

**Lawrence Swenson 1629 Ref. Borthwick v40 f449**

In the name of God Amen I Lawrence Swenson of Rathmell in the county of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance the lord be praised do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I give and with a free will yield up my soul into the hands of Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my friends in Giggleswick church. Item whereas I formerly by an absolute deed of gift bearing date the twentieth day of August in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred twenty and one have given and granted full freely and clearly and absolutely unto John Swenson my natural son his executors administrators and assigns all my goods chattels movable and immovable of what nature kind quality sort or condition soever the same wherever and in whose custody or possession soever the same wherever within this realm of England or elsewhere and for the better ratifying confirming and strengthening of the said recited deed according to the true meaning thereof I do absolutely clearly and freely give unto the said John Swenson my said son all my goods and chattels movable and immovable of what kind nature or quality soever the same now are or be within the realm of England or elsewhere and also all sum and sums of money , debts, rights and credits bills bonds and specialties which now are or hereafter shall be owing to me by any person or persons whatsoever especially all those sum and sums of money bills bonds and specialties which now are resting and remaining due unto me being in the custody and keeping of Henry Foster of Rathmell aforesaid only in trust for my use and my said son John Swenson which sum and sums of money amount to the sum of one hundred pounds and fifty pounds of current english money or thereabouts. Item my will and mind is that John Swenson my son shall be sole executor of this my last will and testament revoking all former wills. In witness hereof I have here unto set my hand and seal the three and twentieth day of June in the fourth year of the reign of our sovereign lord Charles by the grace of god king of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith anno dom (1629). Sealed signed and delivered in the sight and presence of us Robert Swenson, Edward Knowles & John Carr.

*Rathmell spelt Rawthmell*

*Giggleswick spelt Giglesweeke*

**Alice Sailbanke 1623 Borthwick v 37 f 361**

In the name of God amen upon or about the eight daie of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand sixe hundred twentie and three I Alice Sailbanke of Stainforth under bargh in the countie of yorke spinster being sicke in her bodie but of perfect minde and memorie god be praised for the same did make her last will and testament nuncupative in manner and forme Following First she did bequeath and comend her soule into the mercifull handes of Almightye god trusting assuredlie through the merittes of Jesus Christ her onelie Saviour to be saved and her bodie to be buried in the parish church of Gigeswicke Also her will was and she did give to Richard Sailbanke her ..... fower shillinges in the yeare during his naturall life and to be paid unto him quarterly ..... quarter of a yeare twelve pence Also her will was and she did give to Alice Sailbanke daughter of James Sailbanke the some of tenn poundes and one greate Arke now standing in the said James his dwellinge howse and one petticoote and the one half of all her pewder and brasse Also she did likewise give to Anne Sailbanke daughter of the said James the some of tenn poundes and one chist and one pann and her best gowne and hatt and the other half of her pewder and brasse Also she did give to the said Alice and Anne all her lynin clothes to be equallie devided betweene them Also she did give to Margaret Kidsonne widowe sixe shillinges eight pence and one gowne Also to Richard Kidsonn sixe shillinges eight pence to Thomas Kidson sixe shillinges eight pence to Robert Kidsonne sixe shillinges eight pence to Jennet Kidsonne sixe shillinges eight pence to Elizabeth Kidsonne sixe shillinges eight pence to Alice Kidsonne sixe shillinges eight pence to Anne Kidsonne sixe shillinges and eight pence and to Sara Kidsonn tenn shillinges and one petticoote and an upperbodie and sleves and a paire of shoes Also she did likewise give and bequeath to James Airetonne sonne of John Aireton of Paythorne fower shillinges to Richard Airtonn fower shillinges to John Airetonne fower shillinges to Alice Airetonn fower shillinges and to Anne Airtonn fower shillings Also she did give to Thomas Ivesonn sonne of Richard Ivesonn deceased one gimber lamb Also to Marie Lakeland daughter of Robert Lakeland one gimber lambe Also to Alice Lakeland daughter of Robert Lakeland deceased one gimber lambe Also to Jane Jackmanne wife of Roger Jackmann two shillinges And also all the rest and Remainder of her goods not bequeathed and given she did give and bequeath to James Sailbanke her brother whom she did make and appoint to be her Executor and did likewise will the said James being her executor to paie and discharge all the said legacies and her funerall expenses These being witnesses Lawrance Coultonn Thomas Foster and Thomas Sailbanke

*Latin Text*

**JAMES SAILEBANCKE 1643 Ref.Borthwick.,York Bundle Dec 1649 MIC 1742  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen upon the Fiftenth daie of december Ano Dni one Thousand six hundred Forty three, I James Sailebancke of Stainforth underbargh in the County of yorke husbandman, sicke in body but of good and pfecte memory praise god for the same, doe make this my last will & testament in manner and forme following, Revoking all other \former/ wills; First I commend myself into the mercifull hands of Almighty god trusting assuredly throug the precious blood sheding of Jesus Christ my onely Saviour to bee saved & my body to bee buried in the pish Church of Giggleswicke at the discretion of my frends, Allsoe my will & minde is, And I doe give to my sonne Robert Browne & Alice his wife & to their Children lawfully begotten, All that my mansion or dwellinghouse And all my messuage houses lands & tenements situate lying and being in Staineforth under Barghe aforesaid, in Lewe of his wives portion and in Consideration of paying all my debts & legacies; Allsoe my will and minde is that my sonne Robert Browne shall pay to my sonne Josias Towler Twenty pounds in Consideration & in full sattisfaction of Tenne pounds given to his wife Anne, by Alice Sailebank my late Sister deceased, to bee paid within one whole year then next after my decease Allsoe my minde is that my sonne Robert Browne shall pay to my sonne Josias other Twenty pounds which is pte of his wives portion that is behinde & unpaid, within one whole yeare then next after my Decease Allsoe my will & mind is that my sonne Robert shall pay to my sonne Josias Twenty pounds \more which is the remainder of his wives porcon/ which shall be paid at Martinmas Anno Dni 1645, Allsoe my minde is that my sonne Robert Browne shall pay to Matthew Towler Fivety pounds which is behinde & unpaid And alsoe to John Carr & Thomas Foster seaventeene pounds Eight shillings which is behinde & unpaid; And alsoe there is seaven pounds oweing to my sonne Robert Browne; Allsoe I give to Three Children of my sonne Robert Browne, every one of them, A yow, And alsoe to two Children of my sonne Josias Towler eyther of them - A yow, Alsoe, all the remainder of my goods & Cattles not bequeathed & given, I give & bequeath Them, to my sonne Robert \jurat/ Browne, whome I doe nominate & appointe to bee my executor, of this my last will & testament

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James X Sailebanke

Wittnesses

jurat

Thomas Foster

Richard Foster

jurat

Robt. Foster

*Giggleswick – (modern spelling)*

*Stainforth* " "

**MARGARET SETTLE 1667 Ref. Borthwick vol. 49 fol 482**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Margarett Settle of Swinestead in the parish of Giggleswicke and County of yorke widow being sicke in body butt in pfect memory blessed be God, doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge First I bequeath my Soule to God hopeing in the merritts of Christ Jesus to have the pardon and forgivenessse of my sinnes And for my Temporall estate First I give and bequeath unto Thomasin Bullocke my Elder daughter Foure pounds Also I give unto my younger daughter Jane Settle Twenty pounds to be paid her when she come to age and in the meane tyme my will and mind is that the said Jane have Twenty shillings yearly and every yeare for her maintenance that then she may give my Executor a full discharge. Alsoe I give unto Thomas Settle my sonne all the rest and remainder of my goods and chattills the same Thomas Settle paying the Legacies within named my debts and funerall expenses and further I make and constitute my said sonne Thomas Settle sole Executor of this my last will and testament. In witsesse whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and Seale this Sixteenth day of January Anno Dom. One thousand six hundred Sixty Seaven Margarett Settle her marke Sealed Signed and delivered in the psence of us Thomas Carr Arthur Catterall

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*Margaret Settle is probably the daughter of Jane Taylor - see will of J T of 1664  
(Margaret relict of Robert Settle)*

### Thomas Settle 1632 Borthwick v42 f167

In the name of god Amen december the Eight One thousand six hundreth thirty two Thomas Settle of the Lodge in the parrish of Giggleswicke beinge sicke of body but of good and perfect memorie did make his last will and testament nuncupative in manner and forme followinge First hee Committed his soule into the hands of Almighty god and his body to bee buried in the Churchyard of Giggleswicke Then hee bequeathed his goods as followeth First hee gave to his mother two sheepe And to Augustine Wrea the younger two sheepe and to Thomas Settle sonne of John Settle fower sheepe and to Anne Lawson daughter of Thomas Lawson the younger fower gimmer sheepe and To Two children of Thomas Knowles either of them one sheepe and to William Lawson Twenty shillings which is in the hands of John Robinson of Troden and in the hands of John Peele and to Rowland Remards sonne and Anne Lawsonn other seven shillings which is in the same men's hands and to Jennet Wharf forty one shillings and six pence which is in the hands of Thomas Ruley (Rubey?) and to Richard Tomsons eldest sonne a gimmer hogge and to John Settle his best Jerkin dublit, britches, stockinges and shooes; and to Richard Batman his greene Jerkin and his greene britches. And to Christopher Wilkinson his worst Jerkin, doublett britches, stockings and his Cloggs. And to Augustine Wrae the elder a payre of stockings a payre of shooes and a dublitt and to John Cooke a shirt and two bands and to his mother his best hat and a payre of gloves. And the rest of his goods after his funerall Expenses weare discharged hee gave to John Settle and Thomas Lawsonne and hee appoynted them the sayd John \jur/ Settle and Thomas \jur/ Lawsonn ioynt Executors of this his last will and testament. Witnesses hereof Hugh \jur/Lawson William Lawsonn Margaret \jur/ Wrea

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**THOMAS SETTLE 1696 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle Feb 1696**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of god Amen the twenty nint day of September 1696 I Thomas Settell of Swainstead in the parish of giglesweeke being infirme in body but of good and perfict memory praised be all mighty god doe make this ..... my Last will and Testament in manor and forme following hear by revo and making voyd all other wills by me formerly and first I do comit and willingly resine my soule into ye hands of All mighty god my creator hoping through the mirits of Jesus Christ my redemer to have frepardon and full remion of all my sinns and my body to the earth whear of it was framed to be buried att the discretion of my wife, And as concerning my worldly goods whereas with god hath blessed me I dispose of the same as followeth, First I will that my debts and Funeral expencis be payd out of my whol goods, And first I give unto Jane my wife all my (ayncient ?) estat att Swainstead till my sone Robart shall accomplish the age of twenty six years she maintayning him with meat drink and apparill, and then my will and mind is that hee shall enter to tow parts of it and the other part after the deceas of his mother, Item I give unto Jane my wife all my bought ground except on close which I purched of John Brown, till my three sonnes Thomas John and Charles \shall co(me)/ of twenty one years of age and my will is that as they come to that age they shall have out of that ground fifty pound a pece; and my will is that if Robart my eldest sone be willing \to pay/ to them fifty pounds a pece as they come to that age hee is to have that ground, Item I give unto Jane my wife that other close wich I purched of John Browne till my tow doughters Jane and Elizabeth shall come to the age of twenty one yeares, and then my will is that if my sonne Robart be abell to pay unto them tenn pound a pece hee shall have that close, if not my will is that my tow daughters shall have it Item I give unto Margret my daughter forty pound to be payd when she shall come to one and twenty years of age by my excequatrix Item I give unto Jane and Elizabeth thirty pound a pece to be payd to them as they shall come to the age of twenty one yeares by my exator and all the rest of my goods and Chattell un disposed of I give unto Jane my wife and I doo make Jane my wife sole execqutricke of this my Last will and Testament in wittnes where of I have sett my hand and sceal the day and year first above written

