I bequeathe .... and .... tenmte righte of my farmolde unto mgarete my wif withe licence of the lord duringe her wid[ow]heade Also after my wif I bequeathe the title and tenmte righte of my farmold unto Richarde my eldest sone withe licence of the lorde Also I will that my detts be paide uppon my hooll goodes Also I will that Richarde my sone have all such goodes as is in the custodie of Thomas Saylbanke my brother of Lanklif and all my husbandrie geere belonginge.... housse and the forenaymed husbandrie gere to..... Also the residue of my goddes I will that they shalbe devyded to Margaret [my] wife and my children Richarde and Chr[ist]ofer my sones and Isabell and Alice my daughteres accordinge to righte and custome when tyme shall requier at sighte(?) of John paycoke Thomas Saylbanke my brother John Foster and Willm Wederheade(?) of Mallonghedale whome I leave in truste for my Wif and children Also I will that Chr[ist]ofer my sone shall have Richarde my eldest sone childes porcon of goodes for the title and agremente of my farmolde Also I will that my pairte of goodes my buriall expenses paid be devyded betwixte Isabel and Alice my daughters Also I make Margaret .... of this my laste will witnes herof John paycoke John Foster Thomas....

Latin text

**John Brayshay 1615**

In the name of God Amen the twelfth day of December in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred and fifteen I John Brayshay of Langcliffe in the countie of yorke yeoman sicke in bodye but of perfect memorie god be prayed therefore doe make and ordayne this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I comend my Soule into the mercifull hands of Almightye god my maker and redeemer trustinge assuredlie through the merritts and ..... of my alone Saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ to be my ptaker of eternal ioyes in heaven And for my bodye I will the same be buried at the discretion of my freinds Itm my will is and I give devise and bequeathe unto Richard Brayshay my eldest sonne and to his executors and assignes my frehold messuage and tenement with th'appurten'nces in Langcliffe aforesayd and all grounds and heriditaments which I hold by lease or leases for tearme or termes of yeres whatsoever within the mannor and Lordshippe of Langcliffe aforesayd and all my full and whole estate righte tittle interest tearme and termes of yeres of in and to the same premisses and of in and to everie pte and pcell thereof and also all my writings escipts and evidences perteyneinge. The same provided alwayes and upon condition(?) that the sayd Richard his executors and assignes shall suffer Sybell my wife and her assignes to occupie and inioye all the same pmisses for the better mayntenance and releese of her selfe and my children for seaven yeares now nexte comeing and alsoe that if my sayd wyfe doe live unto the end of the sayd seaven yeares when he the sayd Richard my sonne his executors administrators and assignes shall permitt and suffer the sayd Sibell my wife or her assignes to continew in the occupacion of the one halfe of my sayd tennement for soe many yeares after as she shall live and it is my will that my sayd sonne Richard shall enter to one halfe of my tenement at the Seaven yeares end and to the other halfe at my wives decease whensoever yt the same shall happen after the same seaven yeares ended and upon condicion alsoe that he the sayd Richard his executors or assignes shall give to everie of the rest of my children five pounds to be paid when they shall alle finalie accomplish there full ages of one and twentie yeres severallie but if anie of them come to that age before the end of seaven of yeares then to have that person payd at that tyme but not before And for my goods my will is that my debts and funerall expences first beinge payd the Residue shalbe devided into three equall portions whereof my wife to have a third pte and my younger children another pte and for the deades(?) pte I give the same amongst my children Agnes, Thomas William and Robert equallye ammongest(?) but my sonne Richard to have noe pte of my goods because he shalbe already pferred by my tenement and it is my will that if anie of my younger children dye before they shall have received there five pounds before herein mencioned then it to goe to the survivor of them And I appoynt Sybill my sayd wife to be the sole executor of this my last will and testment These beinge witnesses Robert Moorhouse Thomas Carr William Lawson and John Lupton

