

**HENRY KYNGE 1641 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Feb. 1648/9 MIC 1739  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen The fift daie of March Anno Domin 1641 I henry Kyng of Setle Sicke of body but of good and pfect remembrance praised be god for the same doe make This my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I bequeath my Soule into the handes of Almyghtie god my Savyour hoping through his precieuse death I shall come to the life Eternall and my body to be buried in the pishe Church yard of Gigleswicke at the discretion of my frendes Ite I gyve to my Grandchild Ruth Cockman twoo pcelles of arrable land lying in the townfeldes of Setle on a place called thorneber one other pcell of land called cammiake brow and one other pcell of grounde called goodmans mosse all wich pcelles I boughte of Roger Watkinson with all the Evidencess and writtings concerning the same Ite I give unto Ann Cockman thirteene poundes sixe shillings and Eight pence Ite I give unto Ellyn Cockman tenn poundes Ite I give unto Elsobeth Cockman my Grandchild tenn poundes Ite unto Janne Cockman sixe poundes thirteene shillings foure pence and if anie of these my Grandchilder die before they accomplishe the age of one and twentie yeares their porcions soe dying to remaine to the rest of my Grandchilder living Equally to be devided amongst them all these legaces afforenamed my will is that they shalbe sett forward for these my Grandchilders use at the discretion of Thomas Lawson of the Loge and Roger Althame of Setle Ite I give unto my Sister Isabell Ashe forty shillings Ite to my Cossen Ann Richardson twenty shillings Ite when my funeral Expences and debts be paid all the rest of my goodes I give to my executors under named Ite I give all my houses landes Tenements and leases within the teritoris of Setle unto my Sonne Thomas Cockman and my daughter Elsobeth; his wife and to the heires of their two bodies Lawfully begotten or to bee begotten forever Ite I appointe Thomas Cockman \jurat/ my Sonne \in Lawe/ and Elsobeth my daughter to be Joint Executors of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have sett my hand to this my last will and testament the daie and yeare \first/ above written Wittnesses hereof

Thomas Lawson jurat

henry kyng

John Armestead mark jurat

(Roger?) Althame marke **RA**

*Settle – modern spelling*

*Giggleswick - “ “*

**Alice Jackes 1614 Borthwick v33 f392**

In the name of God Amen the five and twentieth day of August in the year of our lord Ggod one thousand six hundred and fourteen I Alice Jackes of Cranorigge in Giggleswick in the county of York widow late wife of James Jackes deceased, sick in body but of good and perfect memory god be praised do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to Almighty god trusting assuredly through the merits and passion of my saviour Christ to have my salvation wrought. And for my body I commend it to the earth from whence it came to be buried at the discretion of my children and friends.

Item I give and bequeath unto Richard Jackes and John Jackes my sons two stirks which I have in Cowside Close and to Rowlande Thomson my son-in-law my whye calf.

Item I give to my son John my white mare and to Marie my daughter my two kine and I give unto William my son the half of a stott# which is mean## between me and Marie.

Item I give these legacies hereafter following to be taken out of the one half of my crop and household stuff, that is to say to John Jackes the son of my son Richard twenty shillings. Item to my daughter Agnes ten shillings. Item to my brother-in-law William Jackes three shillings and four pence. Item to Isabell Procter my grandchild ten shillings and to Elizabeth Jackes daughter of my son Richard ten shillings and to Alice Jackes daughter of my son William ten shillings .

And for the other half of my crop and household stuff and the rest of all my other goods whatsoever I give and bequeath them to my said children William John and Marye equally to be divided amongst them saving that I give to Marie my best gown out at a side,

And I make and ordain my said sons William and John Jackes the the(*sic*) joint executors of this my last will and testament these bearing witness William Jackes Thomas Paley elder Thomas Preston of Langcliffe and William Lawson.

# *stott - bullock*

## *mean – middle (shared?)*

*Giggleswicke  
Langclife*

**Christopher Jackes 1626    Borthwick v39 f495**

In the name of God Amen the eighth and twentieth day of May in the year of our lord god according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred twenty and six I Christopher Jackes of Giggleswick in the county of York clothworker being at this time visited with sickness and infirmity in my body yet sound and perfect in memory praise be to God do make and declare this my last will and testament ...ee(?) in manner and form following that is to say First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting assuredly through the merits of my saviour Christ to *he*] inheritor of the heavenly kingdom and for my body I commit the same to earthly burial at the discretion of my friends.

Item: my will is that my debts shall be paid out of my whole moveable goods and out of such debts as are owing to me and for the residue of the same goods and debts my will is that the same to be divided into three parts whereof my wife to have one part according to law and custom of the country and my children another part equally amongst them as the law in like manner requires. And for my part commonly called the deads part I give the same wholly to William Jackes my son and Agnes Jackes my daughter equally between them.

And whereas I am possessed of one mansion house one garth or garden and other housing and grounds and of and in one fulling mill with appurtenances within the town and territories of Giggleswick aforesaid which I hold by long lease or leases for thousands of years as thereby may appear, now I do by this my last will and testament give, devise and bequeath my said mansion house garth and garden and other my housing grounds fulling mill and tenements which I hold by lease or leases as aforesaid and all my estate right title interest term and terms of years therein to Thomas Colton of Settle, Thomas Newhouse of the same George Falthropp of Hanlith and William Lawson of Giggleswick and to their executors and assigns from the day of my natural life death for during and to the full end of all the rest, residue and remainder of years and time and times which are yet to come and unexpired of the said lease and leases and every of them. Nevertheless to and for the uses and intents hereafter in the present specified and declared but to and for no other use intents and purposes at all. That is to say that the said Thomas Colton, Thomas Newhouse George Falthrop and William Lawson their executors and assigns shall have full and free power and authority by this my devise to bargain and sell the said mansion and all other my said housing grounds fulling mill and tenements with the appurtenances at their wills and pleasures to such person or persons and their executors and assigns as in their discretions they shall think fit and for so much money as they can conveniently procure, get, raise and obtain by the sale thereof. And for the money that shall be raised for the sale thereof I do hereby devise and bequeath one full third part thereof to Jane my now wife and to such child or lawful issue as she is now with if she be with child for and towards the better maintenance of her and the same issue. And for the other two parts of the same moneys I give the same wholly to my said son William Jackes and Agnes my daughter and to their executors and assigns.

Provided always and yet nevertheless my will and mind is that Ester Jackes my sister shall have a chamber room in my said house for herself only until it be sold and after sale of the premises then I desire my said four friends and executors hereafter named to provide her a convenient chamber or bedroom in Giggleswick at their discretion and of such moneys or means as shall be made or raised out of the premises. And for all other means (and) profits that shall be made or arise out of the premises before the sale aforesaid I will that the same shall remain and be employed towards the maintenance of my said wife and children

allowing only to my friends in trust their reasonable charges to be expended and disbursed by them by reason and occasion of the premises but not further or otherwise. And I do hereby nominate and appoint the said Thomas Colton Thomas Newhouse George Fallthroppe and William Lawson the executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Henry Lawson and Richard Jackes.

*Gigleswicke*  
*Setle*  
*Hanlieth*

**RICHARD JACKES 1648 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Feb. 1648/9**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen the eighteenth day of November, 1648 I Richard Jackes of Cranerigg in the pishe of Gigglesweeke in the Countie of yorke husbandman, being sicke in Bodie, but of good and pfect remembrance, praised be god, doe make and ordaine this my last will & Testament in maner & forme followinge, first I commend my soule into the handes of almightie god, hopeinge through the merritts of christ precious death to inherit eternall life; and my bodie to be buried at discretion of my frinds: And as concerning my outward estate wherewith it hath pleased god to blesse me, I give bequeath and disposses hereof as followeth, first, I give all my housse lande & Tenement at Cranerigg to Doritie my wife during her naturall life: And after her deceasse I give \all/ the said houses & grounds to my sones John Jackes and Christopher Jackes upon this condicion that the said John & Christopher shall pay to their three Sisters Elisabeth, Issabell and Annes to everie one of them five pounds and to pay but one in a yeare unto they be all three paid and I give to my sone Willm wyfe tenn shillings, and alsoe I give to everie childe of my sone Willm Jackes ten shillings to be paid forthe of the said grounds And I appoint Dorotie \jurat/ my wife executor of this my last will etc.