Sealed and published

the paper being first stam(ped)

his marke

in the presence of us

Thomas T Settall

with these words inter (lined) in the eightent line (shall come)

and in the one and twenty, to pay

Stephen Carr jurat

Thomas Bradley

his marke

Henery? H Browne

Tho: Carr jurat

*Settle modern spelling*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

An Inventory of all the goods and Chattels of Thomas Settle Laite of Swainstead in the pirish of ginglewick in the deiaces of yourke husband man deceased vallued and

prized the Sixe day of november in the yeare of oure Lord 1696 by us whose names are underwritten as Followeth

	li	s	d
Imprimes his purse & apparill & riginge furniture ( <i>riding</i> )	10	0	0
Itt. 6 Steares	17	0	0
Itt. 9 kine	18	0	0
Itt. 3 heffers	7	0	0
Itt. 6 sterkes	10	0	0
Itt. 5 Calfes	2	0	0
Itt. one bull	1	10	0
Itt. in sheepe	8	0	0
Itt. meares and horses	10	0	0
Itt. ottes and barley	10	0	0
Itt. in heay	8	0	0
Itt. meale and moalte	1	0	0
Itt. Cartes and wheales	1	0	0
Itt. yokes and teames	0	10	0
It. one gavelacke one hack & Hammers with the rest ...	0	10	0
Itt. Spades forkes Shovels and Steese	0	6	0
Itt. one harrow and Cart gear	0	4	0
Itt. Peattes	0	10	0
Itt. in wooll	1	0	0
Itt. in bedstocks & bedinge	3	0	0
Itt. in Chists and arkes	3	0	0
Itt. one Cobard and tables	2	0	0
Itt. Chaires & stules and formes	0	10	0
Itt. Secxes ( <i>sacks?</i> ) & pokes & one winding Cloth	1	0	0
Itt. A spinning wheel & seves riddles & s(t)uthes*	0	4	0
Itt. Pannes and puuder ( <i>pewter</i> )	2	0	0
Itt. in wood vesell	1	0	0
Itt. one disbord & Lowes( <i>loose?</i> ) bordes	0	4	0
Itt. one frining( <i>frying?</i> ) pann one backstone tongs recring Croucks & briggs with the rest of the husselments of the house	0	10	0
debtes owing by bonnds	20	0	0
	140	18	0
debtes owing by the deceased	10	0	0

Thomas Carr  
 Thomas Bradley  
 Henery Browne  
 Stephen Carr

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

*\*To stooth is to lath and plaster (Wm Carr, Dialect of Craven)*

In the name of God Amen the ninth day of October in the year of our Lord God 1626 for as much as it is the duty of every Christian man to set his house in order before he die to the end posterity may enjoy his goods in peace I Christopher Shute the ..... Minister of Jesus Christ pastor of the congregation of Giggleswick within the diocese of York being weak in body but of perfect memory I praise God do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. And first of all I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty god my heavenly father where of his eternal lovingmercy through Jesus Christ as I verily believe elected me unto eternal life through his son Jesus Christ the redeemer of my soul by whose death and passion I assuredly believe to be saved. And I will that my body be buried in the church of Giggleswick at the discretion of my friends in hope of my resurrection to eternal life. And my desire is to have a sermon preached at my funeral Also I hereby revoke all former wills whatsoever And as concerning the worldly goods which god has given me I give unto my wife Catherine (and) her heirs of all my goods and unto her by the custom of the prince of York. And I also give unto my said wife all my houses lands tenements leases and grounds now in my possession together with the free use occupation and possession thereof to have hold use and enjoy the same unto the said Catherine and her assigns during her natural life according to an agreement made in writing between me and my son Robert deceased. And whereas I have granted Mid[d]le hunthwaite (?) Caplerigg close and Eshton close unto my three sons Nathaniel Josias Timothy and to their heirs and assigns Now my will is that my said sons shall enjoy the same according to my said grant. And whereas William Crooke of Drighlington doesowe me £100 by agreement in consideration of the donation and advowson of the vicarage of Giggleswick I lately sold to him my will is that my five children Nathaniel Josias Timothy Margaret and Mary shall have the same wholly to themselves and for better maintenance of their children. Also I give to my three sons aforesaid and to my two daughters their filial portions of the rest of my goods by law appertaining unto them. Also I give the two volumes called the Arts and monuments (?) of the Church to my wife Catherine and her assigns and to Agnes the rest of my books to my said sons Nathaniel Josias and Timothy Provided that my said two daughters may have such books of them in English as are fitting for them. Also I give to the poor people of the parish of Giggleswick aforesaid six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence to be distributed amongst them at the discretion of my wife and children. Also I give to my brother Henry Shute my best black gown and my best cloak save one and I forgive him all the money which he owes me. Also I give unto my grandchild Catherine all my houses lands and grounds thereunto belonging now in my possession together with 6s Comon through the Moors and Commons of Giggleswick lordship to have and hold the same to her and her executors and administrators ..... and immediately after the death of my said wife Catherine according to agreement made(?) unto my said son Robert Shute deceased . Item I give to every one of my grandchildren five shillings And my will is that my son in law Edward Parker shall out of his legacy give to his son William five pounds over and beside the five pounds which I gave him before. Item I give unto every one of my godchildren 12d. Item I give to every one of my servants which shall be my servants at the day of my death six shillings eight pence the rest of my goods my debts legacies and funeral expenses discharged I give to my said wife Catherine and natural children aforesaid equally to be divided

amongst them. Item I give to my nephew Robert Shute ..... I wish my wife and children to be careful that ....

brought [up] and that she may occupy those lands and tenements which do belong unto her. And whereas I have by my deed indented bearing date which this my last will and testament .... the considerations therein specified granted aliened bargained and sold to William Brooke of Drighlington in the said county of York yeoman and to his heirs and assigns for ever the Advowson ..... Patronage and disposition of the vicarage of Giggleswick aforesaid with all rights emoluments profits commodities and other appurtenances thereto belonging to have and to hold the said premises to the said William Brooke his heirs and assigns to the only use and behoof of him the said William his heirs and assigns for ever as hereby may appear. Now(?) I do by these presents approve ratify and confirm the said grant alienation bargain and sale of the said Advowson ..... Patronage and disposition and of all other the premises mentioned and intended to be granted by and in the said deed. And I do in like manner by these presents give ... and limit and bequeath all the said premises with the appurtenances to the said William Brooke his heirs and assigns to the uses aforesaid according to the true meaning of the said deed. And of this my last will and testament I make my wife Catherine sole executrix. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above mentioned. Witnesses hereof Henry Claphamson Richard Foster

*Latin text*

**Katherine Shute of Giggleswick widow May 1 1628 Borthwick volume 40  
folio 198 (entered in index as volume 20)**

In the name of God Amen I Katherine Shute of Giggleswecke in the County of Yorke widdowe sicke in bodie but of good & perfecte memory I praise god doe make & ordayne this my last will & testament in manner & forme following Firts I bequeath my soule to Almighty god my maker & redeemer & my body to be buried where it shall please god & my friends to appoint.... Whereas Mr William Nowell of Capleside & Mr Henry Claphamson of Giggleswecke doe owe me either of them twenty powndes my will is & I doe give & bequeath the same unto my sonnes Nathaniell, Josias & Tymothie & to my grandchilde Katherine Shute the said two twenty powndes equally to be divided amongst them vizt. to every of them ten powndes when the same cometh due And whereas the said Mr Nowell and Mr Claphamson are to pay me for the use of the said somes the some of twenty shillings either of them my will is & I give the said two somes of twenty shillings soe accrewinge & growinge due unto my grandchild Christopher Parker & to my cosen Robert Claphamson sonne of the said Henry Claphamson equally to be devided. And whereas Christopher Kellett oweth unto me forty shillings my will is & I doe give five shillings thereof to the said Christopher Kellett & to the fower children of my brother Toppam twenty shillings equally to be devided & to Richard Jacks five shillings & to my nephew Thomas Newhouse five shillings & the remainder beinge five shillings to Smithson wife of Kettlewell. Item to every childe to whom I am godmother twelve pence And whereas I lent a cove to Christopher Brayshay my will is & I give the same cove to the children of the said Christopher equally amongst them. Item I give to the two children of my sonne in lawe George Stockdayle twenty powndes equally betweene them. Item I give unto William Parker my grandchild fower powndes & to Mary Parker, Josias Parker, Margarett Parker & Nathaniell Parker my grandchildren twenty shillings equally to be devided. Item I give to my grandchild Thomas Parker sixteene powndes Item to the sister of William Windsore I doe give six shillings Item I give unto the poore people of the parish of Giggleswecke the some of three powndes to be distributed in manner & forme followinge unto the poore of Rathmell six shillings eight pence To the poore of Settle vj s viij d To the poore of Langcliffe vj s viij d To the poore of Mewith vj s viij d & to the poore of Giggleswecke xxxiij s iiij d Item I give to the poore of Gressingham xxxiij s iiij d Item I give to the wife of Richard Johnson vj s viij d Item I give unto my daughter Margarett wife of Edward Parker one waynescott bedd with vallance, curtaines, featherbed & other furniture thereunto belonginge with my best gowne & all other my wollen clothes. Item I give the two books of Martyrs & my kirtle & chiste to my daughter Mary wife of George Stockdayle. And whereas I have demised all my groundes & howses att Giggleswecke to severall persons my will is & I doe give the rest thereof when they become due unto my two sonnes in lawe Edward Parker & George Stockdayle out of which my will is that Joan Parker daughter of the said Edward shall have v s. Item I give to Mary the wife of Henry Claphamson of Giggleswecke v s in lewe of the losse of the corne & hay which her husband bought of me. Item I give to Margarett the wife of Richard Preston v s. Item to a servant boy of my cosen Claphamsone xij d which I promised (*which I promised* - repeated) him when he was ..... Item I give to my daughter Parker six yeards of linnen cloath And to my grandchild Rebecca Stockday two yeards of the same peece of linnen cloath. Item I give all my linnen to my two daughters Margarett Parker & Mary Stockdayle equally to be devided. Item whereas it

was promised att the saile of the vicarage of Gigglesweeke that a ribb should be putt  
upp wher the same was decayed in the east end of the said howse my will is that my  
three sonnes & my two sonnes in lawe shall do the same out of the legacies given to  
them. Item all the rest of my goodes unbequeathed (my funeral charges paid) I give to  
my two grandchildren James Parker & Rebecka Stockdayle equally to be put for their  
most benefit .Executors of this my last will & testament I make my said sonne in lawe  
Edward Parker & George Stockdaile desireth them to performe the same accordinge  
to these my said bequeste witnesses hereof John Bancks Robt Banckes William  
Parker

*6 lines Latin*

Giggleswick  
Cappleside  
Gressingham/Grassington?