Latin text

**Borthwick vol 27 fol 618 mf 940**

**Mathewe Sigsweeke 1598**

In the name of god amen the xxi th day of february 1598 I Mathewe Sigsweeke of Lanclife sicke in bodie but of pfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I comend my soule to Jesus Christ my onelie Lord and Saviour And my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of the pish church in Giglesweeke Item I give, devise, bequeath, release, assigne, sett over, and confirme unto Thomas Sigsweeke my sonne all my whole estate, right, tytyle, interest, clayme and demannd wch I my Executors, Administrators or assignes ought or of right might or may have of in and to all my houses and groundes of what sorte or estaite.... the same be of lyeing and being in the towne feilds, and moores of Lancliffe togeather with all writinge eindent[ures] escriptes and muniments thereof and of evry pt and pcell thereof to have and to hold the same to himselfe his executors, administrators and assignes to his and there use and uses comodities profit and advantage for ever my said sonne Thomas pmitting and suffering Anne my daughter to have, hold and enioye the chamber called the Shoppe wherein to sett her bed and her chist and also have halfe of that garden next ajoyning to the garden of Lawrence Swainson And also tenne pounds in money or money worth at the discretion of fower indifferent freinds and the same to be paid unto her my said daughter or her assignes within three yeares next after my death ensewing that is to say evry yeare during the said terme of the said three yeares, the just some of three pounds six shillings and eight pence and this I will she shall have if shee keepe herself unmarried, but but (sic) if she marrie then I will that she hold herselfe contented onlie with the some of tenne pounds to be paid unto her in manner and forme before expressed and sett downe and also I give unto her my said daughter one chist, wch I bought of Christopher Browne wch said pmisses I will shall stand her in full recompence and satisfacion of her whole childs porcion of my goods Item I give to Bryan my sonne twentie shillings as last pt of payment of his porcion or childs pt of my goods he my said sonne Bryan sealing and delivering unto my executors a good lawfull and sufficient aquittance and release for all goods All the rest of my goods (my wife her widdowright referred unto her) I give to Thomas my said sonne whome I appoint executor of this my last will and testament Witnesses hereof John Paleye Richard Kidson Thomas Sowden Willm Browne and John Braisheye

Latin text

**Richard Wilson 1695/6**

**Borthwick mf 1701**

**In the name of God Amen** the fifth day of September in the year of our Lord 1695 I Richard Wilson of Langcliffe in the county of York felmonger being infirm in body but of sound and perfect memory praised be God for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say believing my salvation in Jesus Christ my redeemer and in hopes of a joyful resurrection and I commit my body to the ground to be buried at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named. And for the disposal of my worldly goods and estate, wherewith it has pleased God to bless me of the same I do dispose as follows. Imprimis I will that my funeral expenses and just debts be well and truly paid and discharged by my executrix. Item I give and bequeath unto Anne Wilson my wife all that parcel of ground called Round Close and one cattlegate and calf gate in upon and throughout a stinted pasture commonly called Farr Moore with the appurtenances lying and being within the township of Selside in the said county of York, which said premises I lately purchased of Edmond Typlady of the said Selside. **To have and to hold** the said Round Close calf gate and cattlegate with the appurtenances unto the said Anne Wilson her heirs and assigns for ever according to the ancient and laudable custom of tenant-right had, used, and established within the Manor or Lordship of Newby. **Item** I give and devise unto the said Anne Wilson my wife all my leases for years of certain lands lying and being within the said Langcliffe together with all and singular houses, gardens and appurtenances whatsoever to them appertaining. To have and to hold the said leases for years and premises with the appurtenances unto the said Anne Wilson her executors administrators and assigns for and during such term as yet is unspent in the premises. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the said Anne Wilson my wife all and singular other my goods, chattels, and personal estate. And lastly hereby revoking and absolutely disannulling all and every will and wills by me heretofore made, if any such were, I do of this my last will and testament nominate and constitute the said Anne Wilson my dear wife sole executrix. In witness whereof I the said Richard Wilson have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Sealed signed and published to be the last will and testament of the said Richard Wilson in the sight of us

Henry Ellin his mark   Christopher Johnson   R. Atkinson   Richard Wilson his mark

Obligation

January 9th 1695/6

An inventory of the goods and chattels which did belong and appertain to Richard Wilson of Langcliffe within the parish of Giggleswick lately deceased, as follows.

