

**AYRTON THOMAS 1716 Ref. Borthwick vol. 71 fol. 296 mic. 991  
& Inventory original**

In the name of God Amen the twelfth day of January in the year of our Lord God according to the Computation of the Church of Great Britaine One Thousand seven hundred and sixteen I Thomas Ayrton of Stainforth under Bargh in the parish of Gigleswicke in the County of Yorke Yeom being somewhat weak & infirme in body but in sound mind & of perfect memory praised be God for the same Do make & ordaine this my last will & Testament in maner & forme following vizt. First & principally I humbly commend committ my soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping that by the meritts of Jesus Christ his son my Saviour he will receive me into the kingdom of glory and my body I committ to the Earth to be buried in the Church or Churchyard of Gigleswick in such decent and Christian manner as to my Executor hereafter named shall seem meett & convenient and as for the settling of that temporall Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me I do give and dispose thereof as follows Imprimis I give and bequeath unto Anne Lakland of Stainforth under Bargh aforesaid Spinster my Tankard Itm I give & bequeath unto Christopher Metcalfe of the said Stainforth under Bargh Clothier the sume of twenty shillings and after full payment thereof and of my Funerall Expences out of my whole Estate I give and bequeath the Remainder of what nature kind or quality soever and in whose hands soever unto Stephen Harrison of Stainforth under Bargh aforesaid Linnen Weaver And I do hereby make him the said Stephen Harrison sole Executor of this my last will and Testament In Witnesse whereof I the said Thomas Ayrton to this my last will and Testament have sett my hand & seale the day & yeare above written The hand marke of Thomas Ayrton sealed and declared by the said Thomas Ayrton to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of Gilbert Farbridge, Willm Bentham

A true & pfect Inv(ento)ry of the goods & chattells debts & creditts of Thomas Ayrton late of Stainforth under Bargh in the pish of Gigleswick in the County of York Yeom deced made & aprised the 23d day of Jan(uar)y by us whose names are Subscribed Anno Dni 1716.

Impr. His purse & apparell	0	10	0
It. money owing to the testor by bill	6	0	0
It. bedding a chest & a pewter tankard	0	5	0
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totall	6	15	0
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The Testator indebted to Stephen Harrison ) for houseroom & attendance in his sickness)	1	10	0
funerall ) expences)			
A coffin 5s a winding sheet 3s 6d	0	8	6
A diner in his own house	0	15	0
Spent at Gigleswick & Church dues	0	7	10
Some small debts owing by the testor	0	10	6

A legacy given by the testor	1	0	0
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total	4	11	10
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rem	2	3	2
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Thomas Foster )  
 John Browne )  
 Anthony Paleye ) apisers  
 James Foster )

*Giggleswick modern spelling*

**ABBETSON RICHARD 1728 Ref. Borthwick vol. 80 fol. 47 mic. 999**

In the Name of God Amen I Richard Abbetson of Cleatop in the parish of Giggleswick and County of York yeoman do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form Following First and principally I recommend my soul to Almighty God my Gracious Creator and Mercifull redeemer And my Body to the Earth of which it was made to be buried after a decent Manner by my Executor hereafter named And as touching Such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased God to Bestow on Me (after just debts & Funeralls paid I do dispose of the same as Followeth Imprimis I Give and Bequeath unto my son John the summ of Two Hundred and Fifty pounds to be paid to Him when he shall attain the Age of One and twenty years I Give and Bequeath unto my son Robert the Summe of Two Hundred and Fifty pounds to be paid to Him when he shall attain the age of One and twenty years provided yet Nevertheless if their Guardian hereafter Appointed do think Fitt to put out to a Trade or profession these be either of these my sons abovesaid My will in that Case is that He take so much out of the Legacy above bequeathed unto Him as He in his discretion shall think necessary for that use or purpose and at such time as He shall think Fitt It is also my will and Mind that my two said Younger Sons have Commendable Education and such as is suitable unto their rank and Fortune untill the time They receive their Legacies above bequeathed unto Them at the Expençe of my Executors hereafter named Item I give and Bequeath unto my dear and Loving wife Margaret and to my Eldest son Charles their heires Executors & Assignes All my whole Estate both real and personall moveable and immoveable to be equally divided between them, the Legacies above bequeathed unto my two said sons John and Robert only excepted, Item I Constitute and Appoint my said wife Margaret and my said son Charles joynt Executors of this my Last Will and Testament And I do likewise Nominate and appoint my brother John Abbetson Guardian of all my Children above named untill They attain their respective Ages of One and Twenty years In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my Hand and Seal the twenty Fifth Day of April in the year of our Lord God One Thousand seven Hundred and twenty Eight. Richard Abbetson Sealed signed Declared and published by the Testator above named Richard Abbetson to be his Last Will and Testament (having the Words (and at such times as she shall think fitt) Interlined before the Execution in the presence of us William peart Wm Moon Tho: Swainson Emt Junij 1728

**ADDISON ANNE 1731 Inventory    Borthwick Original**

An Inventory of the Goods late of Anne Addison deceased in the hands or Custody of Charles Stewart of Settle Innholder taken the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1731 by us Thomas Naby & Robert Stamper

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Wearing apparell, Bedding Linnen Books Silk &  
Silk Mill# Plate etc.