**WILLIAM SIDGESWICKE 1690 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle June 1691**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen this twenty fowerth day of September in the year of our Lord God One thousand six hundred ninety I William Sidgeswicke of Stainforth under bargh in the County of yorke yeoman being somewhat infirme in body but of good and perfect memory praised bee God for the Same doe make & ordayne this my last will & testament in maner and forme following hereby revoking all former and other Will or wills by mee heretofore made And first and principally I comend and Comitt my Soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker assuredly trusting that in and throughe the merritts and mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour my Sinns shall bee forgiven and that my Soule shall bee made partakers of everlasting happnesse in the Kingdome of heaven and my body to bee buried in Decent maner at the discretion of my friends & executor hereafter named And as to the temporall estate with which it hath pleased God to blesse mee I give and bequeath as followeth And first my will and minde is that my just debts Legacys and funerall expences bee payd out of my whole estate Item I give to Isabell Paley wife to William Paley of Stainforth aforesaid the sume of Tenn pounds Item I give to Elizabeth Foster wife to Robert Foster of Stainforth aforesaid twenty shillings to bee payd at twelve months end next after my Decease Item I give to Anthony Paley eldest Sonne to the said William Paley the sume of Five pounds to bee payd within twelve months next after my Decease Alsoe I give to William Paley Robert Paley Henry Paley Richard Paley John Paley and Thomas Paley Sonns of the said William Paley three pounds tenn shillings a peice when they shall attayne theyr severall ages of twenty one years if then living & I departed this life otherwise not till twelve months after my Decease & if any of them happen to depart this life before they shall attayne theyr said severall ages of twenty one years then his or theyr Legacy soe dying shall bee equally divided amongst the rest of the said William Paleys younger children that shall attayne theyr said severall ages of twenty one years Item I give to William Banks and Ruth his wife the sume of forty shillings to bee payd within twelve months next after my Decease Item I give to Dorothy Banks of Greene twenty shillings to bee payd within twelve months after my Decease Item I give to William Banks sonne of the said William Banks twenty shillings to bee payd within one year next after my Decease (if then hee shall have attained the age of Twenty one years & be living Item I give to Thomas Weatherherd twenty shillings to bee payd him one year after my Decease Item I give to William Ward of Settle fifteene shillings to bee payd at twelve months end next after my Decease Alsoe my Will is that Symon Battersbie & Stephen Pickhawr shall have theyr last years Consideracon abated when they pay in theyr severall debts if they pay Consideracon duely till then & not otherwise Item I give to Isabell Lund wife to Richard Lund Agnes Paley & Mary Paley daughters of the said William Paley twenty shillings a peice to bee payd within the space of one year next after my Decease if they shall then have attained theyr severall ages of twenty one years & bee living And lastly I doe nominate Constitute and appoynt the said William Paley sole executor of this my last will & testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the day & year first above written

Sealed Signed & published  
in the presence of us  
William Foster of Stainforth  
William Armistead

his marke  
William X Sidgeswicke

Jo:Richardson jurat

A true & pfect Inventory of all the goods Chattells rights debts & creditts of William Sidgeswicke of Stainforth in the Diocesse of yorke yeoman late Deceased made this thirtieth day of May Ano Dom 1691 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed

	li	s	d
Inprimis his purse and apparrell	2	10	0
Debts due by specialty			
Stephen Pickhawr by bond	10	0	0
Roger Armitstead per bond	4	4	8
Simon Battersby by bond	20	0	0
James Swinglehurst per bond	5	6	0
Stephen Carr per bond	5	6	0
Roger Carr per bond	2	2	4
James Carr per bond	2	2	4
James Carr per bond	3	3	6
Richard Armitstead per bond	5	6	0
John Knowles per bond	10	12	0
Bryan Deane per bond	3	3	6
	73	16	4

Richard Iveson  
Robert Foster  
Roger Craven  
Christopher Metcalfe

JOHN SIDGSWICKE 1696 Ref.Borthwick.York Bundle June 1696 (Admin)  
 Transcribed by S.Gordon

Aprill ye 13<sup>th</sup>. 1696

An Inventory of all the Goods & Chattells of John Sidgwick of settle deceased, And made by us whose names are subscribed

	li	s	d
Impr his purse and apparrell	05	00	00
Ite. In ye shop one pcell of White & Colored Stockins	10	00	00
Ite. Foure dozen of Sheepe Leather	01	16	00
Ite. Three Stone of Woole	02	06	00
Ite. Goods in ye Workehouse Horses furniture with other odd things	02	00	00
Item Nineteen duzon of Sheep Leather	08	00	00
Item Twelve Horse Skins	01	00	00
Item In the bodystead of the House, 4 Chaires & one Long settle	00	10	00
Ite one Backstone & other Iron goods, 7 pans & one Brass pott	03	13	04
Ite Foure Stooles & one duzon of Cushins, Twelve pieces of pewter, one dozen & a halfe of spoones one Brass mortar one Candlesticke, one bread fleake, 2 Shelves, 1 paire of bellies	00	10	00
Ite In the parlor one Table, one Buffett, one other Table	00	12	00
Ite. one Cupboard with Three peeces of pewther upon it	00	10	00
Ite Two Chests & Two Boxes, & one deske	00	13	04
Ite Thre paire of Sheets & 5 pcs of Course Canvas	00	12	00
Ite one paire of Bedstocks & beding upon them	01	00	00
Ite In ye Buttery one pcell of Wood vessell & potts	00	10	00
Ite.In the Barne & Cowhouse, Two Cowes & one Heifer	08	00	00
Ite one Cart, & Three paire of Wheelles & one Coupe	01	00	00
Ite In Hay And Turves & Coales	01	05	00
Ite one Horse	00	10	00
Ite Two Arkes & two Chists	01	05	00
Ite one pcell of Meale & Beefe	01	05	00
Ite Two paire of Bedstocks & bedding upon them	01	05	00
Ite one other paire of Bedstocks with other odd Huslement And some Husbandry geare	01	10	00
Ite Ten stone of Fine Wooll att 20s. per stone	10	00	00
Ite Eight stone of ordinary Wooll att 14s per stone	05	12	00
Item Two stone of Course Wooll att 10s. p stone	01	00	00
Ite In good debts	15	00	00
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Summa tot.	86	04	08

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John Skirrow; Leonard LR Kidd (Apprizers)

### **Thomas Sigswick of Langcliffe 1633 Borthwick v42 f452**

In the name of God Amen the fifteenth day of January in the ninth year of the reign of our most dread and Sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King defender of the faith etc. Anno dni one thousand six hundred thirty and two I Thomas Sigswick of Langcliffe within the county of yorke husbandman sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised be god for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following: First and principally I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my heavenly father and to Jesus Christ my only Saviour through whose death and precious blood-shedding I trust faithfully to be saved. And my body to be buried at the discretion of my friends. Item I give to Agnes my wife all those grounds which I have now in occupation id est (*i.e.*) of the one half of houses and garths now in my possession. Item one close called Wheatridings, one rood at Slaipstones, one butt at Mealbanke, one parcel of ground called Millrowe. Item one close called Stubbin. Item one gate and a half in the Cow Close. Item the one half of my grass in the Over Close all which I give to my wife during her life natural. Item I give to my son Mathew Sigswicke twenty shillings for his child's portion of my goods. Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Sigswicke my son ten sheep. Item I give to Agnes Sigswicke daughter of Mathew Sigswicke forty shillings. Item I give to my brother John Sigswicke three shillings four pence and also my best doublet and breeches. Item I give to my brother Bryan Sigswicke three shillings and four pence and my doublet, breeches and jacket the best next. I give also my cloak to my son Mathew and my best jacket to my son Thomas. Item I give to my sister Margaret three shillings and four pence. For the rest of my goods my debts, funeral expenses and church duties honestly discharged I give them to Agnes my wife whom I make and ordain executor of this my last will and testament Witnesses hereof Thomas Kidd and Thomas Palay.

Will proved April 15<sup>th</sup> 1635 buried 5<sup>th</sup> December 1634 "of Settle"

**JOHN SMITH 1680 Ref.Borthwick.York. vol.60 fol.85**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

March 14<sup>th</sup>. 1680

In the name of God Amen I John Smith of Settle being of perfect memory and remembrance praised be God for the same doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme Following; Imprimis I give and bequeath my soule unto the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits of Christ my onely saviour and Redeemer to receive free pardon for all my sins. Item body (*sic*) to buried in Christian manner in the parrish Church yard of Giggleswicke at the discretion of my Executor hereafter nominated; Item I give to Richard Kidd my Grandchild thirty poundes. Item I give tenn poundes to John Kidd my Grandchild; And all the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable I give to William Kidd my sonne paying such dueties as shall be necessary for my funerall and doe appointe him to be Executor of this my last will and testament In Witness whereof I set my hand and seale the day and yeare above written John Smith signed sealed signed and delivered in the sight and presence of us William Cooke signed Richard (Driver?)

*One line Latin*

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**Abigail Somerscales 1648**  
**TNA PROB 11/240**

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**In the name of God Amen:**

the Second day of November in the yeare of our Lord God according to the Computation of the Church of England One thousand six hundreth Forty Eight I Abigaile Somerscales of Setle in the Countie of Yorke Spinster beeing sicke in body but of good and perfect memorie praised bee god, doe make this my last Will & Testament in manner and forme followinge, First I committ my Soule into the mercifull hands of Allmighty God my Maker, and Creator, trustinge assuredly through his mercy and by the meritts of Jesus Christ my onely Redeemer, to bee saved & to have full pardon & remission of all my Sinns, and my body to the Earth whereof it was made, to bee buried in Christian manner at the discretion of my friends. And for my worldly, and Temporall goods, and Estate whatsoever wherewith God hath blessed mee I give, devise, & dispose of ye same as followeth. First my Will and mynd is that my debts and funerall expences bee paid out of my whole goods & estate. Item I doe give unto William Somerscales my naturall brother and to his Assignes All my houses, Grounds Lands & Leases with thappurtenances whatsoever within Setle and the Territories thereof withall my writings & Evidences concerning ye same. Item I give unto Thomas Somerscales my brother ye Summe of five pounds to be paid in manner followinge Vizt. Fiftie shillings at ye end of two yeares next after my death & decease, and likewise Fiftie shillings at ye end of Four yeares next after my death. Item I give unto Mary ..ant all my shapen Clothes. Item concerninge all ye rest & remainder of my goods, Chattells, & estate, I give & bequeath ye same to my said brother William Somerscales, whom I doe make, nominate & appoint sole Executor of this my last will & Testament. In witnes whereof I have hereto putt my hand & Seale ye day & yeare first above written Abigaill Somerscales her marke Witnesses hereof Hugh Stickhouse (*sic*) Brian Cookeson

**The** Seven and Twentieth day of November in ye yeare of our Lord God 1654. There issue forth Letters(?) of Ad[ministra]con unto Mary Somerscales ye Relict & Executrix of Willm Somerscales whilest hee lived the brother and sole Executor of ye Will of the said deceased, to Administer ye goods, chattells, & debts of ye said deceased according to ye tenure(?), and ... of ye said Will, for that ye said Executor also departed this life before hee took upon him the execution of the said will, Shee beeing by vertue of a Commission first sworne truly to Administer the same

