

**James Ash of Settle 1634 Borthwick v42 f450**

In the name of God Amen the fifteenth day of October Anno dni one thousand six hundred thirty and four I James Ashe of Setle do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: first I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be buried in the parish churchyard at Giggleswicke. Item I give unto Henry Ashe my brother and Thomas Ashe his son all my lands and tenements at Lackland to them and their assigns jointly so long as my brother Henry Ashe lives; And then to remain to my cousin [sic] Thomas so long as he lives and after his death I give my said tenement at Lackland to James Ashe son of the said Thomas Ashe to him and his heirs for ever. Item I give unto Peter R.....inson my godchild ten shillings. Item I give unto Henry Ashe my brother and Thomas Ashe his son all my goods, bills and bonds my debts and funeral expenses discharged and I make them both Henry Ashe and Thomas Ashe joint executors of this my last will and testament. Witnesses Anthony Sigswicke and Thomas Cockman.

*Settle*      *modern spelling*  
*Giggleswick* *modern spelling*  
*Lawkland*      “      “

RICHARD ACKERLEY 1690 ADMIN Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Dec 1690  
Transcribed by S.Gordon

A true & pfect Inventory of the goods & chattells which were belonging to Richard Ackerley late of Settle in the pish of Giggleswicke in the Diocesse of yorke Deceased made by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this twenty ninth day of November Ano Dom 1690

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some small household goods	0	13	4
In debts due to the Deceased	1	10	0
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Bryan Cookeson  
Thomas Kidd  
his marke  
Henry **H** Hewton  
Jo. Richardson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**John Altham 1602 Borthwick v28 f726**

In the name of god amen the thirteenth day of May one thousand six hundred and two I John Altham of Settle in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of perfect remembrance the lord's name be praised for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: viz. first I commend my soul to almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick in the said county of York.

Item I give the lease of my tenement in Settle and all my right estate title and demand of and in the same tenement to Agnes Altham my daughter and to the issue of her body lawfully to be begotten. And for want of such issue to Margaret my daughter and to her lawful issue for ever provided always that Elizabeth Altham my now wife shall have hold and enjoy all that third part of my tenement which I lately have occupied and so much the more as will extend to make the same a full half thereof for and during her pure widowhood and provided also that my natural father Robert Altham shall have his finding with meat drink and apparel bedding and all other necessaries upon the same tenement and be accepted used and taken to be the best and head of the house during his life if he will be so therewith contented. And when he shall dislike of his finding and usage above said then my will is that he shall enter into and have the other half of the same tenement during his life natural for his said finding. Further also it is my will that my said daughter Agnes shall give to my said daughter Margaret her sister ten pounds of current English money to be paid unto her at the time of the marriage of the said Margaret in consideration of my said tenement.

Item my will is that if my lord do make a redemption of my said tenement that then my said daughter Agnes shall have the money which is to be paid for the same for and towards the procuring and getting of a new estate thereof for her use.

Item it is my will that my debts be paid and funeral expenses discharged out of my whole goods. And that then my wife have one third part of the rest. And for the other two parts I will that the same be equally divided amongst my said wife and two daughters. And I make and ordain my said wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Christopher Preston, Robert Altham, John Kydd Robert Morehouse and Thomas Claphamson.

*Seddell  
Giggleswicke*

**Richard Altham 1626 Borthwick v41 f788**

In the name of God amen the twelfth day of January 1626 I Richard Altham of Settle sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance (praised be god) do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting through the most precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my Saviour to be saved and my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of Giggleswick at the discretion of my friends. Inprimis I give unto my son Roger Altham his executors and administrators all my houses and garths with all the profits and commodities thereunto belonging with all my writings and assurances thereto pertaining during all the said term of years expressed in the said writings. And also that he the said Roger Altham shall discharge and pay out for the same all these sums hereafter expressed.

First my will and mind is and I give unto Jane my wife half of all the said houses and garths during her life natural and after her decease the same to remain to my son Roger aforesaid. Item my will is that my son Roger Altham shall pay forth of the said houses and garths unto my two other children Thomas Altham and Jennett Altham either of them five pounds. And he shall pay the one five pounds of it unto them within one whole year next after that my son Thomas Altham be loose out of his apprenticeship and the other five pounds he shall pay unto them within one whole year next after the decease of my wife and both those payments as they grow due equally to be divided between them. Item my will further is that my son Roger Altham shall pay and discharge all such debts as I am indebted that is to say to John Wharfe three pounds four shillings ten pence, to James Willson twenty one shillings six pence, to James Butterfield ten shillings nine pence, to Anthonie Knowles ten shillings nine pence, to Christopher Lawson three shillings four pence. Item I give unto my son Roger Altham all my work tools belonging to my trade whatsoever they be. Item for all my other goods whatsoever when my funeral expenses is paid I give the remainder thereof unto Jane my wife to dispose of at her pleasure. And I do make and appoint Jane my wife and Roger Altham my son sole and joint executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Henrie Kynge, Henrie Lupton.

*Settle  
Giggleswicke*

**Roger Altham (not Asham) 1658**  
**The National Archives PROB 11/280**  
Transcribed by M.J. and E.M. Slater

**In the name of God Amen** the twentieth third day of Januarie in the yeare of our Lord God according to the Computation of the Church of England one Thousand six hundred fiftie and seven I Roger Altham of Settle in the countie of Yorke yeoman being sicke and weak(?) in bodie, but of sound and perfect memorie praise be given to God for the same, and knowing the uncertaintie of this life on earth and being desiring to settle thinges in order, doe make constitute ordaine and declare this my last will and testament in manner and forme following Revoking and annulling by these presentes all and everie testament and testaments, will and wills heretofore by me made and declared either by word or by writing And this is to be taken onely for my last will and testament and none other And first being penitent and sorrie from the bottome of my heart for my sinnes past most humbly desiring forgivnes for the same, I give and commend my soule to Almighty God my Creator assuredly believing that I shall receive full pardon and free remission of all my sinnes, and be saved by the precious death and merits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Christ Jesus And my bodie to the earth from whence it was taken, to be buried in such decent and Christian manner, as to my executrix hereafter named together with her friends shalbe thought meet and convenient And as for such temporall estate, goods, Chattells and debts as it hath pleased God far above my deserts to bestowe upon me My will and meaning is the same shalbe imployed and bestowed and hereafter by this my will is expressed, That is to say, First I will That all those debts and duties which I owe in right or conscience to any manner of person or persons whatsoever shalbe well and truly contented and paid or ordained to be paid within convenient time after my decease, by my executrix hereafter named Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne Roger Altham the summe of Fortie pounds to be paid or imployed for the use of the said Roger my sonne at or upon the twentieth fifth day of March which shalbe in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand six hundred sixtie and three Item I doe give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Altham my daughter the summe of fortie pounds To be paid unto the said Elizabeth my daughter when she shall attaine unto the age of one and twentieth yeares And in case either the said Roger my sonne or the said Elizabeth my daughter shall happen to die before they attaine unto the full age of one and twentieth yeares, Then my will and meaning is, That the moneye thereby bequeathed remaying due unto either of them at the time of their deceasing shall become due and payable unto the survivor or longer liver of them Item I doe give and bequeath unto Agnes Altham my grandchild Eldest daughter of Michaell Altham of Overkellat in the Countie of Lancaster Clerke my eldest sonne the summe of twentieth pounds To be paid or consented to the said Michaell Altham her father or to some Feoffee in trust by him appointed or upon the five and twentieth day of March which shalbe in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand six hundred sixtie and foure, And by him the said Michaell her father or the said Feoffee by him appointed to be imployed to the onely use and behoofe of the said Agnes, And the said moneye together with the profits thereof by them truly to be paid or contented to her the said Agnes when she shall attaine to the full age of one and twentieth yeares Item I doe give and bequeath unto Michaell Altham my grandchild (eldest sonne of Michaell Altham aforesaid my eldest sonne) the like summe of twentieth pounds in like manner To be paid unto Michaell Altham his father or some Feoffee in trust by him appointed at or upon the five and twentieth day of March which shalbe in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred Sixtie and

five and by him the said Michaell his father or the said Feoffee in trust by him appointed to be employed to the onely use and behoofe of Michaell Altham the sonne, And the same together with the profits thereof by them truly to be paid or contented to him the said Michaell when he shall attaine to the age of one and twentie yeares Item I doe give and bequeath unto Roger Altham my grandchild (second sonne of the said Michaell the father) the summe of Twentie pounds, in like manner to be paid unto the said Michaell his father, or some Feoffee in trust by him appointed, at or upon the five and twentieth day of March which shalbe in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand sixe hundred sixtie and sixe And by him the said Michaell the father or the said Feoffee in trust by him appointed to be employed to the onely use and behoofe of the said Roger And the same together with the profits thereof by them truly to be paid or contented to him the said Roger when he shall attaine to the age of one and twentie yeares And in case any of my said Grandchildren Agnes Michaell or Roger shall happen to dye before they come to the full age of one and Twentie yeares, Then my will and meaning is That the legacie or legacies by me hereby given and bequeathed to the partie or parties so deceasing shall become due and payable to the survivor or survivors, the longer liver or longer livers of them my said grandchildren Item, and for the due performance of all things conteyned herein I doe hereby ordaine, constitute and appoint Agnes Altham my now wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale, the day and yeare abovewritten Roger Altham his marke signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us with the word (paid) interlined William Newhouse Henry Towller John Howson

**This will** was proved at London before the Judges for probate of wills and granting Administrations the nine and twentieth day of November in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred Fiftie eight By the oath of Agnes Altham the Relict of the said deceased and sole executrix therein named To whome Administration of all and singular the goods Chattells and debts of the said deceased were granted and committed She being First sworne by Com[missi]on truly to administer

**Richard Armestead 1612 Borthwick v32 f159**

In the name of god Amen the third day of June in the yeare of our lord god one thousand six hundreth and twelve I Richard Armetstead of Knight Stainforth in the countie of yorke yeoman sicke in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance god be praised doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme Following First herebie I do revoke all former wills by me made and now I commend my soule into the mercifull hands of almighty god trusting through the merritts and passion precious bloudshedding of my sweet saviour Jesus Christ to be made partaker of life everlasting And for my bodie I will that the same be buried in the parish churchyard of Giggleswicke at the discretion of my friends Itm it is my will that Anne my wife shall have and enjoy her Feoffment according to the true meaning of the writings in that behalfe made and that all my lands tenements and hereditaments in Stainforth aforesaid shall remaine discend and come after my decease according to the uses and lymittacons in the said writing conteyened Itm I give unto Thomas Armetstead my father and his assignes all my groundes and pasturing in and upon Studfold moore and all my estaite interest and terme title clame and demand whatsoever of in and to the same And my will is that Anne my said wife shall have the moitie or one halfe of all my other goods chattells credittes and rightes whatsoever according to the custome of the cuntrie And I do also give unto my said wife eleven pounds thirteene shillings foure pence out of the other moitie Itm I doe give and bequeath unto my brother John Armetstead seaven pounds thirteene shillings and foure pence and to my brother Richard Armetstead foure poundes six shillings eight pence Itm I give unto my brother in law Stephen Peart six poundes thirteene shillings foure pence and unto Christopher Pearte Thomas Pearte and Jane Pearte children of the said Stephen everie of them six poundes thirteene shillings and foure pence to be paid and allowed out of that twentie two poundes two shillings tenne pence which the said Stephan oweth me And my will is also that my said brother in law Stephen shall have the governance of the said legacies so by me given to his said children for and during their severall minorities so as he will enter bond to my said father Thomas Armetstead and to my executrix within a quarter of a yeare next after my decease for payment of the said legacies [payment of the said legacies] by the said children when they shall accomplish the severall ages of twentie one yeares or other wise preffered in marriage and if any of them the said children die before that age or marriage then I give such porcon or porcons to the survivor or survivors of them and my will is that the bonde so to be entered by the said Stephen shalbe made accordinglie to that effect. Itm I give unto the poore people of this parish of Giggleswicke twentie shillings to be distributed at the discretion of Mr Christopher Shute and of my said father and of Barnard Browne my brother in law Itm I give unto George Ivesonn and his wife five shillings Itm to Agnes Twiston daughter of Anthonye five shillings Itm to Roger Preston sonne of Thomas five shillings Itm to Elizabeth Browne daughter of the said Barnard five shillings Itm I give to the said Anthony Twisleton tenne shillings Itm I give to Thomas Preston and John Clapham either of them two shillings Itm I do appoint my said wife to be sole executrix of this my last will and testament These being witnesses Thomas Armetstead Thomas Tailor Barnard Browne George Swainson William Lawsonn

Latin text

*Giggleswick*





**Thomas Armesteade 1632 Ref. Borthwick vol 41 fol 785**

In the name of God Amen the first day of April Anno domini One thousand six hundred thirty and two I Thomas Armesteade of Giggleswick in the county of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect memory (praised be God therefore) do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following . And first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my saviour and redeemer trusting through the merits and precious blood shedding of my alone saviour Jesus Christ to be made partaker of eternal bliss in heaven. And for my body I commit the same to earth from whence it came in hope of the resurrection to everlasting life. The same body to be buried in Christian and honest burial at the discretion of my loving wife, executors and friends.