Witnesses of the same

Robert Armitstead \jurat/

Thomas Harrison \jurat/

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

RICHARD JACKES 1700 INV Ref.Borthwick.York. Jul 1700(admin)  
Transcribed by S.Gordon

A true Inventory of all and singular goods Chattells & credits of Richard Jackes late  
of Langcliffe deceased made ye twenty fifth day of Aprill Ano Dom 1700

	Li	s	d
Imprimis His purse and Apparrell	00	15	00
It: One Cubbard one Table	00	02	00
It: 3 Chests	00	07	00
It:Bedstocks and Beding	00	10	00
It:3 Boxes and two Chaires	00	02	05
It: Three Pewter Doublers	00	07	04
It: One Pot & 2 Panns	00	05	02
It: Two Barrells 1 Flasket	00	02	03
It: In Oat Meale			
It: In Huslement	00	05	10

Apprized by us  
William Carr  
Thomas Swanson

**William Jacks 26<sup>th</sup> July 1626 buried 12<sup>th</sup> September 1626  
Borthwick v41 f80a**

In the name of god Amen the six and twentieth day of Julie Anno Dom 1626 I William Jacks of Giglesewicke in the Countie of yorke Clotheworke sicke in bodie but of good and pfecte remembrance god be praised doe make and ordeyne this my last will and testmt in manner & forme followeing: First I comend my soule into the hands of almightie god trustinge through the merrits of Jesus Christ to be made ptaker of heavenly blisse and my bodie I comit to the earth to be buried within the parishe Church yearde of Gigleswicke att the discretion of my executors and frends. And for my worldly goods I dispose thereof as followeth First my will and minde is that my funerall expenses and debts be paid out of my whole goods Item whereas I have given satisfaction unto my uncle Richard Jacks for my table and diet for this present yeare with condicon that if I shall die before the yeares end that he shall but onelie satisfie himselfe ratably for soe longe as I shall live of this present yeare and pay the residue of the money to my execors, adres or assignes after my death. My will is and I doe give and bequeath the said residue of the said money to my said uncle and doe will that my execors or adsres shall not in any wise demaande the same of him or charge him with the payment thereof. Item: I give unto my Aumte Issabell wife of the said Richard six shillings eight pence And to Ellin, Thomas, Michael Isabell and William children of the said Richard and Isabell to ech of them five shillings a peece. Item I give to the fower children of my uncle George Falthropp ech of them five shillings a peece Item I give to my Aunte Ester Jacks vjs viijd 6s 8d) Item I give to Henrie Lawson sixe shillings and eight penceItem Item (*sic*)I give to William Wildman Six shillings eight pence And for the residue of all my goods chattels and rights unbequeathed I give the same to Agnes Jacks in sister And I appointe the said George Falthoropp (*of Hanlith*) and Agnes Jacks my sole executors of this my last will and testimet Witnesses Thomas Newhouse, Miles Cockitt Ellin Lawson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

George Falthrop was baptisd Giggleswick the son of Christopher 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1575

**Son of Christopher**

**James Jacques 1606 Borthwick v30 f98**

In the name of god Amen the third day of April in the year of our lord one thousand six hundred and six I James Jackes of Cranorigge in Meweth in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of good and perfect memory God be praised do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first I commit my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty god trusting through the merits and precious blood shedding of his son Christ to be saved and for my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my children and friends.

Item whereas I have a lease from my son Richard Jackes of a moiety or half of that tenement of twelve shillings rent now in our occupation at Cranorigge above said for one hundred and one years my will is and I give and bequeath the use occupation and profits of all that said moiety unto Alice my wife and her assigns for and during the term of forty and one years (if she do so long live) and I give the residue of the said lease and term of years therein unto Elizabeth my daughter and her assigns upon condition that she shall within one month next after the decease of her mother give good security unto Marie and Janet Jackes her sisters for payment of £16 of lawful English money viz. to either of them eight pounds within the space of a twelve month next after the decease of my said wife or if the said Elizabeth refuse so to do then I give the said lease and residue of the said term of years therein unto my daughter Mary and her assigns upon the like condition and if Mary refuse then to Agnes upon like condition and for and in default thereof then I give the same lease and all my estate reversion and term therein unto the said Elizabeth Marie and Agnes my daughters equally amongst them.

Item for my goods my will is that my debts be paid out of the whole and that my wife have her third according to law and that the rest be divided amongst my children John Elizabeth Marie and Agnes Jackes equally.

Item I give unto Richard Jackes my son all my husbandry gear after my wife's decease. Item I give unto William Jackes my brother my best jacket and I make and ordain Alice my said wife the sole executrix of this my last will and testament these being witnesses Willm Jackes, Willm Wilson, Willm Lawson and Richard Jackes.

*Meweth  
Giggleswicke*



**JAMES JAQUES 1701 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Oct 1701**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I James Jaques of Settle in the County of Yorke Liningweaver Being sick & weake in body but (of) Good & pfect memory thanks bee to God for the same And calling to mind the Certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time thereof doe make this my last Will & testamt. in manner & forme following Revoakeing & Annulling all other former Wills by me heretofore made & this to bee my last Will & testamt. And first I Give & Committ my Soule into the hands of Allmighty God hoping and assuredly trusting through the merritts & mediation of his Sonne Jesus Christ to have full pardon & remission of all my by (*sic*) past Sinns And my body to bee buried att the discretion of my Executor hereafter named And for the Settling my Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I Give & bequeath as followeth Impr my Will & mind is that my just Debts & funerall Expences bee pd and discharged by my Executor Item I Give & bequeath unto my Bro: in Law Robert Smith of Hull the Summe of Five pounds to bee pd by my Executor within one yeare next after my decease Itm I Give and bequeath unto my Nephew Wm. Jaques the sume of three pounds to bee pd him when hee attaines the Age of twenty & one Yeares & not otherways But if hee happen to dy before hee attaines the Age of twenty & one Yeares then his Legacy to bee and remaine to my Executor Itm I Give and Bequeath unto Elizabeth Middlebrooke five Shillings to bee paid her within one month .... next after my decease in Case my Mother Alice Jaques shall bee Liveing with her att the time of my decease but if my sd. Mother shall bee Gone from the sd. Elizabeth at my decease then she the sd Elizabeth to have on(ely) two shillings & Six pence in Like manner pd her It I Give and Bequeath unto John Cau(te?) of Settle Inkeep(er) all the rest of my Goods Cattells & Chattells whatsoever whome I also make nominate & Appoynt Sole Executor of this my Last Will & testamt. In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale this twenty Seacnd Day of August in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand Seaven Hundred & one Sealed Signed published & declared to be ye last Will & testamt. of the sd. James Jaques in the presence of us

James Jaques

Will: Paleye jurat  
 Jn. Paleye jurat

A true & perfect Inventory of all & Singular ye Goods Debts & Credits of James Jaques of Setle in ye County of yorke Lininweaver late deceased aprized by us whose names are hereunder subscribed this Twenty first day of September Ann Domini 1701

	li	s	d
Imprimis His Purse & Apparell	05	10	00
Itm 2 paire of Bedstocks & Bedding	02	00	00
Itm one paire of Looms with work tools	01	00	00
Itm Cloth and yarne	05	10	00
Itm 3 Chists & other small huslement	01	00	00
Itm Debts oweing	01	15	00
Totall	16	15	00

Apprisers  
 William Kidd  
 Joseph Kidd  
 Willm Paleye  
 Jno. Paleye

**John Jacques 1617 Borthwick v34 f675**

In the name of god Amen. The twenty sixth day of July in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred and seventeen I John Jacks of Armitstead in Giggleswick in the county of York singleman, sick in body but of perfect remembrance praise be to the almighty do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First I commend my soul to god my maker and redeemer and my body to the earthly burial and for my goods I give to my brother Richard Jackes & his children seven pounds equally amongst them. To my sister Mary ten shillings to my cousin Isabell Prockter ten shillings to Hester Jackes twenty shillings to Roger Armetstead ten shillings.