*See will of William Somerscales 1654*

*Settle - modern spelling*

**Henry Somerscales 1609 Borthwick v31 f193(microfilm 945)**

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

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

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

Latin text

*Giggleswick*  
*Appletreewick*

**William Somerscales 1654**  
**TNA PROB 11/240**

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In the Name of God Amen the Sixteenth day of Februarie in the yeare of our Lord accordinge to the Computation of the Church of England One Thousand Six hundred Fiftie Three I William Somerscales of Settle in the Countie of Yorke beinge sick in body, but of good, and perfect remembrance praised bee God, doe make this my last Will, and Testament, in manner and forme followinge. First I doe committ, and willingly resigne my Soule into the mercifull hands of Allmightie God my maker and Creator trustinge assuredly through his mercy, and by the meritts of Jesus Christ my only Redeemer to be saved and have full pardon and remission of all my Sinnes, and my body to the earth whereof it was made, to bee buried at my parish Church of Giggleswick att ye discretion of my friends, and for my worldly and Temporall goods, and Estate whatsoever, I doe give, devise, and dispose of the same as followeth. First it is my will, and mynd that my debts, and funerall expences bee paid out of my whole goods. Also I doe give unto Mary my wife, All my goods, cattells and personall estate, Also I will, that Mary my said wife and her Assignes shall have, possesse, and enjoy All my houses, grounds, and reall Estate whatsoever, and take all the profitts thereof to the onely use of her selfe, and her Assignes, for and duringe the Terme of her naturall life, Also I will that Mary my said wife, shall pay unto Thomas Somerscales my brother the Summe of Three pounds within one yeare next after my decease. And likewise Three pounds at the end of the Second yere next after my decease. And also Twentie shillings at the end of everie yeare duringe the Terme of Fower yeares then next followinge, if my said wife doe soe long live, and the said Thomas doe come, and demand the same in his owne person. And if my said brother Thomas shall have a wife, and Child, or Children, then I will, that my said wife, shall pay unto my said brother Thomas Twentie shillings everie yeare, duringe the space of Five yeares longer, if my said wife doe soe long live, Also I give unto my said brother Thomas and to the issue of his body lawfullie begotten All my dwellinghouse and Barne with their Appurtenances, And also my Croft containyng but only an Acre to enter to the same ymmediatlie after the death of Mary my said wife. But if my said brother Thomas shall have noe issue of his body lawfully begotten, then I will that my said brother shall have the same onely duringe the Terme of his naturall life and that Immediatly after his death the same shall come, and remayne to Hughehugh (*sic*) Stackhouse of Giggleswicke, and his Children, and William Currer of Middleton near Ighley (*?Ikley*) and his Children, equallie to be divided betwixt them. Also I give unto the said hugh Stackhouse, and his Children and to the said William Currer and his Children All the rest of my grounds, lands, and Closes whatsoever equallie to be divided betwixt them, and they to enter to the same, Immediatly after the death and decease of Mary my said wife. And I doe make nominate, & appoint Mary my said wife to be sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament In witnes whereof I have hereto putt my hand, and Seale, the day and yeare first above written Also I give unto Ellin Somerscales daughter of henry Somerscales Tenn shillings to bee paid two yeares next after my decease, William Somerscales Witnesse hereof John Cockman, Brian Cookeson

This will was proved at Westminster before the Judges for probate of Wills, and grantinge Administrations, lawfullie and authorized the Eighth day of November in the yeare of our Lord God, One thousand Six hundred Fiftie fower, by the Oath of Mary Somerscales, the Relict, and Sole Executrix named in the said Will, To whom was committed Administration of all, and singular the goods, Chattells, and debts of the said deceased, shee beinge by vertue of a Commission first Sworn trulie to Administer the same

*Giggleswick - modern spelling*

**Agnis Sorry, obligation**

The (condition) of this oblig(ation) ..... bounden Agnis Sorry Administratrix of ..... goods cattells and chatt(ells) .... Thomas Sorry late of Gigleswick and Dioces of yorke her husband deceased doe make and cause to be made a true and pfect Inventory of all and singular ye goods cattells and chattells of the de(ceased) ..... or shall come to ye hands possession or knowledge of the sayd administratrix or into the hands possession or knowledge of any other pson or psons for her and the same so made doe exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Registrie of the Court in yorke at or before the end of 13 Months next ensueing ye date hereof and the same goods cattells and chattells and all other ye goods cattells and chattells at the time of his death or at any time herafter shall come into ye hands possession or knowledge of the said administratrix or into the hands and possession of any other pson or psons for her doe well and truly administer according to law and farther doe make or cause to make a true and just account of the sayd administracon at or before ye end and expiracon of 13 months next ensueing ye date hererof, and all the rest and residue of the sd goods cattells and chattells wch ..... found remaineing ..... adminstr.... account the same being examined and allowed by the Judge or Judges of the sd Court ..... pay unto such pson or psons respectively as ye sd Judge or Judges by his or them decree or sentence pursuant to the true intent and meaning of a late Act of Parliament shall limit and appoynt and if it shall hereafter appeare yt any last will and testamt was made by ye deceased and the Executor or Executors therein named doe exhibit ye same makeing request ..... allowed and approvd accordingly if the sayd administratrix being thereunto required doe render and redeliver ye sayd letters of adminstracon approbacon of such will and testmnt being first had and made in ye sayd Court and lastly save defend and harmless keepe ye within .....most Revrnd Father ..... his Graces Comisary and all other his Grace's officers and ministers against all ..... by reason of the .....then this psnt obligatcon to be voyd and of noe effect or else to stand remaine and be in full power and vertue

A true & perfect Inventory of all & Singular ... goods cattell & Chattell late Agnes Sowrys of Gigleswyke in the Diocesse of yorke widow Deceased made by us whose names are hereunto subscribed this eighteenth day of June Ano Dom 1691

	li	s	d
Inprimis her purse & Apparrell	1	10	0
three young Swine	1	0	0
In the Bodystead of the house			
One Reckon one Bakeingstone one payre of Briggs & other Iron things	0	6	6
One brewing panne & other things belonging it	3	0	0
One Longseate one Table & one forme	0	6	0
One Arke with severall od things standing thereon	0	7	0
three (chaires) & 6 Cussions	0	1	2
One Dishboard with all the wood vessel thereon	0	5	0
brewing vessel	1	0	0

1 flaskett one tunnill & other od husslement	0	1	8
five brasse pans	0	8	0
In the Buttery			
One Tease two barrells two littell tables or stooles	0	3	4
In the Parlour			
One Long table & forme	0	14	0
One Cupboard	0	13	4
5 Chaires tenn Cushions four stooles 1 box	0	6	0
One Joynd Chist	0	8	0
One bedstead & Curtains one Chafe bed one feather bed two blankitts one feather bolster one Chafe bolster one Coverlit & one rug one ..... bolster & pillow one Iron spittle & one ladell	0	1	0
In the Littell parlour			
One Bedstead one Chafe bed fower bolsters one sheete one blankitt one Coverlit 1 payre of Curtains one littell Chist & other husslemt	0	10	0
In the Farr Chamber			
one old bedstead one Chafe bed two bolsters Curtains and valance one old Coverlit & 1 rugg	0	6	0
One Chist one littell table two forms & one stoole	0	8	0
In the Midle Chamber			
One trundle bedstead one Chafe bed one rugg two Cushions two Creeles & one Sife*	0	6	0
One Arke with meale therein one payre of blankitts three sacks one littell Chist & other husslemt	1	3	4
In the Chamber over the Little parlor			
One old bedstead with the bedding thereon & other husslemt	0	6	8
turfes & Coals	0	2	6
dishes flaggons & all other pewter	1	0	0
One brasse mortar & Candlesticke	0	2	6
fower payre of Course sheets	0	8	0
all table Cloths napkins pillows & one payre of Linsheets & two feather bolsters	1	3	4
weights & scales	0	1	6
	18	12	02

Tho: Carr  
William Armitstead  
Thomas Brayshaw  
William Paley

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

\* possibly sieve

**Thomas Sorry 1686/7 Giggleswick Admon Borthwick YAS Vol 89 Appx 4  
Vacancy Register mf 891 Jul 1686**

An Aprizmt of ye goods Chattles & cattles late of Thomas Sowrys decd made by us  
whose names are hereunto subscribed this first day of March Annoq Domi (1686)

	l	s	d
Imprmis his purse & Apparrell	00	10	11
Itm one old Gelding sadle & bridle	02	00	00
Itm one old Cottage wth thApurtences	06	13	04
Itm one Cart & Cowpe & wheeles	00	16	00
Itm one pcell of cowbands wth raikes ropes & other husbandry	00	03	04
Itm one pcell of Hay & 1 pcell of straw	00	13	04
Itm one old Cow	01	00	00
Itm two Heffers			
Itm one why Stirke	03	00	00
Itm one pcell of beanes	00	15	00

In the bodystead

Itm one brewing pann	0	16	9
Itm one backing stone briggs & recon & tongues wth other Iron Materialls of Iron	00	05	00
Itm one old Arke	00	05	00
Item one lettle Table & two formes	00	02	00
Itm one Long Seate			
Itm fower old chaires	00	03	04
Itm one dishboard wth all ye wood vessell theron standing wth severall other wood vessell in the house	00	10	00
Itm all the brewing vessell	01	06	03
Itm Sevrall pcells of pewter wth flagons in the buttery	00	06	08
Itm four old panns & a pott	00	08	06
Itm three flicks of beife	00	06	08
Itm two wood candlesticks wth sevrall other od houselemnt in the house	00	01	00

In the little p(ar)lor

Itm one Shaffe bed & bolsters, blankett 1 paire of sheets wth old curtaines and vallance & one Rugg	00	10	00
Itm two old Chists	00	08	00

In the Low plor

Itm one Cupboard	00 13 04
Itm one table 2 forms 6 quishings wth other old quishing in the house	00 15 04
Itm sevrall earthen potts	00 06 00
Itm one pcell of turfes in ye false loft	00 03 04

In ye Camber (*sic*) over the  
little plor

Itm one old bedstead one old Covrlit one paire of sheets 1 little table 3 stooles	00 06 00
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In ye Midle Chamber

Itm one bedstead one Covrlett)	00 05 00
One paire of sheets 2 Chaffe) bolsters 1 Chaffe bedd )	00 ? 00
Itm one spinning wheele two stooles	00 ?1 00
Itm one pcell of meale	01 10 00?

In the chamber ovr ye great plr

*[second sheet]*

Item one Chist one little) table & two formes )	00 10 00
Itm three straw hatts & ) other straw things )	00 03 04
Itm one pcell of Lining ) wth a barden Cloath bagg)	0 10 00
Itm one old bible	00 00 09
Itm other old (?)books	00 ?? 00

**Thomas Sowden PROB 11/217 1651 (1649)**

**In the name of God Amen etc** I Thomas Sowden of Settle elder in the Countie of Yorke yeoman being sick of bodie yet of sounde and perfect memorie (praysed be God) doo make Constitute and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme as followeth utterlie disannulling all former wills and Testaments for ever First I bequeath my soule to God from whome it came and my bodie to be buried in the grave, hoping at the last day they both shalbe joyned together and Raigne with God for ever in the Kingdome of heaven, secondlie that my Funerall expences be defrayed, then I give and bequeath as followeth Inprimis to Agnes Altham wife of Roger Altham three poundes to Roger Altham Junior two shillings to Elizabeth Altham two shillings to James Altham two shillings to Ann King two shillings to Elizabeth Preston fowre shillings to Ellen Cockman two shillings And I doo appoint constitute and ordaine Thomas Sowden of Settle aforesayd my Nephewe the Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament witnesse my hand this twentieth of November 1649. Thomas Sowden Witnes hereof Henrie Haworth John Cockman, Confirmed to Roger Altham witnes his marke Roger Altham

**This will** was proved at London before Sir Nathanael Brent knight doctor of Lawes and Master or keeper of the Prerogative Court the Five and twentieth day of the month of July in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand sixe hundredd Fiftie and One by the oath of Thomas Sowden the Nephewe and sole Executor named in the last will and Testament of the sayd deceased to whome Administration of all and singular the goodes Chattles and debtes of the sayd deceased which anie manner of way Concerne the sayd will was grannted and Committed Hee being firste sworne by virtue of a Commission well and faithfullie to administer the same

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 SOWDEN THOMAS 1648 Ref.Borthwick.York.Bundle May 1651  
 Transcribed by S.Gordon

In the name of God Amen etc. I Thomas Sowden Setle elder in ye County of york yeoman being sickly yet of sound & pfect memory, (praised be god, doe make constitute & ordaine this my Last will and Testamt in manner and forme as followeth, utterly dissannulling all wills and Testamts for ever first I bequeath my soul to god from whence itt came, and my body to buried in ye grave, hoping att ye Last Day, they both shall be joined together, and Raigne with god forever in partaking of heaven, Secondly that my funerall expences be defraid, then I give & bequeath as followeth

	li	s	d
To Agnes Altham wife of Roger Altham	03	00	00
To Roger Altham Junior	00	02	00
To Elizabeth Altham	00	02	00
To James Altham	00	02	00
To Anne King	00	02	00
To Elizabeth Preston	00	04	00
To Ellen Cockman	00	02	00