	£	s	d
Inpr. his purse & apparel	01	10	00
Item his houses & lands in Langcliffe	40	00	00
Ite one horse & one mare	03	00	00
Item foure cowes	10	00	00
Ite one why one stirke & one calfe	03	00	00
Ite one longe chist	00	06	08
Ite four other small chists	00	13	04
Ite three paire of bedstocks with bedding belonging	02	00	00
Item one cupboard	00	06	08
Ite two little tables	00	10	00
Item in brasse & pewther	01	10	00
Ite in wood vessell	00	10	00
Item chaires, and stooles	00	05	00
Ite in iron furniture	00	05	00
Item in meale, malt, beefe, & bacon	00	13	00
Ite two carts, & two paire of wheelles	01	00	00
Ite for other husbandry stufte	00	06	08
Ite for goods in his shopp	03	00	00
Ite for corne & hay	03	00	00
Ite in lent money	20	00	00
Ite in several sumes in his debt booke	15	00	00

	£	s	d
summa tot	106	16	4

Apprizers names

Christopher Johnson

Matthew Frankland

Thomas Redshey his mark

John Armitstead

**Borthwick vol 36 fol 705**

**Robert Harrison 1621 / 2**

**Memorandum** that upon the fower and twentieth day of february in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand sixe hundreth twenty one Robert Harrison late of Langcliffe in the parish of gigleswicke within the dioces of yorke did make and declare his last will and testament nuncupative as followeth first haveing comended his Soule to god and his body to christian buriall in hope of ioyfull resurection to eternall life then for his goods especiallie his tenement he did give so much of it to Jennet his wife during her widowhoad as by lawe should be due unto her and after-wards wholly to Redound and Come to Allice his daughter And for the rest of his goods he willed should be devided betwene Jennet his wife and Alice his daughter and he made the said Jennett his wife sole Executor of this his last will and testament These be my witnesses John Stackhowse and John Claphamson

Latin text

**Borthwick vol 49 fol 142 mf 968**

**Robert Paycock of Cowside 1668**

Memorandum at or about 20th day of March 1667 Robert Paycocke of Cowsyde in ye pish of Gigleswicke and Dioces of York being somewhat sicke of bodie but of good and pfect memorie intending to make his last will and testament did dispose of his wordly (*sic*) estate as followeth

Inpms I give unto Margaret my wife all my goods and lands whatsoever dureing her naturall life Ite(m) after her decease I give unto my sone Timothy one parcell of ground called Banck Ings another parcell of ground called Parracke with foure cattell gates in Gorrbeck to him and his heires for ever he paying thirtie pounds which I have formerly charged uppon ye same Item I give to my three Daughters Anne Mary and Elizabeth paycocke one parcell of ground called Myres and another parcell called brown banke to them and their heires for ever they paying 30 li (?) forth of the same to Henry Walker of Kirby Malhamdale Item my will is that my daughter Mary should have 4 ... more (?) than her other sisters because I borrowed formerly of her theis he uttered on 2....

psence of credible witnesses

Jurat

Thomas Pailay

(Robt. Paycock nup. de Cowside 27 October 1668)

**WILL of Thomas Clapham of Winskill 1647**

W. Paley Baildon papers at Bradford City Archives WPB 20/44 transcript

Elizabeth Lawson my granddaughter and daughter of Richard Lawson of Lankliff vj li  
to Richard Lawson my grandson ix li  
to Elizabeth Brayshey my granddaughter and daughter of Richard Brayshey of  
Towside xl s when 21, xij d per year in the meantime  
to son Richard Clapham and his children Thomas, Elizabeth, and Agnes iij li apiece  
when of lawful yeras, xij d in the meantime per year.  
to Isabell Lawson Tomazin Brayshey my daughters and Ales Clapham my daughter in  
law vj s viij d apiece  
Appt. Richard Clapham my son Ex. Wit. Thos. Foster

York Unregistered wills Dec. 1647/8

**Will of Thomas Geldard of Langcliffe 1687**

**Borthwick Vacancy wills June 1687 mf 902 A-K**

In the name of god Amen the 17th day of March and according to the computation of the church of England 1687 I Thomas Geldard of Langcliffe in the county of York cloth maker being at present sound in mind but not healthful of body and knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time and considering likewise that it is the duty of every good Christian to set his house in order before he die That posterity may enjoy the lands and goods of the deceased in peace and quietness do make and constitute this my last will and testament in manner and form as following. First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god trusting through the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to be made partaker of eternal bliss and my body I commit to the earth from whence it came to be buried in honest and Christian burial at the discretion of my executors and friends in hope of resurrection to eternal life and for my temporal estate I give and dispose thereof as follows

Imprimis I give unto my second son James all my bought lands namely one croft joining to the east end of the town with two cattle gates in the over close.