And as touching my worldly estate my will and mind is as follows: First whereas I have by my deed or writing conveyed to the use of my wife Jane before our inter-marriage certain lands or grounds lying within the Lordship of Giggleswick for her jointure and in satisfaction of her dower and claim to all my lands tenements and grounds which I either hold in fee by lease or otherwise or to that effect. Now my will and mind is And I do ratify confirm and allow the same to be my own act and deed and to continue in full force effect and virtue against me my heirs, executors and administrators further my will is because god has given a blessing to us since I married her, she shall have £14 out of my goods. Also whereas I have lately bought certain titles in Giggleswick aforesaid of Mr Baynes attorney at law for which I am to pay £500 at several days And for which Thomas Carr my brother-in-law stands engaged my will and mind is that the same with all other debts whatsoever I owe shall be paid out of my personal estate of goods and if the same will not extend the payment thereof then I will and devise that my executors hereafter named shall sell and dispose of those parcels of grounds hereafter mentioned which were late parcels of Mr Shute's tenement in Giggleswick aforesaid vizt the Ostell Bancke, the hollow gate and all the grounds beneath the highway parcel of Mr Shute's tenement and also of those other parcels also called Upp Jacks Close, the Blew Breake Close lying about Roome and the Hirst Close within the lordship of Giggleswick aforesaid.

And if my executors cannot by the disposition of my personal estate in goods nor by the sale of the aforesaid grounds raise sufficient money for the satisfaction of my debts then it is my will and mind and I do hereby give my executors full power and authority to sell any what part of my lands I hold by lease (as to them shall be thought fit) which does lye at an outside or furthest off from the rest of my lands. Also it is my will and mind that my executors hereafter named shall take and retain the mean of profits from all my messuages houses lands tenements and grounds and shall dispose thereof for the education of my children till they come to that age to possess these rights and legacies I have bequeathed them as hereafter is mentioned further also it is my will and mind that my son John Armesteade after he shall accomplish the age of 21 years (having his education with the rest of my children as aforesaid) and other limitations performed as above is limited shall have and enjoy to him and his heirs executors administrators and assigns all my messuage or mansion house wherein I now dwell with all houses rights members and appurtenances thereto belonging together with those closes or parcels of grounds hereafter particularly mentioned viz the Browne Wattikers, the foread heade and the little close thereto adjoining together with all other my lands tenements and hereditaments I hold in free socage saving and

always reserving to my said loving wife Jane such jointure as I have granted her for her life in the same premises and not otherwise.

And as such all mean profits as are before mentioned and limited to my executors And for the rest of all my leases lands and tenements held by what tenure held soever (saving and reserving as aforesaid) I give devise and bequeath the same to my son William Armesteade his heirs executors administrators and assigns for all such estate time term and terms number and numbers of years as I hold the same by force of any writings or assurances whatsoever to enter to the same when he shall accomplish the age of 22 years. And as concerning my tythe before mentioned which I purchased of Mr Baynes as aforesaid my will and mind is that the same shall be disposed of as follows: vizt that my three eldest daughters shall have hold and enjoy the same successively each after other for and during the space of two years a piece now next. And my two younger daughters after that term expired shall enjoy the same either of them a year. The remainder thereof to be and descend to my said son John Armesteade his heirs and assigns with all other my lands tenements and heriditaments I hold as parcel of the rectory of Giggleswick aforesaid. And if out of the mean profits of my lands formerly disposed to my executors any surplus as does remain that then that surplus shall go to my two youngest daughters to make them equal in portion with their eldest sisters. And when that equality is had if any more surplus be my will is that the same shall be equally disposed among all my five daughters.

And I do hereby nominate and appoint my natural brother William Armesteade clerk and my brother-in-law Thomas Carr to be sole executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Arthur Coldcoll, John Carr, James Newhouse Henry Lawson.

*Giggleswick spelt Gigleswick & Gigleswicke*

**Anna or Agnes Armetstead 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.1616 Ref.Borthwick Vol 35 f236**

In the name of God Amen. The thirtieth day of November 1616 I Annas Armetstead late wife of Thomas Armetstead of Seatle deceased sick in body but of good and perfect mind and memory praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church yard of the parish church of Giglesweeke at the discretion of my friends.

Item: my will is and I give unto Thomas Armetstead my eldest son all that my whole estate in Settle of my houses and garths with the appurtenances thereto belonging and also one close or eighth part of the tythe of Setle thereunto belonging withal the writing thereunto belonging. And also further my will is that the said Thomas Armetstead my son shall pay to his brother James Armetstead and to his two sisters Elizabeth Armetstead and Ellen Armetstead my other three younger children every one of them twenty pounds when they shall come to their full age of twenty one years.

And for my goods when my debts are paid and my funeral expenses discharged I give the same wholly to my three younger children James Elizabeth and Ellen Armetstead equally to be divided amongst them and I appoint Ellen Taylor my aunt whole executrix of this my last will and testament. Witnesses hereof Richard Balderston, Oliver Newhouse and Henry Lupton.

*Settle modern spelling*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**James Armetstead 1619 Ref.Borthwick v35 f464**

In the name of god amen the fourteenth day of June in the year of our lord God 1619 I James Armitstead of Rawthmell in the County of yorke husbandman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be almighty god therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul into the hands of almighty god my Saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the Church yard of Gigleswicke at the discretion of my \wife and/ friends.

Also I give devise bequeath all my houses garths lands meadows commons and other grounds with their appurtenances parcels of ground Tenement commonly called Quickwood tenement in Rawthmell aforesaid now in the tenure and possession of me and my assigns and all my estate right title interest and term of years therein and also all my leases scripts evidences and writings concerning the same unto Richard Armitstead the youngest son of my late brother Allan Armitstead deceased and to the issue of his body lawfully to be begotten and to the executors and assigns of his issue under the Condition hereafter in this my will expressed; and for lack and default of such issue then I give all the same premises to James Armitstead eldest son of my said late brother Allan and to his executors and assigns under the conditions hereafter also following that is to say first upon Condition that the said Richard Armitstead and James Armitstead and their and either of their lawful issue executors administrators and assigns shall permit and suffer Elizabeth my now wife and her assigns to have hold occupy possess and enjoy all and singular the said houses garthes lands grounds and other appurtenances to her only use and behalf that is to say the one half thereof for and during the term of her natural life and the other half thereof for and during the term of her widowhood.

And also upon Condition that if the said premisses by virtue of this my will shall descend and come unto the said James Armitstead by the death of his brother and \of/ his lawful issue that then the said James Armitstead his executors and assigns or some of them shall truly pay or cause to be paid to John Armitstead brother of the said James and to Jane Armitstead sister of the said James either of them six pounds of lawful English money within one quarter of a year next after that so the said James shall or may enter unto have hold and enjoy all the said leases garths lands grounds and commons by virtue of this my last will and testament or in default that the said James shall not be paid by the said James Armetstead his executors or assigns unto the said John Armitstead and Jane their executors or assigns or some if them in manner and form above specified then I give devise and bequeath all the said houses grounds and appurtenances to the said James Armitstead John Armitstead and Jane Armitstead, that is to say to every one of them and to his and her assigns a full third part thereof also my will is and I ordain if the said Elizabeth my wife her executors or assigns shall give and \pay/ or cause to be given and paid unto the said John and Jane Armitstead either of them twenty shillings to be paid unto them when they shall accomplish their several ages of twenty and one years in full recompense of all such part or parts of goods as to them or either of them did belong by the death of their said late Father Allan Armitstead and for the rest of all my goods chattels and other rights my debts and funeral expences being first discharged I give the same wholly unto the said Elizabeth my wife Also I give unto (she) Elizabeth my wife and her assigns all my right title interest claim and demand which I now have or ought to have of in and unto all these houses and grounds in Rawthmell aforesaid and now in my possession being a whole third of that tenement which was late in my fathers possession and which unto me now belongs either by virtue of lease or grant to me thereof made by my mother or by virtue of an order or decree lately made by the right honourable the lord president and Counsell established in the next part Also I give devise and beueath unto the said Elizabeth

my wife and to her heirs and assigns for ever all my right title interest Claim and demand of  
in and to one parcel of land called Overraike now also in my possession and I constitute  
ordain and appoint the said Elizabeth my wife to be the sole executrix of this my last will and  
testament These being witnesses Mathew Procter Edward Carr Willim Bancke and Willim  
Lawson

*Rathmell modern spelling*

**Richard Armetstead of Settle April 12, 1661 died April 1663  
Borthwick volume 45 Folio 384**

In the name of God Amen I Richard Armetstead of Settle doe Make this my Last will and Testament in Manner and Forme Followinge First I bequeath my soule into the handes of Almighty God and my body to be buried att the discretion of my Friends Item I give to my daughter Margarett Forty pounds which Robert Kidd and John Kidd oweth me. Item I give all the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable to my wife Elizabeth Armetstead and my daughter Margarett equally to be devided betwixt them. Item I give to my wife Elizabeth and my daughter Margarett all my houses wherein I now dwell during the longer Liver of them And after there decease I give the said houses Gardens with there Appurtenances unto Richard Armetstead my elder brother sonne John Armetstead deceased to him and his heires For ever. And my wife and my Daughter shall have the orderinge of this my Last will and Testament. I have sett my hand the xij th Day Aprill in the yeare of our Lord 1661 Richard Armetstead marke wittnesses Richard Craven Robert Kidd Thos Cockman

**JOHN ARMISTEAD 1675 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.56 fol.268**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the eighteenth day of November in the yeare of our lord God one thousand six hundred seaventie five I John Armistead of Giggleswick In the Countie of yorke yeoman being of good and perfect memorie praise be unto Almighty God make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge that is to say First I Comend my soule unto Almighty god my maker and Redeemer hoping through the passion of his son Jesus Christ to have Eternall life and my body to be buried at the parish Church of Giggleswicke according to the discretion of my Executor And as for my worldly estate after my debts and Funerall Expenses be paid and performed I will that all my goods Chattells and debts be divided into three equall parts whereof I will that my wife Mary shall have one equall part to her owne proper use in manner and lieu of her third part the second equall part of all my goods Chattells and debts I give unto my daughters Ann Armistead Ellen Armistead Mary Armistead and Elizabeth Armistead equally to be divided amongst them and the third equall part of all my goods Chattells and debts I give and bequeath to my son Stephen Armistead my said son Stephen Armistead when he accomplisheth the age of one and twentie yeares giving good security for the true and just payment of three pounds yearely and everie yeare unto my daughter Jennett Armistead soe long as she shall live And if it fortune the said Jennett Armistead shall dye before the aforesaid Stephen Armistead accomplisheth the Age of one and (twenty) yeares that then he the said Stephen shall have his third part unto his selfe And if my son Stephen Armistead refuse to give security as aforesaid that then it shall be lawfull to and for my Excutor to detayne and hold such sume or so much money in her hands which sume or soe much money the Consideration shall not amount to above three pounds yearely or everie yeare And if it fortune my execut.....my said son Stephen shall accomplish such an Age or give securitie as aforesaid.....then my will and minde is that my Executor shall secure the sume of three pounds.....yearely as aforesaid likewise my will and minde is that if it fortune that any one of my said daughters (viz) Ann Armistead Ellen Armistead Mary Armistead.....Elizabeth Armistead should dye before they accomplish the age of one and twentie yeares my will and mind is that her part shall be equally divided amongst the other three and finally of this my will and testament I make and ordayne Mary (my wife my executrix) In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale John Armistead sealed and signed in the presence of us Henry Nowell Richard Armistead John Armistead ..... (Swaynson?)