And I doe appoint, constitute & ordaine Thomas \jurat/ Sowden of Setle afforesaid my nephew the sole executor of this my Last will & Testament wittnes my hand this 20<sup>th</sup>. of November 1648

Wittnes hereof

Thomas

Mark

Sowden

Henry **H** Hawworth

John Cockman

Confirmed to Roger Altham

Wittnes his mark

Roger RA Altham

*Settle modern spelling*

**Hugh Stackhouse 1618 Borthwick v35 f384**

In the name of god Amen I Hugh Stackhouse of Giggleswick in the county of York miller(?) being at this instant visited by sickness and infirmities in my body yet never-the-less of sound and perfect memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament the sixth day of March in the year of our lord one thousand six hundred and eighteen in manner and form following that is to say First I do hereby revoke and disanull all previous wills by me heretofore made and I do now commend my soul unto the merciful hands of Almighty god my maker and redeemer and my body to earthly burial at the discretion of my wife and friends. And whereas I have by my indenture of lease bearing date the fifth day of this instant March demised and granted unto John Banckes of Giggleswick aforesaid and unto Thomas Rimmington of Feizor in the said county yeoman all my three closes or enclosures of ground called the riddinges within the town fields and of Giggleswick aforesaid to have and to hold the same to the said John and Thomas their executors and assigns for the term of fourteen years next following after the day of the date of the same lease now I do hereby confirm the said lease and I do desire the said John Banckes and Thomas Rimmington that they will let and set the said closes during the said term at as high a rate or value as they possibly can and that they will pay the money that shall arise thereof to my executors hereafter named towards the payment of my debts. And also I do hereby give devise and bequeath to the said John Banckes and Thomas Rimmington their executors and assigns all those my closes or enclosures of ground which I hold by long lease or leases commonly called and known by the names of Thackthwaite Closes the Ings Closes and Alan Myre Close and all my estate right title interest term and terms of years claim and demand whatsoever of me the said Hugh Stackhouse of in and to the same closes and every of them. And also all my evidences and writings which do only concern the said premises or any of them To have and to hold all the said closes and enclosures of ground to the said John Banckes and Thomas Rimmington their executors and assigns to their only use and uses for and during all the term and terms of years which are yet to come and unexpired of the several lease and leases and other grants and assignments whereby I hold the same, yielding and paying therefore yearly during the said terms to the right honourable Francis Earl of Cumberland his heirs and assigns such rents and services as for the same of right are due and payable. And I do desire and request the said John Banckes and Thomas Rimmington to sell all the same closes and estates therein so soon as conveniently they can and for as much money as they shall be able to get for the same and that they will out of the same monies pay unto Robert my son ten pounds towards his better preferment for these fourteen years now next coming and likewise pay and discharge all my due debts and for the surplusage of the money that shall remain besides the payment of my said debts my will is that the same shall be accounted amongst my other goods and go to the bettering of the portions of my wife and younger children. And as concerning my messuage or dwelling house and all other my houses garths gardens and other lands and tenements which I hold by long lease and leases I give the same and all my estate right title interest term and terms of years therein unto Robert Stackhouse my eldest son and to his lawful issue and to the assigns of such issue and in default thereof then unto Hugh Stackhouse my second son and to his lawful issue executors and assigns provided always and yet nevertheless upon condition that my said son Robert and his issue or in default thereof then my said son Hugh and his lawful issue executors and assigns and every of them shall permit and suffer Ellen my wife and her assigns to have hold and enjoy all my said houses and garths for the term of seventeen years next after my decease for and towards the better maintenance and bringing up of herself and my younger children And that if the said Ellen be living at the end of the said seventeen years that then also they shall permit and suffer the said

Ellin and her assigns to occupy and enjoy one full third part of all the said houses and garths and other the said last mentioned premises from thenceforth for and during the term of fifty and one years if she so long live. And my will is also that my said wife shall have her third part of all my moveable goods but I give the other two parts thereof to my younger children equally amongst them. And I make and ordain the said Ellin my wife to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testament these being witnesses. William Lawson and Thomas Paler

*Gigleswicke*  
*Feisor*

HUGH STACKHOUSE 1693 Ref. Borthwick.York. Dec. 1693(admin)  
Transcribed by S.Gordon

An Inventorie of the goods and Chattels real belonging to Hugh Stackhouse Son of Thomas Stackhouse, late of Gigleswicke in the County of yorke deceased; valued and appraized the second day of December In the year of our Lord One thousand Six hundred Ninety Three by us whose names are Subscribed as followeth

	£	s	d
Imprimis Two Cattle gates and one halfe on the Ox Scarr	07	00	00
Item One beast gate and three parts of one beast gate on Hunthwaite backmore	04	10	00

Richard Ellershaw  
Thomas Clapham  
John Wildman  
Richard Atkinson

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**John Stackhouse 1658 TNA PROB 11/ 288**

In the name of God Amen I John Stackhouse of Settle in the County of Yorke Gent, being sicke in body, but of pfect memorie, (praised be God) doe make this my last Will, and Testament in manner and forme following. First I bequeath my soule unto Almighty God, trusting through the merits of my blessed Saviour, to be made ptaker of eternall happines, and my body to be buryed in the parish church of Gigleswicke at the discretion of my friends. And as for my temporall goods I give, and bequeath as followeth. I appoint that my debts, and funerall expences be paid, and defrayed out of my whole goods, and after that I give & bequeath unto John Stackhouse sonne of my brother Thomas Stackhouse of Thorntonbridge end a rent charge lyeing at Carleton woodside within the Towneship of Cunanley of five pounds p(er) annum, at after the death of Nicholas Haukshead. Item I give unto the sd Nicholas Haukshead the said rent charge at Carleton woodside dureing his naturall Life. Item I give, and bequeath unto Elizabeth Young my servant ten shillings. Item I doe make my loveing wife Frances my full, and whole Executrix of this my last Will, and Testament, revoking all former and other Wills by me at any tyme made or consented to. In witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand, and seale, the sixtee(n)th day of August one thousand six hundred fifty and eight. Jo: St: Witnes hereof George Wilkinson, Thomas Carr marke, John Paley Elizabeth Catherall marke.

This Will was proved at London, the twelveth day of February in the yeare, One thousand six hundred fifty eight. English stile before the Judges for Probate of Wills, and granting Adcons lawfully authorized, by the oath of Frances Stackhouse the relicte, and sole Executrix named in the said Will. To whom Administration of all, and singular the goods, Chattells, and debts of the said deceased was Comitted, she being first by Commission sworne truely to administer the same.

*Settle  
Giggleswick  
Cononley*

**THOMAS STACKHOUSE 1679 Ref. Borthwick. Vol 60 fol 320**

In the name of God Amen The (*blank*) day of January in the yeare of our Lord God according to the Computation of the Church of England 1678 I Thomas Stackhouse of Lynthwaite within the parrish of Gigeswick and County of york being very aged and Crazy in body but of good and perfect remembrance I praise God doo constitute & ordaine this my last will and testament in manner Followinge, First I Comitt and freely resigne my soule into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my maker and Creator trusting through his mercy and by the merrits of Jesus Christ to be saved and to have pardon and remission of my sinns, And my body to the earth whereof it was framed to be buried at the parrish Church of Gigeswick at the discretion of my wife and friends in Christian manner; And for my worldly and temporall goods I doe give and dispose of them as followeth; First that my debts and funerall expences be discharged and paid out of them; Item I doe give unto my sonn Thos. Stackhouse five shillings; Item I doe give unto my sonn John Stackhouse two shillings six pence; Item I doe give unto my daughter Margaret Stackhouse two shillings six pence to be paid by my Executrix hereafter nominated; Item I doe give unto my wife Elline Stackhouse all my houses and Lands at Lynthwaite dureing her naturall life and after her decease I doe give unto Robert Stackhouse my eldest sonn all the abovesaid houses and grounds and premises there unto belonging for the remainder of all such tearme and tearmes of yeares as I the abovesaid Thomas Stackhouse hold then paying unto Margaret Stackhouse my daughter Thirty shillings within two yeares after my wifes decease And thirty shillings to my sonn John Stackhouse to be paid him within foure yeares after my wifes decease; And I doe make nominate and appointe my said wife Ellen Stackhouse sole Executrix of this my last will and testament; In Wittness whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written Thomas Stackhouse his marke Witnesses hereof Robert Stackhouse his marke Tho: Wildeman

**INVENTORY Ref. BunMarch 1678**

An inventory of the goods and chattells moveable and imoveable of Thomas Stackhouse of Stackhouse late deceased praysed and valued by us Thomas Carr Rich: Berry Hen: Browne and Thomas Clapham.

	s -	d
Imp.s his apparrell	02	00
Itm in ye Parler one payer bedstocks with bedding thereon	00	06
Itm two Chists	02	06
Itm one Desk	00	06
Itm in ye Chamber over the Parlor one pair bedstocks	01	00
Itm in the bodystead of the house Three little tables 1 chist 4 chaires 3 stooles	09	00
Itm 4 pewter dublers	01	6
Itm 3 brass pans 1 brass ladle	02	0
Itm Wood Vessells	02	0
Itm one dishbord	00	6
Itm 1 Cock and 3 hens	01	0

Itm Dishes and spoones	00	6
Itm one Baxtone ( <i>bakstone</i> )	00	4
Itm one smooth Iron	00	8
Itm one pair tongs 1 Rackin Crook	01	0
Itm one Spining wheele	00	6
Itm 3 hamers 3 picks 2 trawells	02	0
	1	07 6

The condition of this Obligation is such that if this within bounden Richard Preston creditor and administrator of all the goods and chattells of Tho: Stackhouse late of Stackhouse of the Diocese of York .....

**John Stalmann 1604 Borthwick v29 f409**

In the name of god Amen the eighteenth day of August in the second year of the reign of our sovereign lord James by the grace of god king of England, France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. And of Scotland the thirty eight 1604 I John Stalmann of Settle in the county of York labourer sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be Almighty god ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz: First and principally I bequeath my soul to Almighty god through the death of whose son I hope to have everlasting salvation, and my body to be buried within the parish church earth of Giggleswick at the discretion of my beloved friends.