Item I give unto my said son the sum of £16 £10 whereof to be paid within one month after he be loose from his apprenticeship and the other six within three years after.

Item I give unto my daughter Agnes four pounds to be paid within two years after my decease.

Item I give unto my grandchild William Procter four pounds to be paid when he attains to the age of one and 20 years if he so long live but if he be being not at the time living my will is that it be paid to her other issue male or female lawfully begotten of her body if she have any then living but for want of such issue my will and mind is that it returns to Agnes my daughter.

Item I give to my eldest son Thomas all the rest of my lands houses household stuff and utensils of trade after my funeral charges and other debts be defrayed and I likewise make my said son Thomas sole executor of this my last will and testament

Witness my hand

Thomas Geldard

in the presence of

John Paley

Richard Lawson

Bond

Noverint universi per presentes nos Thomam Geldard de Langcliffe in Com Ebor pannarum et Richardum Lawson de Langcliffe predicti yeoman teneri et firmiter obligari ventibi vivo John Kirkam SJ per Decano eccliae Cathij .....

Anglie; Solvend eidem Decani ...

Ric.Carr Thomas Geldard Richard Lawson

*(pannus is cloth)*

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the within bounden Thomas Geldard do well and truly execute perform and keep the last will and testament of Thomas geldard of Langcliffe in the parish of Giggleswick and Diocese of York his late father deceased

And do pay his debts and legacies so far as his goods will extend and law shall bind him if also he do exhibit into the Registers Office at York a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods rights Credits Cattells and Chattells of the said deceased and do make a true and just accompt of the same when he shall be thereunto lawfully called. And moreover (if need require) enter into such further Bond with more sufficient sureties for performance of the premises which the Judge of the said Court for the time being shall think reasonable and needful And lastly do save defend and harmless keep the within named Dean and Chapter ..... and all other their Officers and ministers..... all persons by reason of the premises Then .....

void and of none effect or else to remain in full force....

An inventory of the goods credits and debts of Thomas Geldard clothier of Langcliff late deceased appraised by Richard Lawson Junior Anthony Armitstead John Paley Richard Lawson Junior all of Langcliffe the third and twentieth day of June Anno 1687

	£	s	d
Impris his apparel with money in his purse	05	-04	-06
Item in cloth	07	-07	-00
It in woole	00	-18	-00
It 2 pair bedstockes	00	-10	-00
It two ruggs	00	-18	-00
It one fether bedd	01	-00	-00
It 3 chaffe bedds	00	-05	-00
It 4 blankets 2 coverlets	00	-16	-00
It 4 pillows	00	-08	-00
It 3 sheets two pillow .....	00	-15	-00
It 3 sheets more	00	-05	-00
It seven cushons	00	-04	-00
It 2 chairs	00	-04	-00 ?
Itm one close press	01	-05	-00
It 3 chists	01	-04	-00
It one litle table	00	-04	-00
It one ...ang(?) of wheel timber	00	-03	-00 ?
It in other peeces of wood	00	-03	-00
It one stone trough	00	-04	-00
It six sakes	00	-06	-00
It 3 pannes	00	-10	-00
Itm Brass and pewter	00	-12	-00
Itm other od things about the hous	00	-15	-00
It one pair of Loomes 3 pair of sheares with other things belonging to his trade	02	-05	-00
Suma	£26	-12	-00

Debts oweing to the deceased from all men	£3-07-00 ?
Debts which the deceased did owe	
To John Paley	£12 -00 -00 ?
It to the towne in Comon stocke	02 -04-04
It in other debts to all persons	03 -02-00
It in funerall expenses and given to the poor	06 -00-00
Summa	23 -06-06