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**JOHN ARMISTEAD 1696 Ref.Borthwick.York. Aug 1696**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the eighteenth day of June Anno Dom 1696 I John Armistead of Rathmell in the Parish of Rathmell and County of York husbandman beinge sick and weak in body but of good and perfect (rememberance?) praised be God for the same do make this my last will and testament in writeing in manner and forme following viz: first I commend my soule into the hands of my lord and saviour Jesus Christ by whose meritorious death and passion I trust to be saved, and my body I commit to the earth from whence it came and to be buried in the Church or church yard of Gigleswick in some convenient place att the discretion of my freinds And as for my worldly goods I dispose of them as followeth for the preventing of .... distress that might arise amongst my wife and children first I will that my just debts and funeral expences be Discharged by my executors hereafter named Item I give and bequeath unto Richard Armistead and John Armistead my two loveing and obedient sonns all my messuages and Lands within Rathmell aforesaid to be held and enjoyed equally betwixt them and their heirs forever, they ye said Richard and John paying out of my said Messuages and lands the yearly sum of four pounds unto Katerine my loveing wife for her naturall life Item I give unto my said wife Katerine the sume of sixty pounds of good and lawful money to be paid out of my personall estate Item I give unto my daughter Katerine the sum of sixty pounds, And all the reversion and remainder of all my goods Chattells and money whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my two sonns Richard and John; And itt is also my will and mind And I do nominate and Appoint Richard and John my said sonnes to be executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the day and year first above written

John Armistead

Sealed signed published and  
 Declared in ye sight and presence of  
 Charles Nowell  
 Anthony Foster  
 John Swinglehirst jurat  
 Leonard Watkinson

June 29<sup>th</sup>. 1696

An Appraisement made of all the goods Creditts Chattells and Cattells of John Armitstead of Rathmell lately decd by us whose names are here under subscribed  
 John Swinglehirst Leonard Watkinson Thomas Swinglehirst Thomas Watkinson

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Inps. his horse purse & Apparrell	20	00	00
Itm. Eleaven Cowes and Six Calves	55	00	00
It. five Twinter and one Bull	20	00	00
It. five Stirkes	10	00	00
Itm. In horses	12	10	00
It.Plowing and Seed	10	00	00
Itm. for bedding and other Goods in little parlour westend	02	10	00
Itm In Loft bedds and bedding in west end	02	00	00
Itm. Bedds bedding and other goods in little Chamber (east)	02	15	00
Itm. Great Parlor Bedds bedding and other goods	09	00	00



Itn. In Kitching loft wooll & bedstocks	01	10	00
Itn. two Rainges	00	13	04
Itn. sheets & table Clothes	01	10	00
Itn. Butter and Cheese	03	00	00
Itn Meale and Malt	09	00	00
Itn. In Wood vessell	01	00	00
Itn. In Brass and Pewter	04	00	00
It. In Sacks & window cloth	01	00	00
It. In Beefe & Bacon	01	10	00
It. In swyne	01	00	00
It. Bakestone Briggs & other goods	01	10	00
It. Carts Coups & Wheels & Iron gear	04	00	00
Itn. In huslements	01	00	00
It. debts owing to the deceased	140	00	00
Totall	314	08	04

**Anne Armitstead 8<sup>th</sup> September 1620**

**Borthwick V36 f210**

In the name of God Amen. The eight day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty, I Anne Armitstead of Capelsyde in the county of yorke widow late wife of John Armitstead deceased sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praise be to God do make and ordain 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 and redeemer and my body to buried in the church yard of Gigleswicke at the discretion of my executors. And as concerning my worldly goods and chattels my will and desire is that my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the whole, and whereas I am administratrix of the goods and chattels of my late deceased husband John Armitstead and therefore am accountable for his charges with the portions or child's parts of Isabell, Willim, Katherin, Elizabeth and Margaret my younger children my will and mind is that the said portions shall be paid truly out of such goods and rights as I am now possessed of and entitled unto. And whereas I have interest unto and possessed of and in the wardship marriage and custody of the body of Stephen Armitstead my son and of the government profits and benefits of the lands and tenements lately belonging unto my said late husband John Armitstead by the gift and grant of the right honourable Francis Earl of Cumberland during the minority of my said son Stephen it is my will and mind and I do give bequeath and assign my whole interest right and estate therein unto my executors herein named in trust and upon the condition that out of the benefits and profits thereof my said executors shall pay unto my said four daughters four score pounds of lawful English money equally to be divided amongst them or the survivors of them so soon as it can be conveniently made out of the marriage and wardship of my said son Stephen, Also it is my will and mind that my said daughters and the said Stephen shall be maintained and brought up upon the tenement during the minority and nonage of the said Stephen, Also it is my will and mind that my said executors shall have the tuition and government of my said children and the occupation and usage of the said lands and goods for the education and bringing them up, Also it is my mind and will that my executors shall not be charged with the performance or execution of this my will and further or otherwise then they may therein be saved harmless from all damages or costs that may arise (if the goods and profits will not extend to discharge the portions and legacies above mentioned according to the bequests and limitations herein expressed, Also I will that out of the marriage and wardship of my said son my said executors shall be saved and kept harmless from all costs and troubles concerning the execution of this my said will and not be charged further then shall come to their hands. Also I give unto my said son Stephen Armitstead all my husbandry gear and the meat table in the house with one arke, one almorie, and one salting tub, And I make and ordain my brother in law Richard Houghton of Rawthmell and Anthonie Knowles of Mearbecke the joint and whole executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses, Willim Nowell, Willim Banks and Roger Carre

*Rathmell modern spelling*



**Christopher Armitstead 1608 Borthwick v31 f691**

In the name of God Amen the sixt day of June in the yeare of our Lord 1608 I Christofer Armitstead of Settle in the County of yorke yeoman sick in body yett nevertheles of good and pfect remembrance praised be god therefore doe make and Ordeyne this my last will and testament in manner and forme followeing First I Comend my soule into the handes of Almightye god trusting through the meritts and bloud shedding of my Sweet Saviour Christe to have my salvation wrought And for my body my will is and I freely Comitt the same to the earth from which it came to be buried in the Churchyard of Gigleswick att the discretion of my frends Itm my will is that Agnes my wiefe shall have her thirdes out of all my goodes and Chattells whatsoever according to the lawes of this Realme and Custome of the Country Itm I give unto John Armitstead my sonne and heire and to his heires forever All my messuage and Tenemt whereon I dwell wth all those landes and appurtennes thereunto belonging wch I purchased of John Tatham and which are pcells of those lands sometymes called Kettlewell Landes in Setle and Gigleswicke Itm I give to the said John and his heires for ever halfe an acre of grounde lyeinge on Rundlay one Close Called Aneham one Rood be it more or lesse called Stacksteade and Comon for and accordinge to the foure shillinges rent throughe out all the moores & Comons of Setle (vizt) that which I had by grant from George and Robert Somrscles upon Condition that he the said John or his heires shall pay to Marye Armitstead my daughter twenty poundes when he shall accomlishe his full age of one and twenty yeares or wthin twoe yeares next followeing And for defalt thereof I give the sayd halfe Acre lyeinge on Rundlay the said Close Called Aneham and the said Roode att Stackstead be it more or lesse and the siad foure Shillinges Comon to the said Mary and her heires for ever Itm I give unto Richard Armitstead my second sonne and to his heires forever All that my grounde lyeing under Cammocke conteyninge by estmacon seaven Roodes be it more or lesse wch sometyme was pcell of Richard Cookesons Tenemt and all that one lathe or Barne nowe in my possession which was alsoe Richard Cookesons and halfe an Acre and halfe a Rood lyeinge in Radbrake one Close Called Ellersyke lyeing att Threlainefoote one Close lyeinge ~~at~~ton short Farricar adioyninge to the houses and garthes of Richard Foster alsoe xijd Comon wch did belong to Cookesons Tenement and foure shillinges Comon which did belong to Willm Tatham upon Condison that he the said Richard or his heires shall pay to the said Mary xx<sup>li</sup> wthin twoe yeares next after he shall accomlishe the full age of xx<sup>tie</sup> yeares and in defalte thereof then I give unto her the said Mary and her heires for ever, all that the said Close Called Ellersike and the said Close Called short Farricarr lyeing next the house and garth of Richard Foster And if my said sonne John shall dy without yssue of his body laawfully begotten before he accomlishe the full age of one and Twenty yeares Then I give devise and bequeath to my said sonne Richard and his heires for ever all my said landes Tenemts and hereditaments with thappurtennces soe that the said Richard or his heires doe pay to my said daughter Mary the some of Forty poundes wthin twoe yeares next after he accomlishe his age of xx<sup>tie</sup> yeares. And lykewise if the said Richard my sonne shall dy wthout yssue of his body lawfully begotten before he accomlishe his said age of xx<sup>tie</sup> then i give devise and bequeath all my said Landes Tenemts and hereditaments to my said sonne John and to his heires for ever soe that he the said John or his heires will pay to my said daughter Marie the said some of Fortye poundes wthin twoe year next after he accomlishe his said age of xx<sup>tie</sup> yeares and in defalt that the said Fortye poundes be not paid to her according to the true meaneinge of this my will by the survivor of my said sonnes if

the one of them dy then I give to her the said Mary and her heires for ever All the Landes formerly in this my will lymitted to her for want-~~o~~fthereof and if boeth my said sonnes dy without yssue lawfull then I give all my said landes and hereditamts to my said daughter Mary and her heires for ever. And for my goodes my will is that my debts legaces and funrall expences be first paid out and the rest I give and bequeath Equally to be devyded amongst my said three Children John Richard and Mary allwhome I doe here nominate and appointe to be the Joint Executors of this my said Will And I Comitt the tuicon of my said Children dureinge their minorities to my trusty frendes and neighbours Willm Hall Richard Armitstead and Henrie Kinge whom I hartelie request to take the Charge thereof and to governe my said Children and guide their porcons according to that trust and confidence I repose in them And I give unto the said Willm Hall Richard Armitstead and Henry Kinge evrie one of them xx<sup>s</sup> towards their paines willing that they have their reasonable Charges alsoe allowed unto them out of my goodes In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yere first above written in the presenc of us Thomas Walkinson Henry Lupton and Willm Lawson

*Latin text*

*Giggleswick*

**Elizabeth Armitstead of Settle (buried Giggleswick) widow January 22nd 1665  
Borthwick volume 48 Folio 259**

In the name of God Amen To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall Come greeting know yee that I Elizabeth Armitstead of Settle widdow being sick and weake of body but in perfect and sound memory God be prayed doth make this my last will and testament in Manner and Forme Following: First I bequeath my soule to God Almighty to whom it belongeth through Christ my Redeemer and Saviour And my body to be buried in the Church or Churchyard of Giglesweeke Item after my Funerall Expences be discharged by my Executor I give & bequeath unto Alice Armitstead of Settle widdow twenty shillings Item I give unto every of Alice Armitstead Children William John Mary and Jane twenty shillings A peece Item I give unto Agnes Craven twenty shillings Item I give unto Richard Craven and Issabell Windsor all my household goodes Equally to be devided betwixt them And all the rest and Residue of my goodes and Chattells these legacies being First payd my Funerall discharged unto my Executor soly I doe appoint Robert Windsor of Settle my sole Executor of this my last will and testament And I doe hereby Revoke all Former wills by me made In wittnes where of I have here unto sett my hand the 22th of January 1665 Elizabeth Armitstead her **X** marke \Witness/ Jennet Windsor her **T** marke William Holmes

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**James Armitstead 1624 Borthwick v38 f72**

In the name of god amen The eighteenth daye of Novemb. 1623 I James Armitstead of Settle in the Countie of yorke husbandman sicke in bodie but of good and perfect remembrance praised bee god doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followeing. First I comend my soule into the handes of Almightye god my maker and redeemer trusting through the deare bloud shedding of Jesus Christ my onelie Saviour to bee saved and my bodie to bee buried in the Church yarde of the parishe Church of Giggleswick at the discretion of my freindes Inprimis I give unto Roger Armittstead my sonne all my houses leases and groundes in Settle whatsoever .....whereas I have tenn poundes oweing unto mee of George Knowles of Mallhammore and Peter Atkinson of Sellside I doe give the one halfe of it to James Armittstead my sonnes child to whom I am grandFather unto. And the other half of it I doe give unto Margrett Thompson my daughter Elizabeth child whom I am grandFather unto, and moreover my mind is that for the said five pounds wch I have given unto Margarett ..... That my sonne Roger Armittstead shall have the sa.. .....handes to lett or dispose of to her use until .....make him a lawefull discharge for it And for all .....my goodes, when my debtes and funeral expences be paid I give the remainder of my goodes unto my sonne Roger Armittstead and to my daughter Elizabeth ..... equally to be devided betweene them all save one Cupboord wch I had of John Spencer and wch hee hath a lease(?) in it, and if hee doe not lease(?) it then I give that unto my sonne Roger to remaine at my said house And I make and ordeine Roger Armittstead my sone sole Executor of this my last will and testament These beeing witnesses Antho Procter Thomas Hall Henrie Lupton and James Armittstead.