Item my funeral expenses discharged my will and mind is that my son Robert Stalman being now in his infancy shall be well and sufficiently educated and brought up with all things to him appertaining of and upon such goods and chattels whatsoever as belong unto me which shall be left unto him after my decease. And now for the due offering thereof I commit my said child Robert Stalman with all my said goods and chattels whatsoever for the use of my said child to my well beloved friends and neighbours Ralphe Hodgeson and Willm Carr of Settle aforesaid whom I have alerted and put in trust in that behalf. And further my will is that they the said Ralph and Willm shall have the use of my said goods and chattels for educating maintaining and keeping of my said son necessarily until he shall come and accomplish the full age of one and twenty years. And at the end and expiration of the said 21 years they the said Ralph Hodgeson and Willm Carr their executors or assigns shall repay unto my said son Robert the sum and full value of my said goods and chattels now committed unto them in his behalf to his own proper use commodity and profit but if it shall please god that my said son Robert shall decease this life before he shall accomplish the age of 21 years then my will and mind is to give all such goods and chattels as I have committed unto them unto the said Ralphe Hodgeson and Willm Carr equally to be divided betwixt them . Item I further make constitute and appoint Ralphe Hodgeson and Willm Carr aforesaid the executors of this my last will and testament. Witnesses John Howson senior, Giles Tennant and Giles Kirkbie

*Setle  
Giggleswicke*

**George Swainson 1631 Ref. Borthwick v41 f662**

In the name of God amen. The tenth day of September in the seventh year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of god king of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith Anno domini 1631. I George Swainson of Knight Stainforth in the parish of Giggleswick and county of York husbandman being at this instant crazy in body but of sound and perfect remembrance praised be God do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally I do commend my soul unto god trusting faithfully through the merits of god and passion of Jesus Christ to have my sins forgiven and to be made partaker of god his everlasting kingdom. Also I do commit my body to the earth to be buried at the parish church of Giggleswick whereof I am a parishioner. Also it is my will and mind that Isabell my wife shall have one full third part of all my messuage and tenement for and during her widowhood And if she marry again after my decease it is my will and mind that she shall not have the same after her marriage. Also I do give grant and bequeath unto Thomas Swainson my son my whole messuage farm and tenement and all my interest therein with all and singular the appurtenances belonging to the same in as full large and ample manner as the same is in me, the widow right of Isabell my said wife therein to her reserved as above said. Also it is my will and mind that my said wife shall have her third part out of all my moveable goods also it is my full (sic) and mind that all my funeral expenses mortuary and church dues shall be paid out of the rest of my goods. Also I give and bequeath and it is my will and mind that my executors hereafter named shall satisfy and pay unto Lawrence Swainson my son the sum of fifty pounds of good and lawful money of England in consideration and full discharge and satisfaction of his child's portion of all my goods, chattels and debts owing me and to be paid by my executors within one year and a half next after my decease so as he give to my executors a general and clear release for all his child's part and portion claim and demand of all my goods chattels and rights whatsoever. Also I give unto Robert Bolland my son in law £6-13s-4d in consideration and full discharge of his wife's portion of my goods and of all promises by me made unto him or his father at the time of his marriage making to be paid at the time that the said Robert doth set up and keep house by himself if Agnes my daughter now his wife be then living and if she be dead before then this legacy to be void. And that upon the receipt thereof he shall give unto my executors a cleare and general release for all claims and demands whatsoever or else this my legacy to be void. Also it is my will and mind that if John Bolland my brother in law does build up one house end and one outshott for a buttery that then my executors shall help him to lead slate to cover the same from Stainforth to Giggleswick if he buy the slate there. Also I will that when the said house and outshott is built my executors shall give unto the said John Bolland 20s towards his charges in building the same. Also I give unto Thomas Swainson son of my brother John 10s also I give unto four of the youngest {children} of my said brother John Swainson every one of them six shillings and 8d to be paid unto them as they shall come to their several ages of 21 years. Also I give unto Jennett Swainson, James Swainson and John Swainson my brother John's children every of them 4s. Also I give to Henry Kidd and Jane Kidd children of Thomas Kidd either of them 4s. Also I give unto Margrett Colton my sister in law 10s. if she be living at the time of my death. Also I give unto Richard Wildman my nephew 10s also I give unto Jennett Wildman my servant 40s. And all the rest of my goods unbequeathed I do give and bequeath them unto Isabell my wife and Thomas Swainson my son equally between them and I do ordain and make the said Isabell my wife and Thomas my son whole executors of this my last will and testament . Witnesses: hereof Roger Dawson, Tho: Remington John Swainson.

*Giggleswick spelt Gigleswicke in will*

**Anne Swainson 1608 Borthwick v30 f677**

In the name of god amen the one and twentieth day of April one thousand six hundred and eight I Anne Swainsone of Giggleswick in the county of York widow late wife of Hughe Swainsone deceased sick in body but of good memory god be praised do make this my last will and testament in manner following First I commend my soul to almighty god and I will that my body be honestly brought to burial in neighbourly sort. And I desire master Shutte to preach a sermon at my burial and I give unto him 5s. Also I will that my neighbours and friends shall have a dinner provided and that 20s shall be distributed amongst the poor of the parish at the discretion of master Shutte William Lawson and my executor towards which charge I have forty shillings in the house wherein Ellen Armetstead now dwelling in house with me does know which I pray her immediately after my decease to deliver to William Lawson to be distributed by him accordingly.

Item I give to the same Ellen Armetstead all my arks, measures and stalls which I use in Settle market for measuring corn with, towards the better relieving of her children. Item I give to the same Ellen one red petticoat with a green upper body one raile one band And one muslin Also I give unto her one reckon crook. Item I give to Margaret Armetstead and Ann Armetstead her children one grey savegard with the sle....s and upper body one happing one sheet and one blanket. Item I give to Margaret Craven my cloak my great pan, my pot four pewter doublers a gridiron a bakestone a brandreth a pair of tongs and a serving pan. Item I give to Dionise Aldresley 8s, if he will take it thankfully and hold himself contented with it but if he do not then to have nothing.

Item I give to Elizabeth his wife my grey coat and 8s in money to be bestowed in wool to make her apparel with.

Item I give to Jennet Burton widow my worst red coat one smock and one apron.

Item I give to James Craven three shillings in money and that chest which was his uncles. Item to my sister Margaret Butterfield my blue mella gown and to her son James 5s. Item to Margaret Sarginson wife of John 5s. Item to Elizabeth Lawsonne wife of Thomas my best petticoat. To Roger Craven and Anne Farthwaite my godchildren either of them 4d. To Jane Inkensone son my godchild 6d. To the wife of William Paley an (iron?) black piggan a saucer and a pan

To Frances Lawson wife of William Lawson 5s. And I will that 2s shall be bestowed among the ringers at my burial. Also I give all the rest of my goods to Thomas Lawson of Lodge whom I make sole executor of this my last will and testament if he will accept thereof and prove it accordingly or else I appoint Thomas Carre of Giggleswick to be my executor. These being witnesses Christopher Shutte William Lawson William Paley.

\* *rail – neckerchief or headcovering*

\*\* *happin(g) – rug, coverlet for bed or thick warm article of clothing*

\*\*\* *mellay – a cloth of a mixture of colours*

\*\*\*\* *piggon, piggin – small wooden pail*

*Giggleswicke*

BRIDGETT SWAINSON 1692 Ref.Borthwick.York. July 1692 Bundle(admin)  
Transcribed by S.Gordon

An Apprizemt. made the seaventh day of July in the yeare of our Lord God 1692 by us whose names are hereunder written of the dwellinghouse & other houses Gardens & Crofts adjoying the same which belong to Bridgett Swainson of Stainforth under bargh layte dec'd within ye Diocese of yorke

	£	s	d
Imprimis these houses Gardens and Crofts above named wee apprize att	30	00	00
Debts upon Mortgage oweing by ye dec'd	20	00	00

William Paley  
Roger Craven  
Robert Foster  
Chris.Metcalf

**Hugh Swainson 1604 Borthwick v 29 f 572**

In the name of god amen the ninth day of December in the year of our lord god one thousand six hundred and four I Hugh Swainson of Giggleswick in the county of York Tailor sick in body but of sound memory to god be praise do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to almighty god trusting thereby(?) (Jesus?) Christ to be saved and my body to the earth from whence it came and to be buried within the churchyard of my parish church of Giggleswick above said at the discretion of my wife and friends. And for my goods I give them wholly to my wife Anne Swainson whom I make the sole executrix of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses John Swainson, Adam Armetstead and James Craven, Dionisse Aldersley and Willm Lawson.

*Giggleswicke*

**Isabel Swainson 1624 Borthwick v38 f448**

In the name of god amen upon the nine and twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord god one thousand six hundred twenty and four I Isabell Swainson of Stainforth under Burgh in the county of York widow sick in my body yet of perfect mind and memory I praise god for 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 trusting assuredly through the precious blood shedding of Jesus Christ my alone Saviour to be saved and my body to be buried in the church yard in Giggleswick near to the place where my husband was buried. And for my goods which God has blessed me with I will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid forth of the whole.

Also I give and bequeath to Richard Foster my son in law six pounds to be paid unto him within one year next after my decease by my executor hereafter named. Also I give to William Foster whom I am grandmother unto the sum of twenty shillings to be bestowed on a Cupboard. Also I give to every child that I am godmother unto two shillings a piece. Also I give to Elizabeth Foster my daughter my best gown, and worst hat and one linen sheet. And to Isabell Foster her daughter my petticoat with tufted taffeta over body\*. And to my daughter in law Alice Swainson my other petticoat and one which I bought. And to Jane and Alice Foster either of them my worst coat. Also I give to Ann Swainson my little yellow coat. And Elizabeth Swainson my band which I bought at Otterburn. And to Isabel Foster another Ruffed band. And to my daughter Elizabeth my double band which was her sister's. Also I give to Alice Swainson my daughter in law one brown safeguard# and one piece of new linen cloth Also I give to Agnes Foster widow one coat nether body\*. And to Isabel Cockett one other little coat. Also I give to Jane and Alice Foster either of them a plain band. All and the rest and remainder of my goods not bequeathed nor given I do give and bequeath the same unto Robert Swainson my son whom I do hereby nominate and appoint to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament. And also I do revoke and disannul all former wills by me made whatsoever. These being witnesses: Lawrence Coulton, James Armittstead and Anthonie Bainbrigg.

*# safeguard – outer skirt or petticoat worn by women to protect their skirts when riding  
\*body or bodice? See Oxford Dictionary definition*

*Stainforth under burghe  
Giggleswicke*

**John Swainson of Giggleswick 1634 Borthwick v42 f452r**

In the name of God Amen the ninth day of November in the year of our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred thirty and four, for as much as it is the duty of every good Christian to set his house in order before he die to the end his posterity may enjoy his goods and estate which he shall leave behind him in peace and quietness; I John Swainson of Giggleswicke in the county of yorke yeoman being visited with sickness yet 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 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 have forgiveness of all my sins and to be made partaker of eternal bliss in heaven and my body I commend to the earth from whence it came in hope of the resurrection to eternal life to be buried in Christian burial at the discretion of my loving wife and friends; And first I revoke all former wills by me made and as touching my worldly goods my debts being first deducted and paid and my funeral expenses discharged and also one bond of two hundred pounds bearing date with these presents which I sealed and delivered to Thomas Foster of Stainforth and John Carr of Settle with condition for payment of one hundred pounds of current English money in or upon the tenth day of August next to and for such uses as I have formerly appointed them being paid and discharged to the said Thomas Foster and John Carr or to one of them or to either of their executors administrators or assigns; It is my will and mind first concerning Ann now my wife with whom I coupled myself in the fear of God refusing all others that she shall have after my decease as is due and right one third part of my goods. And also it is my will and mind that Lawrence Swainson my son shall have one other third part and the last third part, being called the deads part if it please God that Anne my wife be with child at the time of my death that then I give and bequeath to that child or children if it please God that that child happen to be a son to have all the other third part and if it happen to be a daughter then she to have fifty pounds. And if it happen that the said Ann my wife be not with child at the time of my death then I give and bequeath all the said last third part to the said Lawrence my son; provided always and yet nevertheless upon condition that if it happen the said Lawrence Swainson my son to die before he come to the age of eighteen years that then all the legacy and portion hereby allotted unto him I give and bequeath to Thomas Carr and Margaret Carr children of John Carr of Setle aforesaid, to Richard Foster Robert Foster Jennett Foster and Alice Foster children of Thomas Foster of Stainforth, Robert Swainson son of John Swainson of Setle and Edmond Knowles son of Michael Knowles to be equally divided amongst them; And also I nominate and appoint John Carr of Setle and Thomas Foster of Stainforth to be joint executors of this my last will and testament in witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written These being witnesses Thomas Carr: Richard Burton Thomas Paley.