Item to my said brother Richard my white woollen doublet and to the said Roger Armetstead my worst breeches and the rest of all my goods and rights I give unto William Jackes my brother whom I make the sole executor of this my last will and testament . These being witnesses Thomas Paley eldr James Foster and Hew Lawson.

*Giggleswicke*

**John Jaques 1621/22 Borthwick v37 f125**

In the name of God amen the thirtieth day of January 1621 John Jaques of Giggleswick sick in body but of good memory did nuncupatively make his will in manner and form following: First he commended his soul into the hands of god his Creator trusting assuredly through the only merits of Jesus Christ his alone saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting and commended his body to the earth whereof it was made and to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick. And for his goods he gave them to Christopher Jaques of Giggleswick clothier whom he made whole executor of this his will. These being witnesses Christopher Shute, Margaret Armitstead.

*Gigleswicke*

**Edmond Jennings 1627 Ref. Borthwick. Vol 40 fol 83**

Memorandum that Edmond Jennings of Settle in the County of York deceased did make his last will and testament nuncupatively or by words in manner and form following vizt. First he did give to Dionsis Jennings his son his house in Settle wherein he dwelt withal houses, backsides turbaries and other commodities appertaining thereunto belonging for and during his leasehold term of years he had to expire on it. Item he did give to Adam Jennings his son all his interest and term of years he had in all that certain parcel of ground lying in Langcliffe fields. Item he did give all the rest of his goods his debts, funeral expenses and probate of his will discharged to the rest of his children equally to be divided amongst them. And lastly he named and appointed Dionsis his son executer of his last will and testament . And he did appoint Thomas Carr of Settle and Thomas Newhouse of Settle to be supervisors of this his will and to dispose of his goods so as they might be in safe custody till his son Dionsis should enter into the country whom was then at London. These being witnesses: John Ratcliffe, Peter Jennings Thomas Carr and Thomas Newhouse.

**JAMES JOHNSON 1691 Ref.Borthwick.York.Otc.1691 bundle**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

The twenty sevent day of June 1691

In the name of God Amen I James Jonson of Palay grene being infirme in body but of good and perfect memory praised be allmighty god for the same do make this my last will & Testament in maner and forme following revocking and making voyd all other wills by me formerly made and firstly doe commit and willingly resigne my soule into the hands of allmighty god my Creator hoping thugh the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my redemer to have fre pardon and full remition of all my sinse and my body to be buried att the Discrestion of my wife And as concerning my worldly goods I dispose of the same as followeth, first I give unto Mary my wife \for ever/ one Close lying beneath the hywaey ajoyning to ye grounds of Thomas Carr Land on other parcell of ground cowlde ye (rid)gill she paying and discharging all my just debts and funeral expencis likewise I give unto Mary my wife all the reste of my houses and ground during hir life natterall and after hir deceas I give it unto Robart Jonson my sone hee paying unto his brother in law Anthony Procter or to his Chillarderine one pound and to his sister Elizabeth six pound within twelwe months next after ye decease of his mother and the rest of my goods undisposed of I give unto Mary \jurat/ my wife whome I make sole executrix of this my laste will and Testament

Sealed and published ye day and year

first above written in the psence

of us

James X his mark Jonson

Thomas Willson Jurat

Henery Lawson

Thomas Carr jurat

An Inventory of all ye goods and Chattells which weare belonging to James Jonson late of palay greene in ye pish of Giggleswicke deceased, Att ye time of his death Apprized & vallued by us whose names are here under written ye Twentiyth day of July in the yeare of our Lord 1691

	£	s	d
Imprs. his purse & Apparrell	00	10	00
Item one Cow	01	10	00
Item in Hay	00	07	00
Ite. one paire of Bedstockes & beding	00	02	00
Ite. Three panns	00	02	00
Item a dishboard & wood vessel Recken Crooke & tongs wth ye rest of ye Hustlement	00	03	00
Ite. c.(?) one halfe roode of Ground	00	06	00
	£	s	d
Sume totals	03	00	00

William Bankes

Robert Stackhouse

Rowland Carr

Thomas Wilson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Paley Green*



**JOHN JOHNSON 1666 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.48 fol.213**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the last day of June in the yeare of our in the yeare of our(sic) Lord God one thousand six hundred sixty and sixe I John Johnson of Settle in Riblesdayle some what Infirm of body but sound and pfect in mynde and memory prayed be the Lord; Doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and Forme Followinge; Inprimis I doe bequeath and Comend my soule my better part into the hands of the Almighty Creator and of Jesus Christ my Redeemer beleiving Assuredly by his onely merritts to be ptaker of life Everlasting; Item For my body which was First Framed of the Earth I Comitt to the Earth againe and to be (buried) att the discretion of my Two Executrices; Item my Funerall Expences discharged I doe give unto Five of the Children of my neece Katherine Howson of Setle (beinge) Mary Issabell Robert Elizabeth and Katherine Every of them Five pounds And unto James Issabell and Margarett the Children of William Batersby of Astwick Each of them Five pounds And unto Rowland the sonne of Richard Taytham of Burton in Lonsdayle Five pounds Item to the poore people Inhabitting within the towne of Astwick Five pounds, And the same to be Distributed Amongst them by the overseers For the poore and Churchwarden of that towne For the tyme beinge att the discretion of Michaell Howson and John Johnson Junior Item unto the poore Inhabitting within the townshippe of Coniston in Kettlewell Dayle Five pounds And the same to be distributed Amongst them by the overseer and Churchwardens of Coniston Aforesayd at the Discretion of Cuthbert Wade Esqre and Richard Costentyne Item unto the poore Inhabitting in Litton Daylehead Above the Crose yeat Two pounds to be Distributed Amongst them by the overseer of Litton and the Churchwarden of the Daylehead att the discretion of Thomas Wetherhead of the East garth in Litton and Francis Todd of Haton gill Item I give unto Anthony Johnson mine unckle Five pounds And unto John Johnson Junior Five pounds Item to Each of my Godchildren Baptized att Clapham and John Wetherald, sonne of Thomas Wetherhird Aforesayd Each of them three shillings Four pence Item unto Alice the wife of Thomas Bancks and Margarett the wife of Christopher Capesticke Eyther of them Five shillings; Item unto John Johnson the Elder of Estwick Five shillings Item unto Jennett the wife of Henry Wildeman of the Gill leck Five shillings Item unto Thomas Weatherhird of the East garth John Weatherhird of Litton and Lawrence Ward Each of them Five shillings Item unto Mathew Buck of Helmside and William Becroft of Astwicke Eyther of them Twenty shillings Item unto Issabell the wife of William Pownham the younger of Austwick Five shillings Item unto Margarett Ellice of Astwick two shillings six pence Unto William Lech and William Baynes of Astwicke Eyther of them two shillings, And it is my mynde and will that if any pson or psons whatsoever unto whome any bequest or legacie is by these presents bequeathed appeare to be discontented, For or Concerninge any such legacie and the same discontent made Apparent by the testimony of one or more substantiall psons, Then the Legacie of him her or them soe Discontented to be voyd as though the same had never beene bequeathed, And the ptyes to be disabled For having any benefit att Law For the (reclaiming) of any such legacie or bequest And the sayd Legacie to soe remaine to my sayd two executrices And alsoe it is my will if any Scruple ariseabout the (Constanktion) of any clause or sentence in the sayd s.....conteyned my will is that the same shall be Expounded and determind by William Battersby and John Johnson Junior both of Astwicke And he shee or they that will not stand to there D.....and judgement, to be utterly deprived of any benefit by this my last will and testament And I doe hereby Reverse