15            0            0

Tho: Nuby his Mark

Rob: Stamper his Mark

*#Milled silk - mechanically made silk*

**ARMESTEAD ANTHONY 1711 Ref. TNA Prob 11/643**

In the Name of God Amen

I Anthony Armestead of Langcliffe in the County of Yorke Yeoman being weake in body but of perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following First I bequeath my soule into the hands of my most mercifull God in hopes through the merits and mediation of my most Blessed Saviour Christ Jesus to obtaine the free and full pardon of all my sinns and an Eternall salvation and Blessedness in Heaven As for my body I bequeath it to the ground to be buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named in hopes of a blessed Resurrection at the last day As for that worldly Estate God hath graciously given me I give and bequeath all the said Estate both reall and personall whatsoever to my loveing daughter Jennett Clarke for her and her heires forever And I do hereby constitute and appoint my said daughter Jennett Clarke to be sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament And all other Wills formerly by me made I do hereby cancell and make void dated this nineth day of June in the year of our Lord 1711. Anthony Armitstead signed sealed and published in the presence and sight of us Anne Nutt Anne Streete Mich Armestead

**ARMISTEAD ELLEN 1736 Inventory Borthwick Original**

A True and perfect Inventory of the Goods and Chattles Credits of Ellin Armistead of Knight Stainforth in the parish of Giggleswick in the County of York Spinster Deceased. Appraised by us whose names are Subscribed this eight day of may in the Year of our Lord God one Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Six

	li	s	d
Firs Her Purse and Apparell	1	0	0
A Legacy left to her	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Tott	9	0	0

Appraised by us  
Thomas Armitstead  
Wm. Bentham

**ARMISTEAD JAMES 1738 Ref. Borthwick vol. 85 fol. 353 mic. 1005**

In the Name of God Amen the Seventeenth  
Day of November in the Year of our Lord God one thousand Seven hundred and thirty  
three I James Armistead of Knight Stainforth in the parish of Giggleswick in the County  
of York Yeoman being old and infirm in Body but of Sound mind and in perfect  
memory praised be God for it Do make and Declare this my last will and Testament  
in manner and form following, first I Comend my Soul unto God that gave it  
hoping and fully believing that by and through the merits and energy of our Lord  
and Saviour Jesus Christ to receive full and free pardon and remission of all my sins  
and to Inherit the Kingdom of Heaven and my Body I Comit to the Earth of which it  
was made Desireing my Executor hereafter named to interr my Corps in Decent  
and Christian manner in the Church Yard of Giggleswick aforesaid and as near to  
wife as possible can be and as for my Temporal Estate which it hath pleased God to bestow  
on Me I Dispose of the Same as Follows, first it is my will and mind that all my Just  
Debts Legacys and funeral Expences be well and truly paid out of my whole Estate by my  
Executor hereafter named also I Give and Devise all that my Antient messuage house or  
Tenement \scituate/ in Feizor in the Said County of York with all the Lands Grounds hereditaments  
and Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging unto my Son John Armitstead his heirs  
and assignes for Ever or for the Residue and remainder of Such Term or Terms of  
Years as I have in the Same and as for Touching and Concerning all other my Lands  
Grounds and premisses with thappurtenances lying and being within the precincts  
Libertyes or Territories of Feizor aforesaid & Lakeland in the said County of York  
or within the Libertys of Either of them I Give and Devise the Same unto my said Son John  
Armitstead his heirs and assignes for Ever or for the residue or remainder of Such Term or  
Terms of Years as I have in the Same also I Give and Bequeath unto my Son James  
Armitstead the Sume of Eighty pounds to be paid to him as follows, that is to say,  
forty pounds thereof to be paid to him at the End of Twelve months next after my  
Decease and forty pounds \the remainder/ thereof to be paid to him at the End of three Years next  
after  
my Decease and to my \said/ Son James Armistead I Give and Bequeath one pair of Bedstocks  
formerly belonging \to/ his Aunt Ann Standing in my said messuage house at Feizor and  
also one little Arke Standing in the Bodystead Loft Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter  
Isabel Brown the Sum of five pounds to be paid to her within Twelve months after my  
Decease and to margaret Elizabeth Anne Mary and Henry her Children I Give pounds (sic)  
apiece to be paid to them as they attain to their Several Ages of Eighteen Years and if  
any of the said Children Dye before they attain to their Said Age of Eighteen Years then  
my will and mind is that the Legacy of him her or them So Dying Shall be paid Equally  
amongst the Surviving Children Share and Share alike and to my Said Daughter Isabel  
Brown I Give one Feather Bed formerly belonging to her Aunt Ann and as for  
all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate of what nature kind or quallity  
Soever herein before not Disposed off, after payment of my Just Debts Legacys and  
Funerall Expences, I Give and Bequeath the Same unto my Said Son John Armistead  
whom I make ordain Constitute and Appoint Sole Executor of this my last will  
and Testament hereby revoking Disanulling and making void all former and  
other wills and Bequests by me made and Declaring this only to be my last will  
and Testament and no other In Witness whereof I the Said James Armitstead to  
this my last will and Testament have Set my hand and Seal the Day and Year first  
above written, James Armitstead, Sealed Signed published and Declared by the Testator  
to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us, Thomas Armitstead Ellin  
Armitstead William Bentham, This will passed the Seal the 1<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1738