*Giggleswick modern spelling*  
*Settle* “ “

**Robert Swainson of Settle 1632 Borthwick v41 f885**

In the name of god Amen the eighth day of May 1632 I Roberte Swainsonn of Settle in the county of yorke yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect mind and memory (I praise God for the same) do make this my last will and testament in manner & form following: First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of (Almighty God)(sic) trusting assuredly through the precious blood-shedding of (Jesus Christ)(sic) my only Saviour to be saved and my body to be buried in the parish church or church yard of Guilewicke at the discretion of my friends. Also I will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my whole goods. And also after my debts and funeral expenses be paid my will and mind is and I give devise and bequeath my right title and interest of, in, and to, all my messuage, \farm/ and tenement with the appurtenances in Settle aforesaid now in my possession unto John Swainson my son and to Robert Swainson his son and to his heirs and assigns for ever or for and during such term and terms of years yet unexpired of any lease or leases whereby I hold the same. And also I give devise and bequeath all my whole right, title and interest to all or any part or parcel of land or grounds lying within the lordship of Langcliffe in the said county of yorke unto the said John Swainson my son and to the said Roberte Swainson his son and to his heirs for ever or for and during all such term and terms of years which are yet unexpired of lease or leases as hereby I hold the same excepting and always reserving forth of my said title and interest in Langlife unto the children of my son-in-law Thomas Foster of Stainyforth or one of them now living one yearly rent or profit thereof to be paid first after my death and unto the children of my son-in-law John Carr or any one of them one year rent or profit thereof. And also I give to every one of the children of my said son John Swainsone one year rent or profit thereof. And also I give unto every one of the children of Henrie Foster of Rauthmell and every child which I am Godfather unto 2s a piece. And unto Elizabeth King my servant 2s and I give to Roberte Swainson my son's son one silver spoon. Item I do nominate and appoint my said son John Swainson and my brother-in-law Henrie Foster to be joint executors of this my last will and testament These being Witnesses Henrie Foster Edmond Knowles and Anthonie Foster  
Will proved 9<sup>th</sup> October 1632

<i>Langcliffe</i>	<i>modern spelling</i>
<i>Stainforth</i>	“ “
<i>Rathmell</i>	“ “

**Robert Swainson 1639 Borthwick ref: Jan 1639/40 Craven, Stainforth**

In the name of god Amen the fifth day of August in the year of our Lord god according to the (computation of) (*page torn*) the Church of England 1639 I Robert Swainson of Stainforth underbarghe in the county of york yeoman (...) in my body yet of perfect mind and memory, 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, trusting assuredly through the precious blood-shedding of Jesus Christ my only Saviour to be saved, and be made partaker of eternal joys in heaven and my body to be buried in the parish church or church yard of Giggleswick, at the discretion of my wife and friends.

And for such worldly goods as god has blessed me withal, my will and mind is that all my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid out of my whole goods. And whereas I have by my deed or writing bearing date \the second/ day of August instant granted and letten unto Lawrence Swainson my younger son certain grounds and houses situate lying and being in Stainforth aforesaid, late in my possession; for and lieu of his child's portion of my goods, and upon condition that he shall pay to my executors \hereafter named/ the full sum of four score pounds within the term and space of two years next after he \shall accomplish his full age of 21 years/. I do hereby ratify and confirm the same deed yet, never the less, upon condition that Alice my wife shall have the use and occupation of all the same houses and grounds, from and immediately after my decease, for and during the term and space of seven years then next following, for and towards her own maintenance and towards the bringing up of my younger children. Item my will and mind is that Roger Swainson my son shall have all my messuage or dwelling house, barn or lathe, gardens and crofts and all other my lands, tenements with the appurtenances in Stainforth aforesaid now in my possession to have and to hold to the said Roger Swainson \his executors and assigns/ for and during all the rest and residue which are yet unspent and to come of any term or terms of years for which I hold the same, always excepting my wife to have her thirds thereof during her life Provided always that if my said son Roger be not contented with this my will and mind \and hold not himself herewith content and pleased/ then I give to my executors hereafter named one close called the Croft and one grass garth adjoining both together at the west end of my dwelling house, To have and to hold to my said executors and their assigns for and during all the rest and residue which are yet unspent and to come of any term or terms of years for which I hold the same.

And as for my movable goods after my debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged I give and bequeath the same \movable goods/ wholly to Alice my wife. Item I give to my three godchildren viz. Easter Bainbrigg, Elizabeth Procter and Jane Greene every one of them four shillings a piece. \Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth Lawson six pounds to be paid to her at the birth of her first child, Item I give to William Swainson my grandchild one whie or forty shillings in money to be set forward at the discretion of my executors/. And I nominate and appoint Alice my wife and Christopher # ....Lawson my son in law to be joint executors of this my last will and testament.

These being Witnesses: Henry Foster<sup>jur</sup> [mark]

William Foster

Anthony \jur/ Bainbrigg

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

#..... *just above 'Christopher Lawson' a word unclear*

**ROBERT SWAINSON 1642 Ref.Borthwick.York. Bundle Aug 1643/4 MIC 1727  
Transcribed by S.Gordon**

**In the name of God** Amen the Fifthe daie of November in the yeare of our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of Englande One thousand six hundreth Fortie and twoe I Robert Swainson of Setle in the County of yorke yeoman sick in body but of good and pfect memory God bee praised therefore do make and ordayne this my laste will and testament in manner and forme following **First** I commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the meritts of my alone Saviour Jesus Christe to bee made partaker of eternall blisse in heaven and my body I comend to the earth from whence it came to bee buried in Christian buryall at the discretion of my loving mother and friends **And** as touching my Mesuage and Tenement situate lying and being in Setle afforesaid in the said County of yorke wich I holde of the right noble \henry/ Earle of Cumberland of the yearly rent of Twenty and seven shillings for the residue of the (terme) of six thousand yeares **I do** devise and bequeath the same with all other my grounds lands and tenemts in Setle Giggleswick and Langcliffe, wich I holde by virtue of my lease or leases whatsoever, together with all my estate right title and interest herein and hereunto and by what name or names soever the same grounds lands and Tenemts bee called unto Elizabeth Swainson my mother her excrs. Admins. and Assignes **To have** and to holde the same to the said Elizabeth Swainson her Exors. Admin. and Assigns to her and their only use and uses for and during all such tyme and tymes terme and termes number and numbers of yeares as of the said Robert Swainson holde the same by force and virtue of my lease or leases assignment or assignments or other writings or evidences whatsoever, Shee the said Elizabeth paying unto Agnes wife of Thomas Foster of Stainforth under bargh the some of Five pounds of lawfull English money within one yeare after my decease **Item** my will and mynde is and I give and bequeath to the said Elizabeth Swainson her heires and assignes All my houses lands tenemts and hereditaments with thappurtenances whatsoever I holde to mee and myne heires and assignes forever situate lying and being..(*obliterated*) said County of yorke by what name or names soever the same bee called Together with all my writings and evidences concerning the same. **To have** and to holde the same to the said Elizabeth Swainson her heires and assignes To the only and (proper) use and behoofe of the said Elizabeth Swainson her heires and assignes for ever shee the said Elizabeth paying unto the said Agnes wife of the said Thomas Foster and to her children the some of Five markes of lawfull English money equally to bee devided amongst them **And** as touching my personall estate in goods and chattels I give devise and dispose the same \to/ the said Elizabeth Swainson her excrs. Admins. and assignes to her and their uses for ever my debts and funeral expences being first defaulted and deducted **And** I make and appointe the said Elizabeth my mother executrix of this my last will and testament And in wittnes hereof I have hereto sett my hand and seale the daie and yeare First above written

These being witnesses  
Henry \jurat/ Wullock  
Roger Preston his mark  
Hen. \jurat/ Lawson

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with a lyon \in/ his seale  
upon hard black waxe

Robt Swainson mark

*Two lines Latin*  
*Two more lines Latin*

*Settle - modern spelling*  
*Giggleswick - modern spelling*

ROBERT SWAINSON 1698/9 Ref.Borthwick.York. Apl.1699  
Transcribed by S.Gordon

In the name of God Amen I Robert Swainson of Rauthmell in the parish of Giggleswick and County of yorke Husbandman; being verry sick of body but of good & perfect memorie thanks be to God for the same; I calling to remembrance the uncertaine Estate of this fraill & transitory life & that all flesh must yield unto death; I Robert Swainson Do make constitute & ordaine this my last will & Testament in manner & form Following revokeing all other wills & Testaments Heretofore made & declared by me either by word or writeing, & this is to be taken for my last will & Testament & no one other; first being penitent & sorry for my sins past most humbly desireing pardon & forgiveness for the same, I give and commit my soul unto Allmighty God my Saviour & redeemer In whom & by the merits of Jesus Christ I trust & believe assuredly to be saved & my body to be buried att the parish Church of Giggleswick according to the discretion of my Executors hereafter nominated & appointed Secondly for such worldly affairs as it hath pleased God farr above my deserts to bestow upon me I do give & bequeath in manner & form following first I will that all those debts I owe be truly contented & paid & my funerall expences discharged within a short time after my discease, the same to be paid or discharged out of my stock; & the residue & remaining part as beasts horses sheep brass pewter beds bedding arks Chests pans & all other manner of utensils or household stuff whatsoever or of what kind soever meal mault beef bacon & all my Husbandry gear I have within the Town or Townshipp of Rauthmell or else where & whatever moneys I have oweing by bond or otherways I give and bequeath to my three Children John William & Elizabeth Swainson to be divided Equally amongst them without any Exception but all \to be/ shared alike & if it fortune that any of them dye before they attaine the age of twenty one years his or her part to go Equally to the Survivors of them above named; & I do appoint My three children John William & Elizabeth Swainson Executors jointly or Equally to this my last will & Testament wishing & desiring Thomas Frankland of close house to aid & assist them & be as Guardian over them; In witness whereof I hereunto put my hand & seal to this my last will & Testament revokeing & annulling all other wills or Testaments heretofore made or done being January the fourteenth & in the tenth year of the Reign of our Sovereigne Lord William the third over \England/ Scotland etc Annoque Dom 1698/9

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Robert X Swainson

Witnesses  
Leonard Watkinson  
William Frankland jurat  
John Windsor jurat

*Rathmell modern spelling*  
*Giggleswick modern spelling*

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January ye 20<sup>th</sup>. Anno Domi 1698

A true Inventory of all & singular the Goods Chattells & Credits appertaining or belonging to Robt Swainson of Rawthmell deceased apprized by us whose name are subscribed the day & year above written

	li	s	d
Imps his purse & apparellwth riding furniture	03	00	00
Item four steers att higher Laith	10	00	00
Item one heifer att higher Laith	02	00	00
Item two steers att that Laith	03	00	00
Item Four heifers at higher Laith	05	00	00
Item twenty old sheep	05	00	00

Item seaven hogs or young sheep	01	10	00
Item Hay att higher Laith	01	15	00
Item six Cows	18	00	00
Item three Calves	02	00	00
Item One Swine	00	10	00
Item One black horse	03	10	00
Item two Galloways	01	00	00
Item Hay att home	03	10	00
Item Corn att home	05	10	00
Item Barley att home	01	06	08
Item Corn att Tyth Barne	03	10	00
Item Carts & wheels 1 Coup & Cartgear	01	06	08
Item plough & plough gear & 1 Harrow	00	12	00
Item wheel Timber & wheel barrows	00	10	00
Item Spades, shovels, riddles, 1 stee & Forks & cow-bands, scuttles	00	06	08
Item nine or ten Sacks	00	10	00
Item two Arkes	00	12	00
Item two Chests	00	10	00
Item three boxes	00	02	00
Item two Sieves	00	01	04
Item Boards & loose wood for beds	00	13	04
Item four pair of bedstocks	00	15	00
Item 9 chairs, 2 long seats & 6 stools, 2 boards	01	02	06
Item 18 bowls or basons	00	04	00
Item 3 barrells 2 gallons 1 Churn with other wood vessell	00	11	00
Item all Brass & pewter & pans	02	00	00
Item Chafing-dish toasting-iron spitt briggs & spittles	00	04	00
Item Wimbles 1 Hack hatchett Thistles 2 hand knives & other odd things	00	04	00
Item ten Quisions	00	02	00
Item One Salting Tubb	00	02	06
Item 1 feather bed & 6 feather bolsters	01	10	00
Item 4 Chaffe beds & three bolsters	00	12	00
Item three Ruggs	00	15	00
Item Six Coverletts	01	10	00
Item Five blankets	00	15	00
Item 3 pair of linnen sheets	00	18	00
Item 6 pair of Canvas sheets	00	15	00
Item 5 pillowbears & 2 linnen ones	00	04	00
Item two pair of Curtains	00	05	00
Item Canvas yarn	00	12	00
Item Meal & Malt	?	?	?
Item beef & bacon	0	5	0
Item 2 stone of butter	0	6	0
Item beans	0	3	0
Item 2 Scythes & Sickles & other Huslemt	0	5	0
Total	94	....	...