Revoke And hereby make voyd all other & Former wills by me heretofore made, And hereof I doe Constitute ordaine and make my two neeces Katherine Howson and Issabell Battersby the Joynt Executrices of this my last will and testament In wittnes whereof I doe hearunto sett my hand & seale the Day and Yeare abovesayd; John Johnson, witnesses of this will and testament are Henry Towler William Preston Thomas Howson Leonard Carr Thomas Wildman

*Settle modern spelling*

*Austwick modern spelling*



ROBERT JOHNSON – 1691 INV. (Admin.) Ref.Borthwick.York. May 1692 bundle  
 Transcribed by S.Gordon

Ine Inventory of Robt. Johnson late of Giggleswick deceased and Apprised by us  
 whose names are under written the first day of September Annoque Dni. 1691 as  
 followeth vizt.

	£	s	d
Imprs. his purse & apparrell	00	13	4
Item in ye house i Bedstead i Chest i table & other little Chests	00	06	08
Item 2 Chaires 4 Stooles i dishboard & other Truntelmts	00	04	00
Item 3 little Dublers & 2 old pannes	0	05	00
In the parlour 1 bedstead & Beding 1 little Desk & a box	00	03	04
Item Turves	00	04	00
Item 1 Range 1 paire of Tongs 1 Reckon Crooke & other Iron things	00	02	06
Item a little Corne 2s. in the Garden	00	02	00
Item moneys oweing	18	10	00
Item Stokings	00	10	00
sume	21	00	10

Thomas Brayshaw son  
 Willm Armitsted                      App.  
 Thomas Brayshaw junr.  
 Abr: Marshall

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

THOMAS JOHNSON INV 1695 Ref.Borthwick.York. Aug 1696(admin)  
Transcribed by S.Gordon

March 29 .1695

A true Inventory of the goods of Thomas Johnson late of Rauthmell decd

	£	s	d
Impr. his Coffe and purse	00	02	0
two pewter doublers & other huslemt	00	04	0
In Lease of an old house & a little Ground	01	10	0
	01	16	00

Appraisers –

John Swainson  
Rich Dobson his mark  
John Leigh

*Rathmell modern spelling*

**William Johnson 1669**  
**Borthwick vol 59 fol 171**

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

Witnesses

William Johnson

Richard Lawson

Jurat Willm Carr

Jurat John Paley

*(overleaf)*

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T. Guilielmi Johnson nup de Langcliffe poice de Giglesweek deft. Respit .....

.....Octobris 1681

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**Brian Kay 1619 Ref.Borthwick v40 f581**

In the name of God amen the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September AD 1619 I Brian Kay of Rathmell in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of perfect mind and 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 to Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick. Item I revoke all former wills by me made heretofore.

Item my will is that all my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid out of my whole goods. Item I devise give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Kay my wife all the messuage cottage or mansion house in Rathmell wherein I now dwell the barn garden and croft on the north side of the said house being freehold land to have and to hold the said house and all other singular the premises with their and every their appurtenances to the said Elizabeth my wife and her assigns for and during her life natural. And after the decease of the said Elizabeth my wife I devise give and bequeath all the said messuage cottage or mansion house the said barn garden and croft aforesaid and all and every their appurtenances to Thomas Procter son of Mathew Procter of Rathmell and Elizabeth Kay my sister and to Adam Kay son of Richard Kay of Otley my natural brother, to have and to hold the said messuage cottage or mansion house and all and singular the premises withal and every their appurtenances to the said Thomas Procter and Adam Kay and their heirs and assigns ever from and immediately after the decease of the said Elizabeth my wife all which premises are situate lying and being in Rathmell aforesaid and now in the occupation of me the said Brian Kay or my assigns.

Item I give all my goods moveable and immoveable to the aforesaid Elizabeth Kay my wife. Item I make and ordain the said Elizabeth my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof to this my last will and testament I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written witnesses hereof John Frankland Mathew Watkinson Christopher Banne and Thomas Brown.

**Richard Kay 1613 Borthwick v32 f456**

In the name of God Amen the seventeenth day of June etc in AD 1613 etc I Richard Kay of Cocklaybanke [*Rathmell*] in the parish of Giggleswick in the county of York being sick in body but whole of mind and of good and perfect remembrance praised be God for the same revoking all former wills and testaments do make this my last will and testament in manner and Form Following; First I commit my soul unto Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer trusting by the death and passion of Jesus Christ to have free forgiveness of all my sins and life everlasting. I bequeath my body to be buried in the church or churchyard of Giggleswick. Item it is my will that mortuary and church dues be paid all that right is and for my debts charges and expenses to be paid of my whole goods. Item I give unto John Kay younger son of Anthonie Kay of West Halton my best raiment. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Kay and John Kay equally between them the sum of fifteen shillings and four pence they being the sons of Anthonie Kay of West Halton. Item I give unto Francis Foster of Rathmell my brother-in-law the rest of all my apparel except the best raiment afore given. Item I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Kay the rest of all my goods of what kind or property soever they be of. And further I do ordain and appoint Elizabeth Kay my wife whole executrix of this my last will and testament. Witnesses Francis Foster, John Kay and Stephen Carr.

*Giglesweeke*  
*Gigleswicke*  
*Rawthmell*

**Robert Kellett 1605 Borthwick v30 f102**

In the name of god amen the nine and twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord 1605 I Robart Kellett of Giggleswick in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of perfect memory god be praised do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First I commend my soul to Almighty god and my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick. Item my will is that my debts be paid out of my whole goods and that my wife have her third according to the law and custom of the country.

And for as much as Elizabeth my daughter has already had such preferment by my goods and grounds as I was able and that likewise I have heretofore appointed my son Christopher for such covenants as are agreed between him and me to pay unto Ellen my daughter and to her husband a certain sum of money (in penny or pennyworth) for her portion my will is that the said Elizabeth and Ellin shall hold themselves fully satisfied therewith. And moreover whereas I did now about five years ago give unto Christopher Kellett my son in consideration of his portion all my title and interest of in and to that moiety of the fulling Mill now in my occupation together with my tenters, looms, shears and other instruments(?) belonging to my occupation I do hereby confess and confirm the same gift.

And for the rest of my goods I give them freely to the said Christopher Kellett my son and to Jane Kellett my daughter equally to be divided between them. And I do hereby appoint my said son Christopher to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Christopher Shutt, William Browne, William Newhouse and William Lawson.