Richard Lawson sen  
Anthony Armitstead  
John Paley  
Richard Lawson jun

## Henry Somerscales Will of 1609

Borthwick 31, fol 193 mfilm 945

In the name of god amen the fourteenth day of September in the yeare of our lord god one thousand six hundreth and nyne and in the seaventh yeare of the reigne of our most gracious sovraine lord James by the grace of god king of England France and Ireland and in the thre and fortieth yeare of his highnes reigne of Scotland defender of the faith I Henrie Somerscales of Langcliffe in the countie of yorke gent deceased (*diseased*) and sicke in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament herebie revoking all former wills by me made and now therefore first I commend my soule into thands of almightie god trusting through the meritts and mercie of my sweet savioure christ to be made ptaker of eternal ioy in heaven desiringe him to pardon all my offences and for my bodie I will that the same to be buried in Giggleswicke churchyard in the place where my father was buried and a stone to be laid over us at the discrecon of my executors hereunder named Itm whereas god hath blessed me with one sonne and five daughters first as concerning my sonne If it may please the kings maiestie and the right honorable lord treasurer to grannt his wardship being but of a small messuage of the ancient rent of xxiiii (sh) unto his mother upon some reasonable composicon which I most humblie pray and beseach at their gracious hands then my hartie desire is to have him brought upp in learning and if he be found capable of good literature and that his mynd be to goe to the universitie and to make learning his best preferment my desire is to have him mainteyned therein so farr as that I shall presentlie leave him shall extend and if that will not be sufficient I hope my wife together with my executors shall supplie his wants therein so long as need shall require and if so be that my Wife in some reasonable parte compass the wardshippe and government of her sonne then I comend her under god to the education (?) of his governing (?) humblie beseaching them to see him vertiously brought up in the feare of god to extend their favourable kindnes towards him Furthermore if it please god my Wiffe gett the wardshipp as aforesaid and that my said sonne goe not forward in learning according to my harts desire then my mynd is to have him trained upp either in the lawes of this land or in some comendable trade of life at the discrecon of my freinds hereunder named And for his maintenance in any of these courses I leave unto him by this my last will one full third pte of all my messuage and lands at Stockdale And also whereas I have a rent charge of.....out of the messuage and tennement now in thoccupation of Hugh Iveson I give and bequeath the same unto my said sonne together with the benefitt of all such covenants as on the behalf of the said Hugh or to be pformed according to an Indenture of bargaine and lease made unto him of the said messuage and tennement with thappurtenances by me the said Henrie as by the same may appeare And whereas I have grannted and conveyed over my title (?) interest and terme of yeares of and in one messuage and tennement with thappurtenances in Gargrave late in the possession of Thomas Thomlinson and of a cottage and two tofts with thappurtenances in gargrave Also (?) and certaine Comon or pasture ground upon Malhammoore to Thomas Prockter of Cowpcote (?) gentleman Arthure Somerscales clerke Robte Bankes gentleman and Thomas Preston of Appletreewicke younger and to their assignes by my deed in writing bearing date with this my will my will is and I ordeyne that they the said Thomas Prockter Arthure Somerscales Robte Bankes and Thomas Preston whome I have chosen as freinds in trust for this purpose shall sell all the same premisses for and towards the payment of my debts and for and towards the payment of such porcons to my daughters as I do herebie lymitt (?) to them That is to