Apprizers

Leonard Watkinson

Anthony Browne

Thomas Frankland jurat

Thomas Stackhouse



**Roger Swainson 1605     Borthwick v29 f689**

In the name of god Amen the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1605 I Roger Swaynson of Settle in the county of York yeoman sick in body but perfect in memory god be praised therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz: First I commend my soul to almighty Ggod assuredly trusting through the merits and passion of Jesus Christ my saviour to be partaker of life everlasting and my body to the earth whereof it is made.

Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Swaynson my brother all that my lease title and term of years which I have of in and to one cottage or fire house wherein I now dwell and one garden thereto adjoining lying and being in Settle aforesaid, one Attermiredale and one Dale in the Ings within the new close and common of pasture and turbary in and throughout the moors wastes and commons of Settle aforesaid thereto belonging for and according to the ancient rent of three shillings four pence and all profits and appurtenances thereunto belonging. To have and to hold the same premises to the said Thomas Swaynson his executors administrators and assigns from the date hereof for and during all such time terms of years and estate as I now have, may might or ought to have of in and to the same he paying and doing such rent and duties as of right ought to be paid for the same.

Item my will is that all such debts and duties as of right I owe to any person or persons be paid out of my whole goods. Item my will is that when my debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged then that Elizabeth my wife shall have her widow right of the rest of my goods according to the law. Item I give to Roger Kendall my godson six shillings eight pence. Item I give to William Iveson my wife's son ten shillings. Item I give to William Grave wife of Long Preston ten shillings. Item I do release and give more to her which she owes me 10s. Item to Richard Deanes two children three pounds six shillings eight pence to be equally divided between them. Item I give to William Lupton's three children three pounds six shillings eight pence equally to be divided amongst them which said legacies given as above to the children of Richard Deane and William Lupton my will is that my said brother Thomas shall set forwards to their several uses till they severally shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years and then to pay every of them their portions with the interest that shall come and arise thereof. Item my will is and I give the rest of my goods to my brother Thomas to distribute and dispose of to my wife or other of my friends and his at his discretion. And I constitute and appoint my said brother Thomas to be my sole executor of this my last will and testament. These being witnesses hereof Laurence Swainson, Robert Swainson and Anthony Foster.

*Settle*

**Roger Swainson 1610 Borthwick v31 f424**

In the name of god Amen the first day of May in the yeare of our lord 1610 I Roger Swainson of Stainford under barghe in the county of Yorke yeoman sicke in body but of good and p'fect remembrance god be praised therefore doe make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I do (by these presentes?) revoke and disanull all former wills by me made before the date her[of] and doe frely commend my soule into the handes of Almightye god my maker and redeemer assuredly trusting to be made partaker of everlasting joyes in heaven by the merits and precious bloudsheddinge of my sweet saviour Jesus Christ And for my body my will is the same be buryed in the parish churchyard of Giggleswick att the discretion of my wife & executrix Item I doe by theis presentes give and bequeath unto Robert Swainson my sonne my messuage or dwelling house in Stainford under barghe aforesaid wherein I nowe dwell and all other my houses Edifices barnes building gardins garthes yards landes meadows closes and other groundes with their appurtenances in Stainford above said nowe in my possession and which I holdeth by lease or leases together with all my dedes writings and evidences concerning the same To have and to hold to the said Robert Swainson and to the Issue of his body lawfully to be begotten for and during all the terme and termes of yeres that I have to come and unspent therein And if it please god my sonne dy haveing noe lawfull issue lyveing att the tyme of his death. Or that he have lawfull yssue dy and none of them be left alyve then I give Devise and bequeath one full moyty or halfe of my said messuages and all other my said houses edifices barnes buildinges garthes gardens yardes landes meadows closes and other groundes with thappurtenances in Stainford aforesaid And of all my said dedes Evidences and wryteinges concerninge the same to Richard the sone of Thomas Carr of Giggleswick aforesaid yoman and to his assignes And the other moytie or halfe of all the said premisses with thappurtenances to Sara Clapham the daughter of Robert Clapham of Feizer and to her assignes for and during all the residue and residues remainder and remainders of the yeares that then shalbe to come and unspent of the said leases provided alwayes that my said sonne and his yssue and the said Richard Carr and Sara Clapham and the assignes of them and either of them shall permit Isabell my nowe wife to enjoy a third parte of all the saide premisses for the terme of forty and one yeares .... next after my decease if shee soe long doe lyve and contynue in her pure widowehead any thing before mentyoned not withstandinge Itm for my goodes my mynde and will is that my debts and funerall expenses be paid out of the whole and that my said wief have her third parte out of the residue accordinge to lawe and Custome of the country And I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Foster my daughter the wief of Richard Foster the some of five markes to be paid unto her if shee be lyveinge att the yeares end next after my decease And to be to her in full recompence of all such childe porcon and claime as she may or can have make or claime out of my goodes and cattells after my decease upon condition that she and her husband upon payment thereof shall seale to my (executors?) ..... all release and acquittances of all actions But yf my said daughter dy before the yeare end next after my decease or that she and her husband will not ... acquittance as before is saide then the said legacy of the fyve markes to be void and my executors to be not charged therewith Itm I give to my grandchild Ellin Atkinson And to my god daughter Ellin Paley either of them a gimber lambe to be delivered att ... next Cominge And for all the rest of my goods I give them wholly to Richard my said sone and I doe hereby appoint and ordaine my said sonne Robert Swainson to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament Theis being witnesses Robert Clapham Thomas Carr and Willim dawson

*Latin text*

*Stainforth  
Giggleswick*

**Thomas Swainson 1607 Borthwick v30 f454**

In the name of god Amen the 22nd day of November in the year of our lord 1607 I Thomas Swainson of Settle in the county of York husbandman sick in body but of perfect remembrance (god be praised therefore) do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to almighty god my maker and redeemer trusting through the merits of Jesus Christ to be made partaker of life everlasting and for my body I will the same be buried in the churchyard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my friends. Also I will that upon my funeral day a dinner shall be bestowed upon my friends and loving neighbours to the number of twenty meals or more at the rate of sixteen pence a meal.

Item whereas my late deceased brother Roger Swainson did by his last will and testament give unto Brian Deane and William Deane children of Richard Deane and unto John Lupton, Christopher Lupton and Elizabeth Lupton the children of William Lupton certain legacies and admitted the same to my government for their uses and for that the said Elizabeth has had least benefit of them all at my hands first I give therefore now first unto her four pounds out of that money which James Walker owes me. And also whereas I did about two days since appoint my now executors and commend trust unto them for the guiding and setting forth of the sum of thirty three pounds and did let them understand in whose hands it was and for what purposes I meant the same, now I declare hereby that my will then was and now is and I give the said sum of thirty three pounds to the said Bryan Deane, William Deane, John Lupton, Christopher Lupton and Elizabeth Lupton equally amongst them in full recompense of their said legacies and of such profit and increase thereof as they should have of me by my said brother Roger's will and my will is that my said executors shall still guide and set forth the said sum and shall pay to every of them their portions thereof with the reasonable increase and profit that shall come thereof when they shall successively accomplish their full ages of 21 years and if the said William or Brian Dean either of them die in their minority my will is the portion of him so dying shall be good the survivor. And if any of Luptons said children die in their minority then the portion or portions to remain to the survivors or survivor.

Item I give twenty shillings to the poor people of this parish to be divided at the discretion of my executors. Item I do give to Elizabeth and Margaret Grane the children of William Grane late of Long Preston deceased either of them ten shillings. Item I give to Marie Paley wife of George Paley ten shillings for her daughter Margaret to be set forth for her use. Item whereas I owe to my sister in law Elizabeth Swainson thirteen shillings four pence due yearly by ten grants in the year till it be paid and that I likewise owe her five shillings six pence due presently I will it shall be all paid unto her within a twelve month next after my decease and I give her ten shillings over and besides what I owe her. Item I give to the children of master Gilbert Watson and of John Kinge every one of them one ewe to be delivered within a year after my decease. Item I give to John Breanand 20s. Item I give to the three executors of this my will every of them six pounds thirteen shillings four pence. Item I give unto Richard Deane my older horse and I forgive him ten shillings of that thirty shillings which he owes me. Item I give unto William Lawson 20s. And for all the rest of my goods, chattels credits and rights whatsoever I give and bequeath them to my sister Isabel Brennand the wife of William Brennand, Margaret Lupton wife of William Lupton, Alice Deane wife of Richarde Dean and the above named Brian Deane, William Deane, John Lupton, Christopher Lupton and Elizabeth Lupton to every of them eight an equal part thereof. And I do make and ordain the said William Brennand and my good friends Robert Cookeson the younger of Settle and John Swainson of Giggleswick yeoman my executors of this my last will and testament. These being Witnesses Richard Deane and William Lawson.

*Settle  
Giggleswicke*

**THOMAS SWAYNSON 1663 Ref. Borthwick, York vol. 46 fol. 261**  
**Transcribed by S.Gordon**

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Swaynson of Rawthmell in the County of yorke yeoman beinge att present sick of body but pfect in Memory blessed be God I doe declare and publish this to be my last will and and (sic) testament in Manner and Forme Followinge Imprimis I give and Rekomend my soul to God my Maker hopinge for a gracious Acceptance in and and (sic) through his deare sonne and my onely saviour Christ Jesus: And my body to be buried in decent Manner as my wife and Friends shall think fitt: And as for my worldly estate I dispose of the same as Followeth My will and mynd is that all my debts and Funerall expenses be payd out of my stocke of quick\* goods: And if they will nott extend to pay the same my minde is that the Remainder be payd out of the profitts of my whole estate My mind is that my Daughter Jennett have Thirty pounds From my sonne John out of my estate within three years after my debts be payd And my will and minde is that my sonne John pay unto my Daughter Jane the sume of Thirty pounds when shee shall accomplish the age of twenty seaven yeares And if shee dye and have no children before shee accomplish the age of twenty seaven years Then my will and mynde is that my sonne John pay tenn pounds more to his sister Jennett, and noe more. I give the one halfe of my husbandry geare to my wife and the other halfe to my sonne John Swainson equally to be devided betwixt them I give all my in sight or household goods within my house to my wife to dispose on as shee thinks good except the tables bedstocks iron Rainges and one Arke Called the lesse ark at Johns bed Feete, My minde is that my sonne John pay unto his two sisters eyther of them Tenn pounds within five years after that his sister Janes portion is due out of the Causey Close: And if eyther of them dye without Children then to pay the other her part and noe more. My minde is that my wife have the one halfe of all my estate except the Causey Close dureing here life imediately after my decease and debts be payd And my sonne John to have the other halfe now viz after my decease and all the Remainder after his Mothers decease, My minde is that my wife have the over parlour and Milke house and Loft overhead dureing (her life) and half of all the other houses And I doe further declare and appoint my wife and my owne sonne Joynt Executors to in as my last will and testament In witnes whereof I have sett to my hand & seale the 10th. day of March 1663: and in the sixteenth yeare of the Raigne of our soveraigne Lord King Charles the second over England etc Thomas Swainson T mark: sealed and delivered published and declared in the presence of Jane Houghton mark Hen. Clark

*\* Quick goods – moveable goods*  
*Rathmell modern spelling*