*Giggleswicke*  
*Gigleswicke*

**KELLETT ROBERT 1644 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Apl. 1644 MIC 1732  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen the six and twentieth day of February in the yeare of our Lord God according to the Computacion of the Church of England One thousand six hundredth Forty and foure of Robert Kellett of Gigleswick in the County of yorke Clothworker sick in body but of good and perfect memory praised bee God do make and ordayne this my last will and testament in manner and forme following hereby revoking all former wills by mee made First I commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God my maker trusting through the merritts and precious blood shedding of my alone Saviour Jesus Christ to bee made ptaker of eternall blisse in heaven and my body I comitt to the earth from whence it came to bee buried in honest and christian burial according to my degree and calling at the discretion of my executors and friends And as touching my worldly goods my will is that my debts \legacies/ and funerall expences bee paid out of my whole goods and if the same will not extend to the full discharge thereof My will and mynde is that my Executors hereafter named shall sell and convey away \my moiety of the fulling millne in Gigleswick aforesaid, and/ one pcell of grounde called Clovenstones conteyning by estimacion halfe a roode bee it more or lesse lying in the townfields of Gigleswick afforesd. And that the money raised by the sale theirof shall bee added to my goods and chattels and go also towards the payment of my debts \legacies/ and funeral expences And if it happen that my said goods and chattels \and the mony raised by the sale of the moiety of the said fulling milne/ shall fully discharge my debts I give the same pcell of grounde called Clovenstones and all my estate terme and termes of yeares therein and all my writing concerning the same to Margarett Kellett my sister her executors and assignes Item whereas I am possessed of one Mesuage one barne one garden and certayne crofts and fronts and backsides thereto belonging with thappurtenances \in Gigleswick afforesaid/ and of one pcell of grounde called Satrons conteyning by estimation halfe a rood bee it more or lesse lying in the fields of Gigleswick \afforesaid/ wich I holde by severall assignments and conveyances for severall termes and numbers of yeares yet expired My will and mynde is and I do hereby give devise and bequeath unto my brother William Kellett the said Mesuage barne pcell of grounde and premises with thappurtenances \and all my estate right & interest therein & thereto/ To have and to holde the same for the said William Kellett his execrs. admins. and assignes for and during all such tyme and tymes terme and termes number and numbers of yeares as I holde the same by force of any assurances whatsoever Also I give and bequeath unto my said brother William Kellett all my Close and Closes called Th.....ingces? lying in the townfeilds of Gigleswick \afforesaid/ in the said Countie with all hereditaments and appurtenances theirto belonging To have and to holde the same to the said William Kellett his heires and assignes for ever provided always and yet nevertheless it is my will and mynde that the said William Kellett my brother his heires or assignes shall pay and satisfie unto John Kellett my brother \his exectrs. and assignes/ the sume of Twenty six pouds of lawfull English money within the space of twoe yeares next after the said William Kellett shall attaine the full age of Twenty and one yeares Also I give unto Margarett Kellett my sister my pte of the Newfeild in Gigleswick afforesaid one pcell of grounde called Th.....mes and one pcell of ground called Teadp.....dale lying in the townfeilds of Gigleswick aforesaid with thappurtenances and all my right title and interest therein and th(ere)to with all my writings concerning the same To have and to holde the same to the said Margarett Kellett her exectrs. admins. and assignes for

and during all such terme and termes number and numbers of yeares I holde the same by force of my assurances whatsoever Also it is my ex(pr)esse will and mynde that the said bequeaths and legacies given to my brother Wm. and Margarett my sister and the said xxvj li (£26) limited to my brother John by this my will shall bee in discharge and full satisfaction of all debts legacies and demands due by mee to them or any of them by the last will and testament of Christopher Kellett my father deceased \and that if they or any of them demand his her or their legacies due by their fathers will that hee her or they so demanding the same shall lose the benefitt and benefitts given by this my will and testament/ any thing herein conteyned to the contrary thereof ... my wife notwithstanding Also I give to my uncle Chr Braishey my horse in ..... Also I give to John Braishey my godson Five shillings Also I give to (G)eorge Braishey Joseph Preston and Edward Young my godsons each of them Eighteene pence a peece \Also I give to my Cosen Henry Browne xviiiid (18d) Also I give to Elizabeth Braishey xviiiid/ Also it is my will and mynde that if any surplusage remaine ether in goods or money after my debts legacies and funeral expences bee discharged that my Executors having their reasonable costs and charges first defaultked and deducted the same remaine and bee equally devided amongst my brothers John William and my sister Margaret Kellett. And I make and ordaine my uncle Henry \mark/ Browne Chr \jurat/ Braishey and Richard jurat Braishey elder executors of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses whose names are subscribed

jurat

Robert Kellett his marke

William Tomson his marke

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*Giggleswick – modern spelling)*



**John Kidd 1620/21 Borthwick v36 f406**

In the name of god Amen the three and twentieth day of January 1620 I John Kidd of Settle sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god 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 maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church yard of the parish church of Giggleswick at the sight and discretion of my friends.

Also I give to my son William Kidd all my right and title of all my lands and leases in Settle whatsoever and likewise all my husbandry gear. And for those sheep which is betwixt my son and me I give them unto him all only two gimbers excepted which I give to my daughter Elizabeth Geldard. Also I give unto my said daughter Elizabeth one red cow which is with calf and also two gimmer hoggs in full satisfaction of all her child's portion with that which she had before. Also I give unto her daughter Margrett Geldard two gimber lambs to be delivered unto her at midsummer next by my executors. And for all the rest of my goods when my debts and funeral expenses are discharged I give the same unto my daughter Agnes Kidd. Also I make and appoint my said daughter Agnes Kid sole executrix of this my last will. These being witnesses Robert Moorehouse, Anthony Armitstead, Thomas Hall, Richard Lawson, William Browne and Henry Lupton.

*Giggleswicke*  
*Set(t)le*

**RICHARD KIDD 1649 Ref.Borthwick.York Bundle May 1650**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen the first day of February Anno Domini, 1649 I Richard Kidd of Settle in the County of yorke husbandman doe make ordaine and devise this my Last will and Testament in manner and forme as followeth That is to say first and principally I give and bequeath my Soule into the hands of Allmighty god my maker by whose sufferings I hope to have Free pdon and forgiveness of all my sinnes and my body to the earth from whence it came, and it to be buried within the pish Church yarde of Giglesweeke; at the discretion of my frends, And as touching my worldly estate and goods I doe give and nominate as followeth, first and principally I give and bequeath to my wife the one halfe of the Auntiant \howse Barne garth & garden/ during her natural life; and the other halfe to my eldest sonne Robert Kidd at my decease all of it to remaine to my eldest sonne vidt (*videlicet=viz*) / ..... ; Threalome two Closes in Giglesweeke field four shillings and one pound rent through the more Tow dailles on? Attermire the one belonginge to the Auntiant (thinge?) And the other belonginge to Richard Balderston formerly. It I give to my wife walker house during her life and at her decease my will is that my two sonns John Kidd and William Kidd \shall to(?) them/ equally betwixt them together with the barne and garden, And also vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> rent wich I bought of Roberte Ash, one Attermire dale with I bought of Roger Watkinson one close called Laye gapp wich I bought of Thomas Sailbanke And also one Ackre of arrable ground wich I bought of Adam Armitstead, with ye rent belonginge thereto, Item it is my will yt(*that*) my daughter Mary shall have Thornber land after my wifes decease and if it shall please god to call her to his mercy before she shall accomplish the age of xxj yeares, it is my will that my sonne Roberte Kidd shall have it dureinge the terme Item it is my will that my sonne Roberte Kidd shall have ij<sup>s</sup> vi<sup>d</sup> rent wich I bought of \Richard Gi...ill & Willm Kidd/ and he to enter to it at my decease another pcell of ground called heskitt another Lea called Edlestonebancke wich I leave unto my wife duringe her life and after her decease the said pcell to remaine to my sonne Robt, Kidd Item my will is yt my daughter Jennett shalhave the Newfeild after my wifes decease; Item my will is that my two daughters Jane Kidd and Mary Kidd \shall have/ Greene riggs after my wifes decease; it is my will that my sonne Robert if he be able shall pay to my two daughters, Jane and Mary eyther of them 20 pounds a peece and he to have that Land And his mother to occupy it during her life Item my will is that my wife shall have the occupation \of/ one pcell called forriker & that little house during her naturall Life and at her decease I give it to my sonne Robert for the tearme Item my will and mynd is that my wife shall have the occupation of (t)athwell during her naturall life towards the bringing up of my ...(*sev. words obliterated.*) my will is that my sonne Robert Kidd shall enter to it within halfe a yeare after my will is that he shall pay £6 -13s – 4d. to Edmond Armitstead out of the said land Item I give & bequeath the Fortith pte of Lower kilne to my sone John & Willim Kidd, It I give the stable to my wife & Robt equally betwixt them & after my wife decease the one halfe to goe to my two sonns John Kidd & William Kidd