say Anne Susan and Claramond each of them one hundreth pounds and to Jane an hundreth markes And if the money to be raised thereof together with such debts as are owing unto me and such money as wilbe raised of goods sold and to be sould will not satisfie the said debts and porcons afore mentioned then my will is that somme as shalbe awanting shalbe raised out of such lease bearing date also with these.....and I have grannted and made to my said freinds in trust of the third pte of Stockdale And also whereas I have leased to them my grounds in Langcliffe I will that the profitts of the same during the said lease being for twelve yeares shall at the discrecon of my said freinds be employed towards the maintenance of my house at Langcliffe and of my children whilst they be..... and after the end of the said twelve yeares I bequeathe all my grounds in Langcliffe which I hould by lease or estate for yeares and all my title interest and estate therein to my said sonne Thomas and his assignes alwaies reserving a third pte thereof to Jennett my wife for the terme of fiftie one yeares if she so long live Itm whereas I have compounded with Lawranncce and Robte Swainson for my messuage or dwelling house and the howses garthes and grounds thereto belonging in Langcliffe whereof I have as yet no assurance I will the same may be assured (?) conveyed for the whole interest and terme therein to my said foure freinds in trust before named and to their assignes And that the profitts of the same may be employed for the twelve yeares towards the maintenance of my wife and children and that the remainder and residue (?) of the terme of yeares and estate afterwards shalbe conveyed over by my said freinds in trust to my said sonne Thomas Somerscales and to his heires and assignes So as the said Thomas Somerscales his heires and assignes do pay such somes of money to his sisters Bridgett and Anne and in such sorte as hereafter by this my last will I have lymitted (?) and eioined (?) him to pay reserving to my said wife a full third pte thereof for the terme of fiftie one yeares if she so long live Also whereas I have conveyed unto my daughter Bridgitt and to her heires and assignes for ever the advowsonne and ppituall presentation of the vicaradge of Gargrave I do hereby confirmwe her grannt thereof And also I do lymitt and bequeath unto her fortie pounds out of my said leases and grounds to be sould over and besides twentie pounds in goods which I have alreadie given and bequeathed unto her Itm my will is that my sonne Thomas when my said messuage with the appurtenances in Langcliffe shalbe assured to him as above shall pay and yeild to his said sister Bridgitt fortie pounds And to his sister Anne twentie pounds to better their porcons therewith And if my said sonne Thomas die without issue before he come to age of one and twentie yeares or at any tyme afterwards Then I will that my said daughters each of them shall have an equall pte and porcon of land and in all my lands leases and as goods at the discrecon of myne executors and said freinds in trust And also my will is and I charge my said sonne Thomas that he do not sell any such lands or leases as by these presents (?) are bequeathed or as..... unto him to hinder and avoid the further pferment of his sisters which they might have if he should die without issue And whereas I have right and interest in the moitie or half of the rectorie or parsonage of Gigleswicke for sixe yeares or theirabouts the other moitie thereof and the....and inheritance afterwards being in Sir Richard Williamson knight I do by this my will earnestlie desire and pray that the said Sir Richard wilbe favorable and deale well with my executors in the enjoying thereof for the good of my children wherein I trust he will use (?) a good conscience Itm I give to the poore of the pyh fortie shillings Itm I do herebie appoint and ordeyne my loving wife Jennett Somerscales my brother Mr Arthure Somerscales and said loving cosin Thomas Preston younger to be joint executors of this my last will and testament And I desire my good freinds Mr Christopher Shute John Catterrall esquire Mr Willm Catterrall his

brother and my cosin Richard Frankland of Nealsing to be the.....thereof And to be aiding and assisting to my said executors for the better execution of this my will and for the better guiding and governing of my children and their porcons And so commending my soule and bodie to gods mercie I have in testimony hereof set my hand and seale given the day and yeare first above written In the pnce of these witnesses hereunder named Anthony Prockter Lawrance Swainson Thomas Sowden Willm Browne Thomas Carr and Willm Lawsonn **Memorandum** That after this will whereunto this Codicil is annexed was made and sealed by the testator Henrie Somerscales the said Henrie Somerscales did by his owne words sett downe as follows.....whereas I have in this my will lymitted and sett downe that my said foure freinds in trust shall at thend of twelve yeares convey.....one estate of my said messuage or dwelling house and the howses garthes and grounds thereunto belonging in Langcliffe to my said sonne Thomas and his heires so as to pay to my said daughters Bridgitt and Anne Somerscales the said severall somes of fortie pounds and twentie pounds Provided yet alwaies and it is my will and true intent and meaning that if my said sonne Thomas shall refuse and not pay the said severall somes to my said daughters in such sorte as by this my will is.....of.....of the said twelve yeares that then my said foure freinds in trust and their assignes shall keepe my said messuage or dwelling house and the houses garthes and grounds with the appurtenances to the same belonging at Langcliffe aforesaid in their owne possession untill such tyme as they have.....so much of the issues and profitts thereof as will pay the said severall somes of fortie pound and twentie pounds in forme aforesaid to the said daughters Bridgitt and Anne anything conteyned in this my will to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding

Latin text

## **William Falthrop 1605**

### **Borthwick v 29 f 647**

In the name of god Amen the foure and twentieth day of May 1605 I Willm Falthrop of Winscale within the countie of yorke labourer sicke in bodie but of good and pfect remembrance laud and prase be given to almightie god do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following that is to say First and principallie I comend my soule unto almightie god by the death of whose sonne Jesus Christ I hope to be saved an (sic) heire of evrlasting life and my bodie to be buried within the pish churchyard of Gigleswicke at the discrecon of my beloved freinds Itm I give to my sister Allice Foster and to her sonne Christopher my tennement at Winscale aforesaid so they discharge and pay the rent yearlie issueing out of the same being the some of fortie shillings to John Armytstead and Willm Armytstead of Rathmell or to their assignes and ....discharging all other duties and services therinto belonging Itm I give to my brother Roger Faythroppe of Gigleswicke aforesaid the pcell of ground wch I bought of Thomas Cockett and Richard Foster of Staynforth to thuse of Edmond his sonne or of they the said Thomas and Richard Redeme the same according to a bargaine and covenant made betwixt them the said Thomas and Richard on thone ptie and me the said Willm one thother then I the said Richard (sic) do frelie give the money due to be paid received by me for the same to my said brother Roger to be received at such tymes as are lymitted for the same to the use and behoufe onlie of Edmond his sonne whereof five pounds shall be put forth as the first payment for his futur benefitt educacon and pferment Itm I give unto christopher the sonne of the said Roger Falthroppe one cow wch is now in thands and custodie of Thomas Carr of Gigleswicke aforesaid Itm I give and bequeath thre pounds to be paid daughters of Anthony kendall of Swinden Margerie and Elizabeth thre pounds to be paid by myne executors our of six pounds wch the said Anthony is indebted unto me And I give and bequeath the other thre pounds remayning in the hands of the said Anthony to his other two daughters after the recoverie of the same out of thands of ther said father further I give and bequeath unto my said brother Roger Falthroppe as a legacie out of my goods ppt Itm I give all the rest of my said goods and cattells after my debts paid and Funrall expences discharged unto my sister Allice eight children that is to say Christopher Marie Margaret Isabell Elizabeth Samuell and Anne and Willm equallie to be devided amongst them Itm I give to my said brother Roger my gray Jacket and my new lether dublet And for the rest of my appell I give them to my said sister Allice children at her dispose Itm I make and constitute my said brother Roger and Allice my sister Joynt executors of this my last will and testament Witnesses hereof Barnabie Foster Thomas Payley Thomas Carre and Elizabeth Kirkbie

Latin text

**Borthwick vol 59 fol 171**

**William Johnson 1669**

In the name of god Amen I William Johnson of Langcliffe beinge sicke in body butt of pfect memory (praised be god) doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I bequeath my soule into the hands of my blessed Redeemer trustinge through his meritts to be made ptaker of Eternall happinesse and my body to be buried att ye discretion of my wife As for my temporall goods I give and bequeath as followeth First I will yt my wife Ellin have the tuition of my daughter Jennett till she accomplish ye Age of twenty one years if ye said Jennett and ye said Ellin my wife can Agree to live together, butt if they cannott Agree then my said Jennett to chuse her gardian when she shall accomplish ye Age of ffourtene years And ye gardian to have all ye pfitts yt ffalls to my said daughter ffor ye maintenance of her till shee shall Accomplish ye Age of twenty one years And whereas I am owinge unto Robert Iveson ye summe of tenn pounds I will yt if my Executor hereafter named be nott Able to pay itt without sellinge lands I will yt these pcells be sould viz Peasber Rood yt I bought of William(?)Ridgey one garden that I bought of Robert Iveson Ane one Cow Ane ye Rest of my lands I give I give(*sic*) unto my daughter Jennett and to dispose of itt if whee come to Age if whe die before she come to Age haveinge noe Issue I give itt unto my brother James Children equally to be devided Also I will yt if my wife marry to be void and have noe pte of the pmisses As ffor my household goods I give unto my wife Ellin and my daughter Jennett equally after my funerall Expenses be paid out Lastly I nominate and appoint my said wife Ellin and my said daughter Jennett Executrixes of this my last will and testment In witness whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and seale the twentye ffiffth day of Aprill 1669

Witnesses

William Johnson

Richard Lawson

Jurat Willm Carr

Jurat John Paley

*(overleaf)*

Craven

T. Guilielmi Johnson nup de Langcliffe poice de Giglesweek deft. Respit .....  
.....Octobris 1681 Entred