*Latin Text*

*Selside*

**James Armitstead 1678**  
**Borthwick vol. 58 fol. 366**  
trans. J. Dodd

In the name of God Amen the twenty ninth day of May in the thirtieth yeare of the reigne of Charles the Second over England Scotland France and Ireland King defender of the faith Anno Dni 1678 I James Armitstead of Stainforth under bargh in the county of yorke being weake and feeble of body but perfect in mind and memory thanks be to God almighty doe make ordaine and declare this my last will and testament in manner and forme Following First I committ and commend my soule into the handes of Almighty God my creator trusting through the merritts death and passion of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to have pardon & remission of all my sinnes And my body to be buried at my parrish church at Gigeswicke att the discretion of my executors And now for the setling of my temporall estate I doe order give and dispose the same in manner and forme Following vizt. First my will and minde is that all my debts and Funerall expenses be paid of my whole goodes and chattells Imprimis I give and bequeath to my sonne Richard Armitstead his executors administrators and assignes all my houses landes goodes and chattells as I have in my owne title undisposed of vizt. one Close called Goskar & little bottom Land with the old house and garden I bought of Leonard Wiglesworth, And also the fulling or walke mills And also it is my minde and will he shall permit and suffer my Grand sonne William Armitstead to full or mill all such peeces of cloth as shall by him or for his use be made freely without pay Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandsonne James Armitstead the summe of tenn shillings Item I give to his brother William Armitstead the sume of twenty poundes And the said sumes of money to be paide when they attaine the age of twenty one yeares Item I give and bequeath unto Robert Alice and Elizabeth Swainson my Grandchildren every one of them forty shillings And to be paide as they come to the age of twenty and one yeares Item I give and bequeath unto Agnes Thomas and James (Geldard?) my grandchildren each of them forty shillings when they attain to the age of twenty one yeares Item I give and bequeath to Richard Iveson and Ellen his wife the sume of eight poundes and to be paide at the terme of foure yeares next ensuing the date hereof Item I give unto Anne and Jane daughters of my sonne Christopher Armitstead deceased either of them five shillings All which said legacies and summes of money as is above expressed to be paide out of my landes goodes and chattells my sonne Richard abovesaid whome I doe nominate and appointe my whole executor of this my last will and testament for Wittnesses whereof I have sett my hand and seale the day and yeare First above written James Armitstead Wittnesses hereof Thomas Armitstead Richard Iveson James Armitstead



## John Armitstead 1638 Borthwick bundle Oct 1638

In the name of God Amen, upon the Thirteenth daie of Februarie: in the yeare of our Lord: One thowsand six hund.....I John Armetstead of Langcliff in the County of yorke Bachellor eldest sonne of Thomas Armetstead deceased ..... being at this tyme sick in my bodie, yett of pfect mynde and memorie I praise god for the same, doe make this my last ..... and Testament, in manner and forme following, utterly revokeing and disanulling all former wills by me made whatsoever, ..... and principally I Comend my Soule into the mercifull hands of Almightye god my maker, trusting assuredly through the ..... blood shedding of Jesus Christ my onely Saviour to bee saved, and my bodie to bee buried in the Church or Church yarde of Gigleswick, at the discrecon of my frends. And whereas the said Thomas Armetstead my late father did by his last will and testament in writeing bearing date the First daie of Aprill 1632: Give devise and bequeath unto mee, and to my executors adminrs and assignes, One mesuage or dwellinghouse sett and being in Gigleswick afforesaid, wth all rights members and appurtennces thereunto belonging, which said premisses the said Thomas Armetstead my father, held by lease, for the residue of a terme of Sixe thowsannd yeares, by Indenture from Stephen Dockrey Clerk and Jennett Dockrey widowe for and under the rent of vij<sup>s</sup> yearly payable to the right hon<sup>ble</sup> Francis Earle of Cumberland at Pentecost, and (*Ma*)rtinmasse by equall porcons, as by the said Indenture bearing date the xxvij<sup>th</sup> daie of June 1614 more at large maie appeare And whereas the said Thomas Armetstead my laste father did by his said last will and testamt Give devise and bequeath to mee and to my Executors and assignes One Close called the Broadhead of the rent of xij<sup>d</sup> which my said father held by lease for the residue of a terme of Sixe thowsand yeares, by grannte from John Armetstead his late father: My will and mynde is that my Executor hereafter named shall have the use and occupacon and receive toe issues and proffitts of all the foresaid premisses from and after my death for during and untill such tyme as Willm Armetstead my brother shall accomplish his full age of one and twentie yeares. And after hee the said Willm accomplishe his full age of xxj<sup>ie</sup> yeares, I give devise and bequeath all the said premisses to him the said Willm Armetstead and to his assignes, for all the residue wch then shalbe to come unspent of the said termes, together wth all writeings wch I have concerneing the same, Upon Condiscon that hee the said Willm Armetstead or his assignes doe well and truly paie and discharge all these sevrall somes or legacies hereafter menconed, at or before the tyme of his entry to the said premisses: that is to saie, to my Unckle Thomas Carr for and inconsideracon of certaine monies wch my said Unckle hath disbursed for mee, and for and in discharge of my funerall expences, the full some of Twentie sixe pounds thirteene shillings foure pence. And to Elizabeth Anne and Marie my naturall sisters everie one of them ..... pownds sixe shillings eight pence apeece. And to Isabell and Hester Armetstead my halfe sisters either of them Sixe pownds thirteene shillings foure pence apeece: And to Katherin Carr my loveing Aunt Three pownds sixe shillings eight pence. And to Richard Lawson tenn shillings, And to Isabell Carr Elizabeth Carr and Anne Carr everie one of them six shillings eight pence apeece, And to Katherin Paley my Cosen tenn shillings: Provided alwaies and upon Condiscon that if it happen the said Willm Armetstead my brother doe make defalte of the true paymt of all or anie of the said sommes or legacies abovesaid, at or before the tyme of his entry to the said Mesuage or dwellinghouse and prmisses: Then my will and mynde is that my Executors hereafter named, his heirs excers admirs or assignes shall sell assigne & settovr the same premisses to anie other pson or personnes whatsoever. my said Executor or his

assignes paying and discharging all the said somes and legacies to the psons above named within the terme and space of two yeares next after my said brother Willm should accomplishe his said age of one and twentie yeares, if soe much monie canne bee made and raised forth of the same by the sale thereof. And if ~~the~~ soe much monie cannott bee made and raised by the sale of the said prmisses, then my will and mynde is that the said legators shall abate everie one a rateable pt according to their legacie; And if the same extend anie further, then my will and mynde is and I give devise and bequeath all the surplusage thereof to my said brother Willm & to his three Sisters Elizabeth Anne, and Marie, to bee equally devided amongst them: And I ~~(nomina)~~te and appointe my said Unckle Thomas Carr to bee the sole Executor of this my last will and Testament. And In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale the daie and yeare First above written. //

In the psence of these wittnesses. Viz

John Armitsteaad

Wm Carr Thomas Paley

Rich: Coulton Antho: Bainbrigg

**Katherine Armitstead 1629 Ref. Borthwick v40 f512**

In the name of God Amen the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April ad 1629 I Katherine Armitstead of Rathmell in the county of York sick in body but of perfect mind and remembrance praised be almighty god do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick.

Item whereas my brother John Armitstead does owe unto me forty pounds of lawful English money which was due at or about St Andrew's day last past and the same is as yet all unpaid and discharged therefore I dispose of the same as follows: first I give twenty pounds of the said forty pounds to my brother Stephen Armitstead in consideration that he shall be executor of this my last will and testament. Item I give ten pounds of the said forty pounds to my sister Jennett Armitstead but my will is that my father Roger Armitstead shall have the use of the said ten pounds until my said sister Jennett shall be married and my will is that then he shall pay the same to my said sister Jennett.

Item when my funeral expenses shall be honestly discharged and performed and other charges discharged concerning the probation of my last will and testament then I give all the rest of my goods movable and immovable to my said father Roger Armitstead. Item I make my said brother Stephen Armitsteade sole executor as is aforesaid of this my last will and testament.

Witnesses hereof Henry Becrofte, Robert Houghton and Thomas Browne.

*Giggleswick spelt Gigleswicke*

**Margaret Armitstead of Settle spinster about January the 16th 1665  
Borthwick vol. 48 fol. 670**

Memorandum that on or aboute the sixteenth day of January Anno dni one thousand six hundred sixty five Margarett Armitstead of Settle spinster being sick and weake in body but of perfect memory spoke and declared these words following or words to the like effect to be her last will and Testament That is to say First I doe give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Windsor tenne pounds Item I doe give to Richard Craven and and to Anne his wife to either of them five pounds Item to Margarett Lowcock two pounds Item to John Lowcock children when they shall come to age three pounds to be equally devided amongst them Item to Margarett Leyland twenty shillings and the remainder of my goods I doe give and bequeath to Robert Windsor and doe nominate and appointe him sole Executor of this my said last will and Testament Witness hereof Issabell Windsor her marke

*Nuncupative*

**Richard Armitstead 1621 Borthwick v36 f488**

In the name of God Amen February the twenty sixt Anno 1620/ I Richard Armitstead of Gigleswicke singleman sicke in bodie But of perfect memory I praise Almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following And First of All I Comend my soule into the hands of Almighty god my heavenly father beleiveing through the meritts of the death and passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ my readeamer to be saved and I will that my bodie be buried in Gigleswicke Church yeard at the discretion of my freinds item I give to the seaven Children of my brother John Armitstead of fryer Stainforth that is to saie to William Thomas xpofer Anne Easter Isabell and Jaine to everie of them xx<sup>s</sup> in money to be set forward to their uses Item I give to the five sonnes of John Stackhowse of Stackhowse that is to saie to Thomas Richard Henry Robert and James to everie of them xx<sup>s</sup> Item I give to John Bullockes three children my brother in lawe That is to saie to James Grace and Ellin to everie of them ij<sup>li</sup> wch I will and appoint that mine executors hereafter to be named shall set forward to their uses untill they accomplish the age of eightene yeares a peece and if anie of them dye in the meanetyme my will is that the portion of the dead shall remaine to the survivour or survivors equallie Item If anie of the sonnes or daughters of my said brother John Armitstead shall fortune to dye then my will is that the survivor or survivors of them shall enioy the portion or portions of the deceased equallie And in like manner if anie of the aforesaid five sonnes of the said John Stackhowse shall dye my will is that his or her porcon or porcons shalbe equallie devided amonge the rest. Item I give to Thomas Browne sonne of Adam Browne my brother in lawe xx<sup>s</sup> Item I give to Richard Armitstead my godsonne the sonne of John Armitstead x<sup>s</sup> Item I give to the rest of the Children of the said John Armitstead tenn shillings to be equallie devided amongst them Item I give to the fower Children of Mathew Wildman of Selside xxx<sup>s</sup> equallie amongst them Item I give x<sup>s</sup> to the poer of gigleswicke parish whereof Robert Foster wife of Stainforth the widow shall have twelve pence Item I give to M<sup>r</sup> Shute the Viccar of Gigleswicke x<sup>s</sup> to preach my Funrall sermon the rest of all my goods my funrall expences paid I give to my brother John Armitstead aforesaid whom I make sole executor of this my last will and testament theis being witnesses Richard Armitstead John Stackhowse Thomas Craven Adam Browne xpofer Shute and others Memorandum Item to William Wilson of Sutton ij<sup>li</sup> Item to Richard ?ewitt(?) ij<sup>li</sup> Item to George Wilie(?) ij<sup>li</sup> Item to henry Squeer of glewsburie ij<sup>li</sup> Item to Anne Wilson of Silsdmore ij<sup>li</sup> Item to Mary Wilson of Silsdmmore ij<sup>li</sup> Item to Thomas Hardacree of Kildwicke ij<sup>li</sup> Item I give to Richard Hardacree ijli Item I give to Margarett Mitchell ijli Item I give to henry Wilson of Kildwicke ij<sup>li</sup> Also I do leave William Wilson of Silsdmmore and Thomas Wilson of Sutton wthin the parish of Kildwicke glovers(?) to be my Executors for to devide theis legacies above written in manner and forme aforesaid as also to devide the rest of my goods that is left besides the charges of my burieing at the sight and descretion of these my Executors In witnes whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Comon marke the daie and yeare first above written Witnesses Edward Wilson Robert Lawson