It I give the occupation of one pcell called hawbecke dale to my wife duringe her life and at her decease my will is yt my sonne Robt 2 Children Edmond Armitstead 2 children Christopher Atkinson 2 Children And if it shall please god yt my sonne Michael hardacre shall \have/ one child with my daughter Margrett My will is that Alice Atkinson and yt child shalbe 2 children with the other at yt legacie, and the said pcell of ground shalbe sould and the money given equally amongst them Item I give

the occupation of the kill to my wife and Robert and at her decease it to remaine to my sonne Robt Item it is my will yt my wife shall have those pcells of ground wich I bought of Gyles Tennant and William Tennant during her life and at her decease my will is yt my 4 sonnes wich is now married That is to say Robt Michaell Edmond & Christopher shall have it equally amongst them further it is my will yt for the hempe lande my wife shall have the occupation of it dureinge her life, and at her decease I give it to my sonne Robert Kidd Item my will is yt my wife shall occupy my pte in the .. tarne dureinge her life and at her decease my will is yt my 2 sonns John and William shall have it dureinge the terme Ite it is my will yt my wife shall have those pcells of ground lieinge in Gigesweeke field and also the disposeinge thereof Item my will is yt after my debts being paid and my funerall expences be discharged that my wife shall have her right and the rest of all my goods Moveable and unmoveable I give it onto my five children equally to be devided amongst them viz, To John Kidd to William Kidd to Jennett Kidd to Jane Kidd to Marry Kidd And I doe make and appoint my \jurat/ wife my sonne Robert \jurat/ Kidd and my sonne Michaell \jurat/ Hardacre Executors of this my last will and Testament

Rich: X kidd  
mke

Sealed signed & delivered  
in the presence of  
Antho: \jurat/ Hall  
Tho: T \mke/ Cooke

*Giggleswick* modern spelling

**Robert Kidd 1604    Borthwick   v29 f571**

In the name of god amen the thirtieth day of December etc AD1604 I Robert Kidd of Settle in the county of York senior being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: First I commend my soul unto almighty god my creator and maker through the blood shedding of whose son christ I hope to be partaker of everlasting salvation and my body to be buried within my parish church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my well beloved friends.

Item my will and mind is further that my son Richard Kidd shall have, possess and enjoy my house and cottage lately bought of the right honourable George Earl of Cumberland and situate lying and being in Settle aforesaid in as full large and ample manner as I have and enjoy the same.

Item for all my goods chattels and debts appertaining to me after my debts be paid and funeral expenses discharged my will is that they shall be divided into three parts whereof the first third part I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth according as the usual manner of the country is Item I give the second third part to my son Leonard and the last third part likewise being the deads part in consideration I have given and bequeathed my said house and cottage from him wholly to my said son Richard.

Item I make and ordain my wife Elizabeth sole executrix of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Willm Kidd, Richard Balderstone, Adam Balderstone and Thomas Sailbancke with others

*Settle  
Giggleswicke*

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In the name of god amen the thirtieth day of December etc AD1604 I Robert Kidd of Settle in the county of York senior being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: First I commend my soul unto almighty god my creator and maker through the blood shedding of whose son christ I hope to be partaker of everlasting salvation and my body to be buried within my parish church yard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my well beloved friends.

Item my will and mind is further that my son Richard Kidd shall have, possess and enjoy my house and cottage lately bought of the right honourable George Earl of Cumberland and situate lying and being in Settle aforesaid in as full large and ample manner as I have and enjoy the same.

Item for all my goods chattels and debts appertaining to me after my debts be paid and funeral expenses discharged my will is that they shall be divided into three parts whereof the first third part I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth according as the usual manner of the country is Item I give the second third part to my son Leonard and the last third part likewise being the deads part in consideration I have given and bequeathed my said house and cottage from him wholly to my said son Richard.

Item I make and ordain my wife Elizabeth sole executrix of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses Willm Kidd, Richard Balderstone, Adam Balderstone and Thomas Sailbancke with others

*Settle  
Giggleswicke*

**RICHARD KINGE 1661 Ref. Borthwick.York. Vol.44 fol 170**

*(Transcribed by S.Gordon)*

In the name of God Amen the Twentieth day of September in the yeare of our Lord God According to the Computacon of the Church of England One thousand Six hundred Sixtie one I Richard Kinge of Mewith in the parish of Gigeswicke and County of Yorke Husbandman being sicke in body but of good and pfect remembrance praised be God, doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge, First I \doe/ comitt and Willingley resigne my soule into the mercifull hands of Almightye God my maker and Creator, trusting through his mercy and by the merritts of Jesus Christ to be (saved) and to have free pardon and remission of all my sinnes and my Body to the Earth whereof (it was) framed to be buried in my parish Churchyard of Gigeswicke att the discretion of my freinds, And for my Worldlie and Temporall goods and estate, I doe give devise and dispose of the same as followeth, First I will that my debts and funerall expenses be paid out of my Whole goods Also I give unto Jane my wife, All my House grounds and reall estate whatsoever to and for the use of hir Selfe hir Executors administrators and assignes, and all my writings and evidences conserning the same whereas my Sister Alice desired me to give my Brother Robert Kinge Twenty shillings to my Brother Christopher Handcock twenty shillings And my Sister Anne Kinge Twentie shillings (I doe) hereby give it to them Also I give to Robert the sonne of Christopher Handcocke and to Robert the sonne of Henrie Hill of Mashamdale and to Thomas the sonne of Roger Kinge, to everie one of them one (shilling) Alsoe I give to Elizabeth Reonoldson Two shillings six pence And to Susan Renoldson Two shillings & sixpence, And concerning all other my goods Cattells Chattells Creditts and estate whatsoever I doe give the same unto Jane my said wife, And I do make nominate and appointe Jane \jurat/ my said wife Sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament, In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the daye and yeare first above written Richard Kinge R his marke Anthonu \jurat/ H..... Thomas Carr

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

ABRAHAM KNOWLES 1696 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle March 1696  
 Transcribed by S.Gordon

In the name of god Amen the twentey ninte of January Anno Domin 1696 I Abraham Knowles of Rathmill in the pirish of Giggleswicke in the County of yorke bacster# being infirme in body but of good and pirfecke memory praised be all mighty god doe make & ordaine this my Last will and testament in manner and forme following hereby revoking and making voyd all other wills by me formerly maide And first I doe Comit and willingly resigne my soule into the hands of Allmighty God my maker & Creator hopeing assuredly by the merritts & mediations of Jesus Christ my redeemer to have free pardon & full remission of all my sinnes & my body to the earth to be buried in the pish Church or Churchyard of Gigglesweeke at the discretion of my frends nexte I will that my debts & funerall Expences be paid out of my whole Goods And for my worldly Goods And Temporall Estate I dispose hereof as followeth First I give And bequeath unto Thomas Knowles of malham my brother all my Geates in hannlife Cowe Close and more gaetes And turrbry And tenn pounds of Lawful money to be paid by my Executrixes Item I give unto Richard Knowles and Richard Carr my breatheen all my house \barn/ And Lands in Rathmill and all my goods And money Equily betwixte them the paing all my Legguces and funrall Expences Item I give unto Jane grimm tenn shillings And I doe make nomniate And appoint Richard Knowles and Richard Carr them sole Executors of this my Last will and testament and the Lengses to be paid with in twelve monthes after my deacse Sealed signed and delivered

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 tesstes

Stephen Carr jurat

Abraham Knowlles

Will: Carr

her marke

Elizabeth EC Carr

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Rathmell " "*

#bacster (poss. Baxter) – a baker

An Inventory of the Goods & Chattells Moveable & Imoveable of Abraham Knowles of MillYate in Rathmill lately deceased & truly vallued and apprized the 10<sup>th</sup>. day of decembr Ano 1696 by us

	li	S	d
Impris His Apparel, Rydding furniture & Money in his purse	06	00	00
It. Four Beasts	12	00	00
It. one Mare	03	10	00
It. Six Sheep	<u>01</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>00</u>
	23	00	00
Debts owing to ye Decd per Bonds			
Richd. Carr	13	15	07
Robert Walker	05	00	00
Thomas Knowles	06	00	00
Richd. Knowles	05	00	00

Debts without specialty Francis Foster	04	17	07
Richd Carr	03	03	00
Robt Procter	03	00	00
John Duckett	01	09	00
Edmd Brown	01	01	00
Richd Carr	08	00	00
	51	06	02
Total	74	06	02

Vallued & Apprized

By us

Step. Carr

Will. Petty

Edmd. Browne



ANN KNOWLES ADMIN 1699 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Mar 1699  
Transcribed by S.Gordon

A true and perfect Inventory of all the goods and Chattells of Anne Knowles late of  
Rathmell decd valued and Appraised as followeth

	li	s	d
Imp her purse and Apparrell	01	04	00
Itm two Cows	05	00	00
Itm one Mare	02	10	00
Itm Corne and hay	03	10	00
Itm houshold goods	02	10	00
Suma	14	14	00

**Anthony Knowles 1637 Ref. Borthwick Bundle Aug 1637**

In the name of God Amen the five and twentieth day of January 1637 I Anthony Knowles late of Mearbeck and now of Rathmell within the parish of Giggleswick and County of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect mind and remembrance praised be almighty god therefore I do make and ordain 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 death and passion of Jesus Christ to be made partaker of eternal bliss in the kingdom of heaven for ever and my body to be buried at the discretion of my wife and friends within the parish church yard of Giggleswick aforesaid.

Secondly my will and mind is that my debts and funeral expenses be paid performed and discharged out of my whole goods by my executors under named.

Item I give and bequeath unto Margret my now wife the one half of my lands at Mearbeck which is of the annual or yearly rent of twenty-five shillings. Item I give likewise unto my said wife twenty and five pounds of lawful English money in full satisfaction of her third part of my goods. Item I give to Margret Clarke my sister twenty shillings. Item I give to Michael Jacks four shillings. Item I do give to every one that I am god father to twelve pence a piece. Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Knowles my eldest son and to William Knowles my second son and to Anthony Knowles my son in law\* and to Margaret Browne my daughter all the rest of my goods equally to be divided amongst them. Item I do make the said Thomas Knowles and the said William Knowles executors of this my last will and testament.

Witnesses hereof

Isabell Preston her mark, Anthony Knowles Rich: Preston

*Mearbeck spelt Mearbecke in will*

*Rathmell spelt Rawthmell*

*Giggleswick spelt Giggleswicke*

\* probably stepson is meant

**GEORGE KNOWLES 1670/71 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.52 fol580**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I George Knowles of Brashay in the pish of Gisburne in the County of york being very weake and sick but of pfect remembrance by words I make my last will and Testament And my wife I doe make whole Executor and to bringing me honestly forth att home; And my body to be buryed at hir discretion at Giggleswick And my Ancient Lands in Mallam I doe give to my eldest sonne Thomas Knowles with two gates of grassing in new Close which I have bought. And out of my goods I give him tenn shillings to be payd when he comes to the age of one twenty yeares to give a sufficient discharge; Item I give to my second sonne ..... Knowles them gates which I have bought in hanleth pasture, Item I give to my youngest sonne Richard Knowles them sheepe gates on (Thack)ewecke Moore And if either of my younger sonnes doo dye before they come to one and twenty yeares of age then there part to fall to the other and to enioye them for Ever And the the (sic) Rest of my goods I doo give to my wife and to my two younger sonnes to be devided equally amongst them And my ancient Lands in Malham & Kirby Fields for my wife to have to bringing up my children until my eldest sonne come to the age of one & twenty yeares & then to enter to two partes & my wife to her third & (I) doe intreat my brother Thomas Carr & my brother Thomas Knowles to see my children have there right done, And my wife sole Executor of all my goods & Cattell moveable & unmoveable

Witnesse hereof Thomas Carr

*5 lines Latin*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**INQUISITION POST MORTEM OF HENRY KNOWLES of MEARBECK,  
GIGGLESWICK, 1622. Ref. RP-M2 (3)**

(attempted translation from Latin)

*copy in Latin & English in Gigg.Wills Folder.*

Inquisition held at Skipton in Co. York on twenty second day of October the twentieth year of the Raigne of James by the grace of God King of England France & Ireland, defender of the faith & of Scotland the forty sixth 1622 before Thomas Lovatt Armingier Escheator for the lord King in the county aforesaid by which office at the post mortem of Henry Knowles late of Mearbeck in the parish of Giggleswick in the aforesaid county yeoman deceased he declares under oath & the oaths of others that the aforesaid Henry Knowles at the day of his death was seized & enfeoffed of & in one messuage with land & pasture situate & being at Mearbeck in the towne of Settle in the county aforesaid & in a close in a park there called Mearbeck park divided into various parts in certain land meadow & pasture & hereditaments at Mearbeck Lodge & Cleatopp in Settle aforesaid the same messuage & lands appurtenanting & belonging in total by estimation forty acres of land fifty acres of meadow & forty acres of pasture & moor & at his death on the 18th. May AD one thousand six hundred & twenty one & messuage his land & pasture held at the time of his death by the aforesaid Henry of the King by military service & value per annum with all deductions twenty five shillings Henry Knowles late son Lawrence Knowles deceased late eldest son & heir of the aforesaid Henry is ..... heires of the aforesaid Henry aged at death of the aforesaid Henry nine years three months & 15 days ..... jury aforesaid ..... Henry on the day of his death was seized of all his messuage lands & hereditaments in the county aforesaid held in his possession off the king in his own person the Jury have still to agree who is to obtain possession.

**HENRY KNOWLES 1692 Ref.Borthwick.York. June 1692 bundle**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen ye 5<sup>th</sup>. day of October in ye yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred ninety & one I henry Knowles of Meare Beck in ye parish of Giggleswick & County of yorke yeoman being weak of body but in pfect memory praised be god for it do make this my Last Will & Testament (revokeing all others) In maner & forme as followeth:

First I bequeath my soule to Almighty god my Creator hoping through ye merits & mediation of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to obtaine remission of sins & consequently everlasting Life: And my Body to be buried in ye parish church yard of Giggleswick at ye charge & discretion of my executors And as for my Temporall Estate I give & bequeath as followeth

First I give to my sonne Tho: Parkinson his \three/ children each of ym fourty shillings And to my said sonne Thomas & his wife each of ym fourty shillings which said money is oweing to mee by James Hargraves of Knight St[ai]nforth Itm I give to my said sonne one sheet & one coverlet which is now in my chist Itm I give to ye two sonnes of my Late sonne John Knowles deceased Henry & John which hee had by his former wife five pounds to be disposed of at ye discretion of my sonne Lawrence & Henry towards there education Item I give to my sonne Henry Knowles fourty shillings Item I give to my sonne Lawrence Knowles All ye rest of my estate And I do make my said sonne Lawrence \jur/. Executor of this my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand ye day & year Above written

In the presence of

Stephen Nelson

Rich: Lawson jur.