*Latin text*

*Friar Stainforth      Stackhouse  
Giggleswick      Kildwick*

**Richard Armitstead 1654**  
**The National Archives PROB 11/241**  
Transcribed by M.J. and E.M. Slater

**In the name of God Amen** the last day of August In the yeare of our Lord God One thousand six hundred fiftie and three I Richard Armitstead of Knight Stainforth in the Parish of Giglesweeke and Countie of Yorke being sicklie and weake in Bodie but of sound and perfect remembrance Laud and praise be to Almightye God Yet Considering that it is the dutie of everie good Christian soe to dispose of his Estate and sett his house in order before his death to the end his Children and freinds may after his inioy his Estate and goods in peace love and quietnes Therefore doe I make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following First I Committ and Commend my Soule to the mercifull hands of Almightye God my maker and Creatour trusting assuredlie through his mercie and by the merritts of Jesus Christ my only redeemer to be saved and to have full pardon and remission of all my sinns and my Bodie to the Earth whereof it was made and to be buried att my Parish Church of Giglesweeke in Christian manner att the discretion of my Freinds And for my worldlie goods and temporall Estate I give bequeath and dispose of the same as followeth First my will and minde is that my debts and funerall expences shall be paid out of my whole goods and after my debts and Legacies paid and my funerall expences performed I will that all my goods Chattells and debts shall be devided into three equall parts whereof I will that Elizabeth my Wife have one equall part to her proper use and the other two parts of my said goods Chattells and debts I bequeath to Thomas Armitstead my eldest sonne and my two younger sonns Richard and John and to my fower daughters Hester, Marie, Elizabeth and Hellen equallie to be devided amongst them Seaven And if it fortune anie of my said Children to die before they accomplish the age of twentie one yeares That then I bequeath his or her part or portion soe deceasing to be equallie devided amonst the rest of my said Children then surviving Item I give to my Sonne William five shillings Item to my daughter Agnes and her husband five shillings Lastlie I doe nominate and appoynte Elizabth my Wife sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament and in testimony hereof I have sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written Richard Armitstead  
Witnesses hereof Christopher Lawson Tho: Armitstead

**This will** was proved att **Westminster** the Three and twentieth day of October In the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fiftie fower before the Judges for probate of Wills and granting Adminstrations etc by the oath of Elizabeth Armitstead the Relict and sole and onlie Executrix named in the above written Will To whome Administration of all and singular the goods Chattells and debts of the said deceased was Committed she being first Legallie sworne by vertue of a Commission trulie and faythfully to administer the same

*Giggleswick* modern spelling

**Richard Armitstead 1665**  
**Borthwick vol. 48 fol. 253**  
trans. J. Dodd

In the name of God Amen the Fourth Day of December one thousand six hundredth sixty and Five I Richard Armitstead of Stainforth underbargh in the parish of Gigleswicke and countie of yorke yeoman being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance prayed be God doe make this my last will and testament in manner and Forme Following First I doe comitt and willingly resigne my soule into the mercifull handes of Almightye God my maker & Creator trusting through his mercy and the Meritts of Jesus Christ my onely redeemer to be saved and to have pardon and Remission of all my sinnes And my body to the Earth where it was made to be buried att my pish Church of Gigleswicke att the discretion of my wife Children & Friendes And for my worldly and temporall goodes and estate I doe give devise and dispose of the same as Followeth, First I will that my debtes and Funerall expenses be payd out of my whole goodes Item I give to William Armitstead my Eldest sonne two partes of my houses and groundes lyinge and being in the towne and towneshipp of Stainforth aforesayd Item I give the other third part of the sayd houses and groundes to Agnes Armitstead my wife dureing Fifty yeares if shee soe long doe live And after her death I give the sayd third part to the foresayd William my Eldest sonne Item I will that the sayd William shall have all my tables Firmes (*sic*) Chaires bedsteads Cupboardes arkes and husbandry gere Item I give to Agnes my wife Five Cattle gates in Lanckliffe over Close during Fifty yeares if shee soe long doe live And after her decease I give the sayd Five Cattle gates to John Armitstead my youngest sonne, Item I will that the specially I have allowed my sayd sonne John to take in his owne name be made upp two hundredth poundes out of my psonall estate. Item I give to Anne the wife of Thomas Hardy of Cuniston my daughter Five poundes Item the Remainder of my psonall estate goodes Catteltes and Chatteltes I give to Agnes Armitstead my wife and John Armitstead my youngest sonne equally betwixt them Item I doe nominate and appoint the sayd Agnes my wife the sayd John my youngest sonne Joynt Executors of this my last will and testament In wittnes whereof I have here unto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare First above written Richard Armitstead: witnesses hereof Anthony Foster Richard Armitstead.

*Giggleswick* modern spelling  
*Langcliffe* " "

**RICHARD ARMITSTEAD 1683 Ref.Borthwick.York.Oct. 1691 bundle.**  
**Trans. By S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the twelfth day of January in the five & thirtieth yeare of the Reigne of our soveraine Lord King Charles the second Anno Dni. 1683: I Richard Armitstead of Rathmill in the County of yorke yeoman being of good and perfect Remembrance Laud & praise be to Almighty God knoweth that I am naturally borne & ordained to dye & to pass from this mortall world & Transitory life when it shall be his heavenly will to call me to him doe willingly & with a free hart render & give againe into the hands of Almighty my Lord & Creator my spiritt which he of his fatherly goodnesse gave unto me when he first fashioned me in my mothers wombe makeing me a living & reasonable Creature nothing doubting but that for his infinite mercy setforth in the (precious) blood of his forme Jesus Christ my onely saviour & Redeemer he will receive my soule into his Glory & place it in the Company of the heavenly Angels & blessed Saints And as conferring my body even with a free will & a free hart I give it over commending it to the earth whereof it came nothing nothing (sic) doubting but according to the Articles of my faith at the great day of Generall resurrection when we shall appeare before the Judgement geate of Christ I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God whereof he is able to subdue all things to (himself) not a Corruptible weake & vile body as it is now but an Incorruptible Immortall strong & perfect body in all points like unto the Glorious body of Our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, & minding to put in order as well all & singular my goods & Chattels whatsoever I have & debts whatsoever to me oweing as also to setle & declare how & to whome my reall estate shall goe after my decease to the intent there shall be noe strife for the same after my decease doe first of all after thanks given to Almighty God for his great benefitts desire & pray my Children to be obedient to their mother in all things & that she & they will be contented with this my last will & Testament without any trouble buisnesse or vexation of any of them ag (*sic, against?*) the other as they will Answere the same before his Judgement seal of God who is the rewarder of all good persons & a severe Judge & revenger of all those that doe evill And to avoid all occasion of Trouble I doe hereby revoke & ..... all former & other wills & Testamt. Whatsoever heretofore by me made by word writing or otherwise & make & ordaine this to be my very true last will & Testament for & confirming all Lands goods Chattels debts Creditts & every part & parcel thereof in manner & forme following: That is to say first I give & bequeath unto Henry Armestead my sonne his heires & assignes forever all my messuages lands tenemts. rents reversiones hereditaments & premises within Rathmill in the County of yorke & all my right title interest claime & demand therein or within the County aforesaid he paying thereout to my daughter Jane when she attaines the age of one & Twenty yeares the sume of Twenty pounds of Currant English money & it is my will & mind that Elizabeth my wife shall have the full & free enjoyment of all my said messuages Lands rents reversiones hereditaments & premises within Rathmill aforesaid & elsewhere until my said sonne henry shall attaine the full age of one & Twenty yeares for & towards the education & bringing up of my said sonne henry & my daughter Jane until such time aforesaid without rendring any Account to my said sonne for the same and afterwards she to enjoy a full third part thereof for her single maintenance and in case my sonne henry Hall dye before he attains the Age of one & Twenty yeares or without issue of his body lawfully begotten whereby the said premises may descend & come to my said daughter Jane then my further will & mind is that my said wife Elizabeth shall hold & enjoy the same untill my daughter Jane



attains the said age of one & twenty yeares without rendring any account likewise & my wife then onely to enjoy a full third part thereof for her single maintenance as aforesaid Item I give & bequeath unto my brother James Armistead (if he be liveing) one shilling in token of my remembrance of him And lastly I make Elizabeth \jurat/ my said wife my sole executrix of this my last will & Testament she payeing all my debts & funerall expences In witness whereof I the said Richard Armistead have hereunto put my hand & seale the \day/ & yeare first above written Signed sealed published & declared to be the last will & Testam. of him the said Richard Armistead by him the said Richard in the presence of

Richard X \his mark/ Anderson Jur.

Richard Armistead

Anne X \her mark/ Foster Jur.

Margrett X \her mark/ Topham jurat

*Rathmell modern spelling*

**RICHARD ARMITSTEAD 1685 Ref. Borthwick.York. Nov. 1693**  
**Trans. by S.Gordon**

Aprill 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1685

In the name of God Amen I Richard Armitstead of Settle being sicke of bodye but of pfect mind & memory praised be God for it doe make & ordaine this my Last will & Testament in maner & forme following viz.

Imprimis I Give & bequeath my Soulle into the hands of Almightye god my maker hoping through the merits of Christ my onely Saviour & redeemer to Receive free pardon & remision of all my sines Ite. my bodye my Bodye(sic) to be Buryed in Xtian maner in the psh Church Yarde of Giggleswick at the discretion of my Executors hereafter nominated Ite. I give to Isabell my wife four pounds to her proper use wch money was given bequeathed in & by the Last will & testament of Margret driver Late deceased. Ite. I give to my wife Isabell halfe of my houses Landes Landes & Tenements dureing her Life the other halfe of my houses Landes & Tenements I give to my sonne James Ite. I give to my Sonne James All my houses Landes & Tenements after the decease of Isabel my wife. Ite. I give to my sonne James one Arke one paire of Bedstockes one dishboard standing & remaineing in the house where I now Live Ite. the rest \of all/ my goodes moveable & unmoveable I give to Isabell my wife & James my sonne & doe appoint my wife \jurat/ Isabell & James \jurat/ my sones joynt Executors of this my Last Will & Testament Revoking all other wills & Testaments In Witness whereof I sette my hande & seale the day & year first above written Ite. I apoint John Sidgwicke to be Supervisor for James my sonne James

his marke  
 Richard R Armitstead

Roger Armitstead  
 his marke  
 Christopher CA Atkinson  
 Richard Driver jurat

Giggleswick modern spelling

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An Inventory of the Goods & Chattells of Richard Armitstead of Settle in the County of york late deceased made by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this Twenty fourth day of August Anno R.Rs.& Re. Willim & Marie nunc.Angl. etc. Quinto Anoque Dom. 1693

	£	s	d
Imprimis his purse & apparrell	0	6	8
Item One Arke	0	5	0
Item One paire of bedstockes	0	3	4
Item One old Cow	0	16	8
Item some other small goods & huslemts	0	6	4
	1	18	0

R.Preston  
 Henry Paley  
 Signed by us  
 his marke  
 Hugh L Lawson  
 T.Lawson

*RRS& Re - Regni Regis & Regine*

RICHARD ARMITSTEAD 1690 ADMIN Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle APL 1690  
Transcribed by S.Gordon

Aprill the First Ano domi 1690

An Inventorie of all the Goods & Chattills which did lately belong to Richard Armitstead late of Settle decd in the diocesse of yorke valued & prized by us whose names are hereunto subscribed

	li	s	d
Imp. his Apparell & money in his purse	01	00	00
It. 1 pair of Bedstockes	00	01	00
It. Happins & 2 Boulsters	00	iiij	00
It. 1 payre of sheets & Tablecloth	00	iiij	vj
It. 2 Tables i Chist & i desk	00	ov	ix
It. A dishboard & Pewther and Brasse	00	xiiij	iv
It. i Chist .. Table 3 Chayres & Stool	00	ii	vj
It. Five B(a)ssons	00	oj	vj
It. In Beefe & Meale	00	xj	iv
It. InTurfes & all other huslemt. about the house	00	ox	iv
Summe Total	iiij	xiiij	iiij

The Prisers names viz.

John Kidd

William Armitstead

William Marsden

Geo: Procter

**RICHARD ARMITSTEAD 1699 Ref.Borthwick.York. July 1699**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In ye name of God Amen

I Richard Armitstead \of Settle/ in ye County of yorke Cordiner being sick of body yet of good memory blessed be god for it I doe set in order my Affaires as my last will & Testament, First I commit my Soule unto ye disposment of Almighty God & my body to be buried at ye discretion of my relaticons, & my will & mind is, yt my Just debts & funerall expences be rightly discharged & for ye true performance thereof I doe appoint & Authorize my naturall Brother John Armitstead of Giglesweecke in ye Aforesd county \of/ yorke & John Shawe of Amadholme my brother in law & of ye same County, for ye Service offoresd, & for ye necessary uses & supplyments of my small Children, I doe again impower & Authorize my sd. brothers to dispose of or sell any goods or Lands belonging or appertaining unto mee ye sd. Richard Armitstead for ye necessary & good usses of my affore sd Children, & for ye confirmation hereof I doe here unto set my hand as my unalterable will & Testament ye 23<sup>d</sup> of ye third month commonly called May in ye year of our Lord 1699

Witnesses

his marke

Richard Armitstead

Joseph X Whitticher jurat

Robert Hodgson jurat

An Inventory of ye goods & Chattels which did belong & apptaind unto Richard Armitstead of Setle decd prized & valued by us whose names are hereafter subscribed

	li	s	d
Impris his apparrell & money abt. him	02	10	00
Ite one mare & his Sadle	02	10	00
Ite one Cow	02	15	00
Ite one Cupboard & one long setle with other small Goods	02	00	00
Ite in brass & pewter	00	13	04
Ite one bakestone with other small materials	00	06	08
Ite one Churne with other vessels	00	04	00
Ite one pair of bedstocks in ye Parlor & the furniture belonging	01	00	00
Ite one table & six Chaires one dresser & other small goods in the sd. Roome	01	00	00
Ite another pair of bedstocks with furniture belonging standing in one Chamber	01	00	00
Ite two arkes & a Chist	01	06	08
Ite two other pair of bedstocks with their furniture in another Chamber	00	10	00
Ite a Cart and Wheels	00	06	08
Ite in Shooes and Leather	07	00	00
Ite one inclosure of meadow ground late Thomas Hewsons Tanner	23	00	00
Ite for husslemt	00	02	00
Sum	4...?	04	.....

In debts which ye deceased did owe ye sume of

40 00 00

John Kidd jurat

Willm Warsden

Apprs.

John Kidd jurat

Daniel Armitstead

*Settle and Gigleswick modern spelling*



**Roger Armitstead 1613 Borthwick v32 f266 \*?f366\***

In the Name of God Amen Upon the Eleaventh day of March 1612 I Roger Armetstead of Settle in the parish of Giggleswicke and Countie of yorke husbandman sicke in my Bodie but of good and perfect remembrance I praise 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 Allmightie god trustinge asuredlie through the precious blood shedinge of Jesus Christ my onely Saviour to be saved and my bodie to be buried in the Church yeard of the parish Church of Giggleswicke Item I give unto Jennett my wiffe all my houses and grounds for and duringe her liffe naturall if she keepe herselfe sole and unmarried soe longe and afterwardes I give the same unto John Armitstead my sonne and to his heires lawfullie to be begotten and all assurances wch I have concerninge the same Item my will is that my said sonne John Armitsteade shall paie unto everie one of my three daughters vidz; to Anne Elizabeth and Isabell Armetsteade Tenne poundes a peece out of my groundes and assurances wch I bought of William Lund of the same Settle and that within six Monthes after that he the said John shall enter unto it And if hee doe refuse to paie the same then mu will is that my said three daughters Anne Armitsteade Elizabeth Armitsteade and Isabell Armitsteade shall enter unto the said groundes and assurances Item I give unto Jennett my said wiffe the third part of my goods and when my debts and Funerall expences us paid I give the remaindr of my goods unto my Foure children John Armitsteade, Anne Armitsteade Elizabeth and Isabell Armitstead equallie to be devided amongst them And I doe make and appointe Jennett my wiffe my sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament Witnesses hereof James Armitsteade Henry Ash and Henrie Lupton

*Latin text*

*Giggleswick*

**Roger Armitstead 1637/8 Borthwick bundle Feb 1637**

.....Armitstead of Rawthmel in the County  
.....body but of good & pfect remembrance  
..... to make this my last will  
..... to be voyde first I give  
.....& redeemer & my body to be  
.....of Gigesweeke at the descretion of my  
.....Armetstead of lang(*cliff?*)  
.....eight yeares past beffore  
.....yeares wch is due to be paied to .....  
.....Agnes .....Armetstead my Eldest .....  
.....tenement and is now in the possession of the sayd  
..... tenement now in the possession of mr  
..... of the sayd Roger asigned the  
.....John Armetsted and he was to ..... me  
.....yeare during my natueral liffe  
.....I the sayd Roger have hereunto set my  
.....year first above written.

.....?????  
.....etstead

the mark  
of  
X  
Roger Armetstead

*Rathmell*



**Roger Armitstead 1657/8****TNA PROB 11/272**

Transcribed M.J. and E.M. Slater

**In the name of God Amen;**

I Roger Armitstead of Feizor in the County of yorke yeoman, beinge sicke in bodye, but of good and perfect memorye (praised be God) doe make and ordeyne this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge Revokinge and setting void all former wills by me made whatsoever First and principally I Comend my Soule into the handes of the Almightye my heavenlie Father hopeinge by the pretious blood of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer to have forgiveness of my sinnes, and to receive life everlastinge in the Kingdome of glorye And as for my bodie I bequeath it to the earth from whence it came decentlye to be buried at the discretion of my children And as concerninge that temporall estate with the which it hath pleased God graciouslie to blesse me I devise it as followeth, my debts and funerall Expences discharged by my Executors hereafter named Item I give and bequeath unto hughe Armitstead my oldest sonne and to his heires for ever All that arrable and meadowe ground lyinge and beinge within the Territoryes of Feizor aforesaid and extendinge above Layreaber Hill And also those twoe Closes of pasturing ground lyinge in Giggleswicke Scarr besides fourteene sheepe gates lyinge on Giggleswicke Scarr, And in consideracon of the said severall parcells of ground which I give unto my eldest sonne and to his heires for ever I give and bequeath unto Thomas Armitstead my sonne to be paid out of the ..... ground herein before given the summe of Thirtye and nyne (?) pounds To be paid within one yeare next after my decease Item I give unto Anthony Armitstead another of my sonnes for his better perferment the sume of Fifty pounds of currant money To be paid within one whole yeare next after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto Isabel Burton my daughter nowe wife of Lawrence Burton of Harborowe in the parishe of Horton the sume of Fortye shillings of currant Englishe money to be paid within one whole yeare next after my decease, Item I give unto Anne Richardson nowe wife unto Christopher Richardson my daughter the sume of Fortye shillings To be paid within one yeare next after my decease And if in case it shall please God that the said Anne my daughter shall have a child by the said Christopher her husband and of their twoe bodies lawfully begotten Then I give and bequeath to them upon the birth of the first child the sume of Tenn poundes of like lawfull money Item I give unto Roger Armitstead \Thos Armitstead Lawrence Armitstead/ Christopher and Anthony Armitstead my grand children five sheepe equally amongst them Item I give unto Elizabeth Armitstead my grandchild Three shillings fower pence And unto threee grandchildren of my said sonne Thomas to every one of them three shillings fower pence Item I give unto hughe Armitstead and Thomas Armitstead my said twoe sonnes all my goods and chattells whatsoever which are not herein otherwise given nor bequeathed and withall I doe nominate and appoint them to be Executors of this my last will and Testament In wittnes whereof I the said Roger Armitstead have hereunto putt my hand and seale the nyneteenth day of November in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred fiftye and seaven Roger Armitstead his marke Sealed signed and published in the presence of William Foster, Lawrence Lupton his marke, William Beecrofte

**This will was proven at London**

Before the Judges for probate of wills and granntinge administrations lawfully authorized the twentieth day of January in the yeare of our Lord God accordinge to the computacon of the Church of England one thousand sixe hundred fiftye seaven by the oathes of hughe and Thomas Armitstead the sonnes and Executors therein named To whome was committed administracon etc they being first sworne by Commission truely to administer

**Roger Armitstead 1687/8 Borthwick YAS Vol 89 Appx 4 Vacancy Register mf 910  
Apr 1688** [NB Headed "Armitage" on microfilm.]

In the name of God Amen I Roger Armitstead of Newfield in the townshipp of Settle in the County of Yorke yeom being somewhat infirme in body but of good and pfect memory praised be God for the same doe make ordayne(*sic*) this my last Will & testament in maner and forme following hereby revoking all former & other will & wills by mee heretofore made And first & principally I comend & Comitt my soule into the mercifull hands of allmighty God my maker assuredly trusting that in and through the meritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour my Sinns shall bee forgiven & that my soule shall bee made partaker of everlasting happnesse in the Kingdome of heaven, And my body to bee buried in the parish Church or Church yard of Gigleswicke at the discretion of my friends and executor hereafter named And as to the temporall estate with which it hath pleased God to blesse mee I give and dispose as followeth And first as to the paymt of my Just debts Legacys and funerall expences my will & minde is That all my messuages Lands tenements and Lease grounds whatsoever ~~whereof~~ with theyr heriditaments and appurtncs within the parish of Gigleswicke aforesaid as alsoe all my quicke & dead goods shall be sold for the payment of the same and I doe hereby give and bequeath the same unto William Armitstead my Dearly beloved Brother and Robert Cookeson of Settle my Kinsman and to the Survivor of them his heys exctrs & admrs as friends in trust with intent and purpose that they may sell and dispose of the same and every parte and parcell thereof to and for the payment of my said just debts Legacys & funerall expences And I doe hereby give unto them the said William Armitstead and Robert Cookeson & the survivor of them his heys executors and administrs all the power & authority that in mee lays for the granting selling & confirming of all my said Messuages & tenemts Lands & Lease grounds with theyr heriditants & appurtncs for ever or for such terms & numbers of years as are yet unspent & to come in the same or any parte thereof And after my just debts Legacys & funerall expences shall bee payd & discharged out of the same And all charges and expences allow'd out of the same that the said William Armitstead & Robert Cookeson & the Survivor of them his heys executors or admrs shall come or bee put to in manageing this concerne Then my will & minde is that what moneys shall or can bee raised more out of the sale of my whole estate and goods shall bee disposed of by my said trustees to Agnes<sup>jur</sup> my wife and all my younger children for and towards theyr maintenance and education and prefermt Item my will & mind is that my said trustees shall have all my Deeds writeings & evidences imediately after my Decease And my further will is that my said wife Agnes & ye children I have by her shall have what moneys as can bee recover'd by ye bond from Roger Taylor to me & Lastly I doe nominate Constitute & appoynt James Armitstead my Sonne sole executor of this my last will & testamt In Wittnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale this second day of March Ano Dom 1687

Seal'd published & Sign'd  
in the prsence of us

Thomas Kidd  
his mrke

Thomas T Stackhouse  
Jo.<sup>jur</sup> Richardson

Roger Armitstead

(Giggleswick modern spelling)



**ROGER ARMITSTEAD 1702 Ref. Borthwick.York. Bundle June 1702**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen The Sixth day of Aprill anno Dom One Thousand Seven hundred and Two I Roger Armitstead of Settle in the county of Yorke Yeom: do Make this my last Will and Testamt. in manner and forme following, That is to say, Commending my Soul unto God and Committing my body to the Earth in hopes of a joyfull Resurrection through the merritts of my Onely Redeemer Jesus Christ Of my Worldly Estate I do dispose as followeth: After paymt. of just debts and funerall Expences I give devise and bequeath unto my Son Roger Armitstead his heirs and assignes for Ever All my houses Lands Tenements premises with their rights members and Appurtences Situate lying and being within Settle and The Townshipp thereof Upon Condison that ye Said Roger his heires and Assignees shall and do Well and truly pay or cause to be paid Unto my daughter Mary Armitstead when and if She do attaine ye Age of Twenty one years The Sume of fifty pounds already charged on part of my Estate and also shall and do pay or cause to be paid unto her the Said Mary Armitstead the (*smuged*) Thirty pounds (being in the whole fourscore pounds) when and if she shall attaine ye sd. age of Twenty one years and Upon default of payment of the Said Severall Sumes as is aforesaid That the said Mary Armitstead or her heirs shall Enter into the full half parte of my Said Estate and the Same enjoy till ye sd. fourscore pounds be fully pd. it is my Will and pleasure that the Said Roger and Mary Armitstead be equally Educated out of ye profitts of my sd. Estates: I do appoint my father in Law Thomas Carr and Two Brothers in Law Thomas and William Carr joynt Executors of this my last Will & Testament and also appoint them Tutors of my said son Roger during his Minority In Witnesse whereof I have Set my hand and Seal unto these presents bearing date the day & year first above Written Sealed and Published to be ye last Will and Testament of the said Roger Armitstead in ye sight of  
 John Wildman  
 William Stackhouse  
 Ri: Akinson Roger ..... Armitstead