Henry H mark Knowles

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

October the 19<sup>th</sup>. 1691

A true and perfect Inventory of all the goods & Chattells of Henry Knowles of Mearebeck late dec'd as they are Apprized by us whose names are subscribed

	£	s	d
Imprimis his purse and Apparrell	1	15	0
Item one Chist one sheete one coverlet	0	10	0
Item in Money	25	00	0
Sum total	27	05	0

Richard Lawson

James Baines

Thomas Wray

Nicholas Bullock

JOHN KNOWLES 1691 – INV.(Admin)Ref.Borthwick.York. Oct. 1691 bundle  
 Transcribed by S.Gordon

A true and pfect Inventory of ye Goods & Chattells of John Knowles lately deceased of  
 Kt.Stainforth in ye pish of Giggleswicke within ye diocess of yorke made ye 26<sup>h</sup>. September  
 Annoque Dom. 1691 Made by us whose names are here subscribed

	£	s	d
Impr. his Apparrell & money in his purse	02	00	0
one Black & Red oxe, And one Red & Black oxe	13	16	08
Steares one black & redd	05	06	08
Steares one black & white faced	04	05	00
Steares one brand & black	03	15	00
2 Heifers one black Cow	08	10	00
Three other Cowes	07	06	04
Two Cowes & Fowre Calves	08	15	00
Two why stirks & drinking Calves, one cow & a Bull	11	06	04
A Black Cow, 3 Twinters. 2 Colts & one filly	15	04	00
Three mares	02	10	00
Six weathers	01	18	00
And in Hay	12	01	04
In Barly, Oates & Beanes	28	10	00
Thirteene Ewes 5 gimers 1 Ram & 9 Hoggs	09	06	00
One Swine	00	13	04
One Turfe Cart & wheeles & two plowes	01	01	06
Two Cowps & Rathes	00	06	08
Two Carts and two paire of Wheeles	01	18	00
Yoks & Teames 2 Harrowes Swingletreese Cooler & Share 2 Backbands	01	18	02
Forks, Iron Traces & Hames	00	03	00
Two payre of Hames, Barkham & Cartsaddle	00	04	00
Cart ropes Spades, Sacks, Wooll Riddles & Sives	01	04	04
Saddles Wantays & overlays & one Arke	01	07	00
One Bedd & a Chist & three Chaires	01	02	00
One table & a Stand & one paire of Bedstocks	02	07	00
A Table & Forme one joyn'd stoole	00	09	00
A Longe Settle 1 dishbord Foure Chaires	00	10	06
All wood Vessell, & loose husbandrie	00	15	00
A Backstone, & an Iron pott, & pans & powder	02	00	00
One Chist, Bedding & one Hackney Saddle	02	07	00
	£	s	d
Sume totals	150	16	10
Debts owing to ye deceased	08	00	00
Debts oweing by ye deceased	£	s	d
& by ye deceased	10	12	00
& by the deceased	10	12	00
& by the deceased	09	10	10
& by the deceased	00	05	00

Thomas Armistead  
 William Paley                      Apprizers  
 Henry Knowles  
 Thomas Parkinson  
*Giggleswick modern spelling*



**Lawrence Knowles 1617 Borthwick v35 f15**

Memorandum that upon Wednesday the eleventh day of March in the year of the reign of our Lord god (*sic*) 1617 Lawrance Knowles of Mearbeck within the township of Settle in the county of York yeoman being sick in body but of perfect remembrance did make and ordain his last will and testament nuncapative in manner and form following.

That is to say( firstly?) he did commend his soul to almighty god and his body to the earthly burial at the discretion of his wife and his friends. He did declare that his will and mind was concerning his worldly goods that Katherine his wife should have her third part. And the younger children unpreferred their part. And that out of his part called the deads part his funeral expenses should be borne and discharged. And he did give the residue thereof to Isabell and Jane his two daughters equally between them willing that if any of his children died in their minority or nonage then the portion of the child so dying should remain to his other child or children that shall survive. And he did request Richard Newhowse, Wm Bankes & Roger Knowles to be the supervisors of his said will and to aid his executrix for the good of his children . And he did nominate and appoint the said Katherine his wife to be the sole executrix of the same his last will and testament these being witnesses; Henrie Knowles and William Bankes.

*Mearebecke*  
*Settle*



## **Thomas Knowles 1682 of Mearbeck, Settle**

### **Borthwick v 59 f 310**

In the name of God Amen the last day of May in the year of our Lord according to the computation of the church of England 1682 I Thomas Knowles of Mearbeck in the parish of Giggleswick within the county of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be Almighty God purposing the peace of my children after my decease therefore I do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God my maker and redeemer trusting in God's mercy and through the merits of Jesus Christ my only saviour to have free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins And I do give my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in Christian manner within the church or churchyard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my friends And as touching my worldly goods I give and bequeath as follows First I give to my son Anthony Knowles all my goods and chattels whatsoever movable and immovable provided and on condition that after my debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged to pay these legacies hereafter mentioned viz. To my son in law John Preston his daughter 20 shillings Item to John, Richard and Thomas Sarigantson my grandsons to every one of them three pounds apiece Item to the children of my daughter Anne Clarke John Clarke Alice Clarke John and Anne Clarke to every one of them three pounds apiece Item to the children of my youngest daughter Jane Hardacre Frances Burke Alice Burke and Ellen Burke to every one of them 40 shillings apiece provided that they the said children of the said Jane pay the sum of 10 shillings to Richard Hardacre of Hellifield yearly during the life of the said Jane if the said Jane Hardacre do not pay it herself Item to the two daughters of my said son Anthony 40 shillings apiece Item to Margaret daughter of Thomas Sarigantson 20 shillings and to the son of Lawrence Knowles 20 shillings and to Elizabeth the daughter of Richard Duckett 20 shillings when they shall fully accomplish the age of 21 years Item my will and mind is that my executor undernamed shall pay the several sums of money as is hereafter expressed viz. to Richard Serigeantson his within one year after my decease and to Alice Clarke the second year and the third year to Mary Clarke and the fourth year to Anne Clarke and the fifth year to John Clarke and the sixth year to John Sarigantson and the seventh to Thomas Sarigantson And to the children of Jane Hardacre next in order provided that the 10 shillings wherewith the said legacies are charged be discharged and to the daughter of John Preston and Anthony Knowles when they shall attain the age of 21 years Item I do nominate and appoint my son Anthony Knowles to be sole executor of this my last will and testament In witness hereof I have set to my hand and seal Memorandum that the abovenamed Thomas Sarigantson has received one pound tenn shillings which is intended to be a moitie of the legacy before mentioned Thomas Knowles Witnesses hereof Richard Preston John Preston Elizabeth Preston

*Latin text*

*Giggleswicke original spelling*

THOMAS KNOWLES 1693/4 ADMIN Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle June 1694  
 Transcribed by S.Gordon

An Inventory of the goods and Chattelles Moveable and Imoveable of Thomas Knowles in Rawthmill within the Diocess of yorke truly valued and Apprised the sixte day of February Anoque Dom Nov 1693/4 by us

	li	s	d
Impr. In purse and Apparell	02	00	00
It. Three Cows 3 Steares. 3 Calves. 2 little heifers	19	00	00
It. one Mare	01	10	00
It. Cart and wheeles and other husbandry geare	01	00	00
It. 2 Chists and 3 paire of Bedstocks	00	15	00
It. 2 Chaffe beds 2 rugs 2 Coverlets	00	10	00
It. 4 paire of Sheetes and 2 paire of Blankets	00	10	00
Ite. Boulsters and pillowbeares	00	05	00
It. Brass and pewter and pannes	00	10	00
Ite. 2 Tables and 2 little Tables	00	05	00
Ite. one Longsetle Chaires and stooles	00	06	08
Ite. one Frying pan and A paire of Tongs	00	02	00
Ite. one paire of Brigs Backstone and Range	00	02	06
Ite. Quishons	00	00	06
Item Turves	00	02	06
It. Ceartaine wood vesseles	00	05	00
	27	04	02

*Rathmell modern spelling*