An Inventory of all and Singular the Goods and Chattells ..... of Roger Armitstead of Settle in the County of york decd made And apprized this sixteenth day of Aprill Anno Dni 1702 by us whose names be subscribed

	li	s	d
Impr. his purse and Apparrell	02	10	00
Item One bed and bedding	01	10	00
Item Twenty Ewes & Seaven... ewe lambs	09	06	00
Item Twelve hog sheep	12	00	00
Item One paire of wheels	00	06	00
Total	16	12	00

Appraisers  
 John Wildman  
 Stephen Carr  
 Ri: Atkinson  
 Ja: Cookson

**Thomas Armitstead 1637 (will made 1634) Borthwick bundle May 1637**

In the name of god Amen, The twelfth day of November In the Tenth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of god kinge of England Scotland Franncce and Ireland defender of the faith etc Anno dni 1634 I Thomas Armitstead of Stainforth underbargh within the Countie of yorke yeoman being att this instant in health of bodie and sound & pfect in mynde and memorie god be praised, but knowinge that deathe ys certaine & the tyme of death uncertaine And being willinge to sett my house in order, doe ordaine and make this my last will and testment in manner and forme followinge First and principally I doe comend my soule unto god almightie my maker, trustinge faithfully throughe his mercie and the merit of Jesus Christ my redeemer to be made an inheritor of the kingdome of heaven, next I doe comit my bodie to the earth, and to be buried in or at the pische church of Giggleswick whereof I am a pishoner. And for my mouvable goods yt is my full will and mynd that Jane my wyfe shall have one third pt to her due once of my said mouvable goods (yf she do survyve me) And for another third pt I give and bequeath it wholly unto my two sonnes John Armitsteade and Richard Armitsteade equally betweene them. And out of the third pt called the deades pte I give unto Christofer Pearte & Thomas Pearte sonnes of Stephen Peart eyther of them Fortie shillings Also I give unto Jaine Toppin wyfe of John Toppin Tenn shillings And I have formerly given her Thrie pounds wch she hath formerly receyved. Also I give unto James Armitstead yongest sonne, of James Armitsteade my sonne deceased the some of Fortie shillings Also I give unto his naturall sister wch his father had by his firster wyfe Fortie shillings yf she do live till she have accomplished the age of twentie one yeares, And yf she dye before she do accomplishe the said age of xxj yeares then it ys my will and mynde that the said xl<sup>s</sup> shalbe given to the said James, And whereas I have given and paide unto Thomas Armitstead my sonne James oldest sonne the some of Twentie pounds, yett to thend that he may knowe that I do remember him I give unto him tenn shillings Over and besides that wch I have alridie given and paide to him when he came to see me, Itm I give unto Anthonie Bainbrigg my godson v̄. Itm I give unto Thomas Swainson v̄<sup>s</sup>. Also I give unto Thomas Iveson v̄<sup>s</sup>. Also I give unto Lawrence Cockett v̄<sup>s</sup>. And the rest and residue of all my goodes after my debts legacies and funerall expences be paide I give it unto John Armitsteade and Richard Armitsteade my sonnes And I doe ordaine and make the said John Armitstead, and Richard Armitstead my said sonnes executors of this my last will and testament //

Witnesses heareof

Thomas O Armitstead

Rich: Paley

marke

Tho: Remington

*Stainforth under Bargh  
Giggleswick*

**William Armitstead of Giggleswick January 30, 1664**  
**Borthwick volume 48 Folio 260**

In the name of God Amen the thirtieth Day of January Anno Dom 1664 I William Armitstead of Giggleswick in the County of yorke being sick in body but of perfect Remembrance I prayse God doe make this my last will and testament in Manner Following First I Comitt and Freely resigne my soule into the mercifull handes of Almighty God my maker and Creator trusting through his mercy and by the merrittes of Jesus Christ my onely Redeemer to be saved and to have pardon and Remission of all my sinnes And my body to the Earth where of it was made to be buried in Christian manner att the discretion of my Executor and Frindes And For my worldly and temporall goods and Estate I doe give devise and dispose of the same as Followeth, First I will that my debtes and Funerall Expences be payd out of my goodes and personall Estate And if the same will not Extend to pay all my debts and Funerall Charges, Then I will and doe hereby Authorish my Executors here under named to sell all those groundes I bought of my brother in Law Thomas Banckes or any other my groundes or houses att there discretions For and towards the payment of my debtes Item I will that my wife Elizabeth shall have the proffittes of all my houses and groundes and tythes untill my sonne William shall attayne the age of one and twenty yeares For the Education and keeping of all my Children. And that my sayd sonne William shall Enter unto and have two partes (in three partes to be devided) of all my sayd houses and groundes when he shall attaine the Above age of one and twenty yeares And that my sayd wife shall have the other third part during her life And after her death the same to Remaine wholly to my sayd sonne William his heires and assignes Item I will that my sayd wife shall have and take all the proffittes of my tythes For the keepeing \& mainteninge / of my younger Children And that when the Eldest of my younger Children shall attaine the age of one and twenty yeares That then every one of my younger Children as well now borne and being as Conceived & unborne shall have and take the proffitts of my sayd tythes Every one three yeares Apeice successively the First borne of my sayd younger Children to have the proffittes there of the First and soe successively according to there age And after wards the sayd tythes to remaine to my Eldest sonne William his heires and assignes And I doe nominate and appoint my sayd wife Elizabeth and my Eldest sonne William Armitstead sole Executors of this my last will And in wittnes here of I have put my hand and seale William Armitstead In wittnes here of William Bankes Thomas Palor Lawrence Lawson Thomas Brayshey

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**WILLIAM ARMITSTEAD 1690 Ref. Borthwick.York. March 1690**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen, I William Armitstead of Over-settle in ye County of yorke Cordwainer (*shoemaker*) being sicke & weake of body, yet of good & sound memory, for which God be praised, do make & constitute this my last will & Testament in manner & forme following, That is to say, First & cheifly I commend my soule into ye hands of God, Assuredly trusting thro ye merits of Christ to have a plenary remission of all my sins, And my body decently to be interred at ye discretion of my freinds & relacons in ye Parish Church yard of Giggleswicke. And as to my temporall estate, which God has bestowed on me, I give & dispose thereof as followeth, First My will & pleasure is, that my debts & funerall expences be paid & discharged. Item I give and devise and hereby bequeath unto William Armitstead my eldest son All yt my dwellinghouse & barne or laths in over Settle \with/ ye Lands, tenements & lease-grounds whatsoever & their hereditaments situate & being within ye Town, townfields & territories of Settle aforesaid. He ye sd. William Armitstead paying or causing to be paid unto Agnes Armitstead his mother, the Annuall sume of Two pounds of lawful English money during ye terme of her naturall life: and affording her sufficient maintenance, so long as it shall be her pleasure to live with him & no longer. And ye sd. William also paying ye sume of Ten pounds to his sister Agnes at ye day of her marriage, & Ten pounds more at ye time of ye birth of ye first child. And likewise he ye sd. William Paying unto his brother Richard Armitstead ye sume of Thirty pounds of lawful English money so soone as he shall attaine ye determinate time of twenty one years of age. And in default of paymt. of ye sd. sume of Thirty pounds in manner & forme aforesaid, My will & pleasure is yt ye sd. Richard shall enter in, have, hold, possesse & enjoy for ever, or for such number of years as shall be then unspent of ye herein under-named premises. One halfe Acre of land lying on Th(orn)ber, and four Cattle-gates being on a pasture cald Scaleber with their appurtenances & if it happen yt ye sd. Richard should dy before He do attaine ye age of Twenty one years Then ye sd. sume of Thirty pounds to be equally distributed betwixt the sd. Wm. & his sd. sister Agnes. Item My minde & will is yt He ye sd. \jurat/ Wm: & his mother Agnes \jurat/ whome I constitute & nominate Executors of this my last will & testament, have \equally/ all my goods and chattels, not herein & hereby disposed of, and debts unto me owing. And lastly my will & pleasure is yt my son Richard do serve his Brother Wm. in ye trade & art(?) he now professeth till \he attaine/ ye twenty first year of his age, if he so long do live, The sd. Wm. finding his brother with maintenance sufficient for one of his calling In witsesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seale the Eleventh day of January In ye year of our lord God One Thousand Six hundred ninety.

Sealed signed & published

William Armitstead

In ye presence of us

James Geldard

his marke

Thomas T Stout

Adam Lawson jurat:

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

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February the 14<sup>th</sup>. 1690

An Inventory of all the goods & Chattels of William Armitstead of Settle deceased & made by us whose names are subscribed

Imprimis his purse & apparrell & riding furniture	3	0	0
Two Cows & two heifers	5	0	0
two maires & one foale	4	0	0
12 old sheep	1	10	0
Twenty young sheep	2	0	0
Houshold goods in the bodystead of the house			
1 Table five chaires & two forms	0	10	0
One little table & 1 forme	0	2	0
One dozen Cushions	0	2	0
tenn peices of pewter one tankard & one dozen & a halfe of spoones	0	4	0
beefe & Bacon	0	5	0
In the Parlour			
One bedstead & bedding on it	0	10	0
one trundle bed & bedding on it	0	4	0
one Chist one Cupboard & one chayre	0	10	0
one pewter doubler, 1 possit cupp, 1 pewt. flagon	0	3	6
one Barrell one forme & one box	0	2	6
In the Parlour Chamber			
One bedstead & bedding on it	0	8	0
one spinning wheele & some other huslemt	0	2	0
meale & groats	1	10	0
In the Chambr. Over the bodystead			
One old bedstead & two sheets	0	2	6
one Arke one old Chist & one salting tub	0	6	8
one Cradle one Axletree & other od things	0	5	0
woollen yarne	0	2	0
5 old Sacks	0	5	0
In the new Chamber			
one Chaire	0	1	6
2 payre of course sheets & 3 table cloths	0	7	0
wood vessel potts & bottles	0	6	0
1 brasse pot 4 brasse pans, frying pann	0	10	6
1 payre of tongs one reckon crooke one spitt & A payre of racks	0	2	6
1 Iron baxton & 1 payre of briggs	0	6	0
4 stooles	0	4	0
In hay & straw	0	18	0
One cart one Coupe & 2 payre of wheels	0	10	0
2 stees 1 harrow & 1 plow	0	4	0
Barley	1	15	0
Turfes	0	01	6
1 Chesse presse	0	2	0
In Leather & shooes made upp	4	0	0
Lasts & workeing tooles	0	2	6
other od huslemt	0	2	0
	<u>30</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>



In good debts	1	10	0
in bad debts	1	0	0

**WILLIAM ARMITSTEAD 1694 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle May 1695**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the Twenty Seventh day of February in the Seventh year of ye raigne of our most Gracious Sovereigne Lord William by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King and in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred Ninety four, I William Armitstead of Newfield within the Township of Settle and county of Yorke Yeoman being Sick in body but of perfect memory make & ordaine this my last Will & Testament in manner and forme following. First beleiving my salvation and hoping for a joyfull resurrection through the merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer I commit my body to the ground to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter in these presents appointed and named And for the disposal of the worldly Goods wherewith it hath pleased God to blesse me I order as it followeth, After payment of my debts and funeral expences I give and bequeath unto my two Daughters Rosamund and Jane Armitstead equally betwixt them All my houses lands and Tenemts. with Grassing and Common of pasture thereunto belonging and every of their appurtenances situate lying and being in Scothrop, Ayrton, and Hanlieth in Craven in the said County of Yorke with all Deeds Evidences and Writings touching the same To have and to hold the said houses, lands & Tenements Grassing & common of pasture thereunto belonging with every of their appurtenances unto the said Rosamund and Jane Armitstead their heires and Assignes for ever to the onely & proper use & behoofe of them the said Rosamund and Jane Armitstead and of their heires and Assignes for ever provided always and upon condicon that they the said Rosamund and Jane Armitstead their heirs and Assignes pay or cause to be paid unto their Mother Mary Armitstead my wife or her Assignes the yearly rent of Ten pounds of lawfull English money at one entire payment at the Feast of Saint Martine ye Bishop in Winter for and during the term of fifty years next following if she continue unmarried & so long lives. But if the said Mary my now Wife shall happen to marry Then my minde is that the sd Rosamund and Jane Armitstead shall their heirs & Assignes shall pay or cause to be paid unto the said Mary their Mother the Sume of five pounds of lawfull English money at the feastday of St. Martine the Bishop in Winter for and during the said terme of Fifty years if she so long shall live, and the aforesaid yearly payment of Ten pounds to determine & lease. And also provided and upon condicon that if my said Daughters shall dy without heir or heirs of their bodies lawfully to be begotten Then my Will is and by these presents I devise all my sd houses lands and Tenements with Grassing and common of Pasture with th'appurtenances as aforesd unto Thomas Lawson and Richard Knowles of Malham my kinsmen (equally betwixt them) in the said County of Yorke Yeom their heires and Assignes for ever upon condicon that they the sd Thomas Lawson & Richard Knowles their heirs & Assignes pay or cause to be paid unto Mary my Wife Such yearly payment as in manner & forme aforesaid: Item I give and bequeath unto my said Daughters Rosamund and Jane Armitstead All my Goods Chattels real and personall for the payment of my debts and what legacies I shall give Item it is my minde that my Wife Mary shall have & hold my said lands and Tenements and take the rents and profits thereof for the use of my children until Such time as they shall attaine their respective ages of seventeen years if she abide unmarried and if she marry then my minde is that the said Thomas Lawson & Richard Knowles shall have the sd houses lands & premises for the use of my Children aforesd Item I give unto James Armitstead my Nephew the Sume of five pounds to be paid him by my sd Daughters within one year next after they shall

attaine their respective ages of Twenty one years, lastly Revoking all other & former Wills if any Such were made by me I constitute & nominate Mary Armitstead \jur/ my Wife Thomas Lawson & Richard Knowles aforesd sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament in Trust for my two said Daughters Rosamund and Jane Armitstead till they respectively have attained their \severall/ ages of seventeen years As Witnesse my hand & Seal the day and year first above Written  
 Sealed Signed & Published to be ye last Will & Testament of th' above named Wm:Armitstead in ye sight of us  
 The words (equally betwixt them) being interlined

his marke

Wm: **X** Wood

William Armitstead

Adam Lawson jur

.. (Atkin)son

1694

March ye 11<sup>th</sup>. A true Inventory of all the goods and Chattells of William Armitstead of Newfeild near Settle as Followeth

	li	s	d
Imps. His purse and Apparell	05	00	00
Itm One bay Maire	05	00	00
Itm One black Mare	04	10	00
Itm two Kine	07	00	00
Itm one Cow	03	10	00
Itm 3 Heifers	06	00	00
Itm 3 Stirks	04	00	00
Itm 37 Sheep	12	10	00
Itm one Table	00	04	00
Itm one Cuboard	01	00	00
Itm one Long Settle	00	03	06
Itm one Long Table	00	15	00
Itm 3 paire of bedstocks	03	10	00
Itm 5 Shelves 2 little boards 1 bread ffileak	00	02	00
Itm Hay and Corn	08	00	00
Itm Wood and Turfs	01	00	00
Itm all his sacks	01	10	00
Itm one Chist one creddle	00	03	00
Itm 2 Chists	00	10	00
Itm 3 Arks	01	00	00
Itm Spoaks & Fellows & other wood	00	05	00
Itm 2 axletree nails and door lock	00	02	00
Itm 2 ox coups & Rathes & 2 plows	00	15	00
Itm one horse coupe 2 pair of wheels	01	10	00
Itm 5 Yoaks teames & plow Irons	00	08	00
Itm 2 Ranges	00	06	08
Itm one Table	00	08	00
Itm 19 Chaires	00	16	06
Itm 2 little Tables & a Forme	00	04	06

Itm one Chist with drawers & Glass case	00	10	09
Itm one wanded Chair	00	01	00
Itm all the brass and pewter	02	00	00
Itm one Chist	00	03	00
Itm 1 coupe 1 Cart & 2 paire of Wheels	01	10	00
Itm 2 paire of Traces	00	03	00
Itm 2 pack Saddles with overlays & Wantoes	00	07	00
Itm 2 Wheelbarrows 1 plow 1 harrow 1 cart	00	09	00
Itm Cart Geare for 3 Horses	00	05	00
Itm 2 yoaks 3 teams & plow Irons	00	13	00
Itm 3 flaw Spads one turfe spade	00	02	06
Itm 4 Muck forks 5 Shovells 5 Hayforks	00	06	02
Itm 4 Horse lengths 7 Cart ropes	00	04	06
Itm one Arke	00	08	00
Itm 5 Steps 1 Chist one Gimlin	00	02	00
Itm 2 Hackney Saddles one side Saddle one pillion seat one Gavelock	00	14	00
ItmAll the bedding	02	00	00
Itm Beef & bacon	01	00	00
Itm Backstone & briggs recon & tongs toasting Iron & Chafing dish	00	10	00
Itm Shelves and wood vessell	00	15	00
Itm all the Housholdment in ye House	00	06	00
Itm debts owing to the Testator at the time of his death	06	00	00
In all	89	00	01

Aprized by us  
William Settle Thomas Preston  
Adam Lawson Roger Armitstead

WILLIAM ARMITSTEAD 1700 Ref.Borthwick.York. July 1700  
 Transcribed by S.Gordon

In the name of God Amen I William Armitstead of Staineforth under Bargh in the County of Yorke Yeom Being sick & Weak in body but of sound & pfect memory praised bee God for the same doe hereby make my last Will & Testament in manner and forme following Revoakeing & dismissing all other former Wills by me made And first I Commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God Hopeing through the merrits & mediation of our blessed saviour Jesus Christ to have free pardon of all my sins & I Commend my body to the earth to bee decently buried according to the discretion of my Executrix, hereafter named And as for my Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to blesse me wuthall (after my debts and funerall Expences first paid) I give Devise and bequeath as followeth Impr I Give and bequeath unto my Loveing Wife Anne all such Messuages Barnes Buildings Gardens with thappurtenances in Staineforth aforesd: together with all my Lands With their & every of their rights members and Appurtnces wthin the precincts & territoryes of Staineforth aforesd. And Likewise I give & bequeath as well all my reale & psonall Estate whatsoever Goods moveable & Immoveable unto my said Loveing wife Anne \jurat/ Armitstead whome I nominate & Appoynte Sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament In testamony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seale this thirtyeth day of May in the twelft yeare of the Raigne of our most Gracious Sovereigne Lrd Wm. the third King ovr England etc Anno Dom 1700

William Armistead

Sealed Signed published & declared  
 to bee his Last Will & testament of the  
 sd. Wm.Armitstead in the presence of  
 us

Thomas Foster jurat  
 Christ: Metcalfe jurat  
 Jn. Paleye

A true Inventory of all ye goods credits chattels of William Armistead of Stainforth under Bargh in ye Countye of Yorke late deceased (Apprised) by us whose names are underwritten June (7<sup>th</sup>. 1700)

	£	s	d
Impre his purse & Apparrell & mai.... Bridle & saddle	05	00	00
Item 2Kine & 3 Calves	05	00	00
Item I cart & 1 pare of wheeles & other husbandry gear	01	00	00
Item 1 pair of Bedstocks & beding in ye chamber loft	00	10	00
Item 1 Arke in the Bodistead loft with meal	00	15	00
Item 1 Postard Bed with hangings & beding	01	19	06
Item 1 table & chist.....	01	00	00
Item 2 Tables 6 chaires in ye bodistead	00	13	04
Item 1 cuberd	00	06	08
Item 4 paire of sheets & napkins 3 drawers 3 table cloths	00	19	06
Item 10 Little dishish of pewter with 1 Tankerd 1 Candlestick	01	00	00
Item 1 brass pott & pans & 1 Laddle	01	00	00
Item 6 quishings with Speet & Rack... 1 pair of....Briggs & Backstone	00	05	00
Item Knopp & Barrills with all other hustlement	00	05	00
Totall	29	18	06

Thomas Foster  
 Roger Craven  
 Anthony Paleye  
 Christ: Metcalfe

*Stainforth modern spelling*



**James Armitsteade 1612 Borthwick v32 f457**

In the name of God Amen the seven and twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred and twelve I James Armitstead of Rathmell in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of perfect memory, God be praised therefore, do make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally I commend my soul to Almighty God assuredly trusting through the merits and precious passion of my sweet saviour Christ to be made partaker of eternal bliss in heaven. And for my body I commit the same to the earth whereof it is made to be buried at the discretion of my wife and friends in the church yard of Giggleswick.

Item my will is that my debts mortuary and funeral expenses be paid out of my whole goods and also whereas god has blessed me with two daughters only and that I have no other children which daughters I have heretofore preferred in marriage according as God has enabled me yet never the less I give to either of my said daughters one cow or forty shillings in money to either of them to be paid or delivered at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named before the tenth day of August next. Also I give and bequeath to Anne my daughter thirty shillings which Thomas Gregson owes me and because that Mabell my wife has been the only means and help to me gathering together that small portion of goods which God has now lent me therefore I give unto her all the residue of my goods and cattels whatsoever shall remain after my debts paid & legacies and funeral expenses discharged AND

for the lease of my tenement my will is that my said wife Mabell shall have and enjoy the full third part of the said tenement and of all the houses garths lands meadows and other appurtenances thereto belonging enduring the lease if she continue so long a widow after my decease. And for all the interest title and term that I have besides in the said tenement my will is that John Carr my son in law and Katherine his wife and their children shall have the same according to a former agreement made between him and me if they will allow my said wife her right therein according to the true intent and meaning of this my last will and testament. And moreover I do desire my trusty friends Allan Carr of Rathmell and William Lawson of Giggleswick to be the supervisors of this my last will And I will that my said wife and my daughters and their husbands shall be directed and ordered by my said friends if any variance happen amongst them either about setting out of my said wife her thirds of my tenement or any other thing concerning this my will. I do also request my wife to be kind to my daughters and their children if they shall behave well at her hands. And I do ordain and appoint my said wife Mabell Armitstead to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament, these being witnesses Allan Carr Willm Lawson,

*Giggleswicke  
Rawthmell*

**Jane Armitsteade 1618 Borthwick v35 f 257**

In the name of God Amen the vth day of October in the sixteenth yeare of the raigne of our Sovraigne Lord James by the grace of god king of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc and of Scotland the two and Fiftie 1618, I Jane Armitsteade of Capleside sicke in bodie but of good and pfect remembrance praised be Allmightie god doe make this my last will & testamt in manner and forme Following. First I give and bequeath my soule to Allmightie god my maker & redeemer and my body to be buried in the Church yard of Giggleswicke. Alsoe my will is the church dues my funerall expences & debts be paid out of my whole goods Allsoe I give unto my brother John Armisteades children to everie one of them ijs Allsoe I give unto my Brother John Hargraves children to everie one of them ijs alsoe unto William Armistead my brother Rogers sonne iij<sup>s</sup> and one trunke wch was his fathers Allsoe I give unto Agnis wife of Edmund Carr of Rathmell xij<sup>d</sup> The rest of all my goods & Chattells wth all debts owing or due unto me wth all other Rightes to mee appteining I give and bequeath the same to Adam Carr of Pallay greene my sisters sonne and to Henry Fish equally betweene them And I ordeine and appoynt the said Addam Carr and Henry fish executors of this my last will and Testamt. These Wittnesses James Armistead Francis Foster Richard Sheppd and William Banke

*Latin text*

*Capleside  
Giggleswick  
Paley Green*



**John Armitsteade 1628 Ref. Borthwick vol. 40 fol 580**

In the name of God Amen the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1628 I John Armitsteade of Stainforth-under-Bargh in the County of York husbandman sick in body yet of perfect mind and memory I praise God for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of almighty God my maker trusting assuredly through the precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my only saviour to be saved, and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my wife and friends. Also I will that my debts be paid forth of my whole goods.

Item my will and mind is that Jane my wife and her assigns shall have hold use occupy and enjoy all my messuage farm and tenement with appurtenances in Stainforth aforesaid now in my possession from and immediately after my decease only for and during her widowhood to the end she shall thereupon bring up my younger children and that she shall maintain and keep Isabell my daughter so long and after the decease or marriage of the said Jane my wife. My will and mind is and I do give devise and bequeath all the said messuage farm and tenement with appurtenances in Stainforth above said unto William, Thomas, Christopher, Anne, Hester and Jane Armetsteade my children and to their assigns to be equally divided amongst them and all evidences and writings concerning the same to have and to hold the same from and after the decease or marriage of the said Jane my wife for and during all such term and times of years as I have yet to come therein my said children mainly might therein and keeping Isabell my daughter during her natural life. And I nominate and appoint Jane my wife sole executrix of this will and testament. These being witnesses William Cockett, Robert Swainson, Anthony (Bainbrigg) and William Armistead yet never-the-less my will is that if any of my said children die before they come to lawful years of age or marriage that their portion so dying shall remain to them living.

*Stainforth spelt Stainforth-under-barshe (sic)*

*Giggleswick spelt gigleswicke*

Proved November 1629