**ARMISTEAD JOHN 1712. Inventory Ref. Borthwick original**

A true and perfect Inventory of all the goods Chattels  
and Credits of John Armistead late of Stainforth under  
Bargh in the parish of Gigleswicke in the County of  
York Husbandman Deceased made and appraised by us  
whose names are hereunder written the twenty fifth  
day of June Anno domini 1712

	li	s	d
Imprimis his purse & Apparrell	00	07	6
Item one little Cottage or house in Stainforth under Bargh	03	13	4
Item one pair of bedstocks with some old bedding thereon	00	06	6
Item in brass & pewter	00	04	6
Item two old Chairs & some old Huslement	<u>00</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>4</u>
	04	16	4

Chr: Brown  
William Foster  
Chr: Metcalfe  
Antho: Paley



**ARMISTEAD JOHN 1723/4**

**Ref. Borthwick WILL vol. 76 fol. 686 mic. 996 & INVENTORY original**

Be it Remembred That this Tenth day of the Twelfth month  
Commonly called February in the year According to the English or  
Brittish Account One Thousand seven hundred & Nineteen or Twenty  
I John Armistead of Giggleswicke in the County of York Yeoman being  
Grown Antient & somewhat Infirme in Body but of sound perfect  
& disposing Memory & Considering the Uncertainty of my time in  
this Mortall state is therefore minded to make publish and  
declare this my last will and Testament in writing of and  
Touching my Temporall Estate both reall and personall all in  
manner & form as is herein hereafter perticularly Expressed  
That is to say First it is my will and mind and I doe hereby  
Give & bequeath unto my dear & Loveing wife the one halfe of  
my Estate in Houses & Land for & dureing the time & Terme of  
her naturall life And alsoe all my Goods both Quick & dead I Give  
to her for Ever Secondly it is my will and mind and I doe  
hereby Give & bequeath the severall Legacies hereafter menconed  
to the severall persons hereafter named (viz) To my son william  
Armistead & his wife and children Each of them One Guinea  
To my son Isaac Armistead and his wife and children Each of them  
two shillings sixpence which my mind is shall with what I have  
Given them before be in full for & of their part and portion out  
of my Estate and I hereby will that at the receiveing of the said  
legacies They Give a sufficient discharge to my Extor hereafter  
named Item I Alsoe Give unto my daughter Margrett Armistead  
the summe of forty pounds to be paid her by my Extor att such  
such (sic) time as is in such proportions as I shall hereafter Express That  
is to say one fourth part thereof att Twelve Months End next  
after my decease & one other fourth part thereof att Two years End  
next after my Decease & Another fourth part, thereof att Twelve  
months End next after the decease of my wife And the last fourth  
part thereof att two years End next after the decease of my  
wife And my mind and will is that if my Extor refuse or  
neglect to pay to my said daughter the above Legacy att the times  
mentioned or any part thereof that it shall be lawfull by  
virtue of this my said last will for my said daughter Margrett  
Armistead or her Assigns to Enter upon have occupy that Close  
Called and known by the name of Bateman Close thereby setting  
it apart for the secureing to her the abovesd Legacy and  
Lastly it is my will and mind and I doe hereby Give devise &  
bequeath unto my son John Armistead and to his heirs and  
Assigns for Ever All my Houses and Edifices Lands and Grounds  
whatsoever and where(soever) chargeing him with the payment  
of all my debts & Legacies and funerall Expences and whome  
I doe hereby nominate Constitute and Appoint whole Extor of  
this my last will and Testament and in witness that what  
is Contained in this sheet of paper is my last will and Testament  
and a full Revocacon of all others I have hereunto sett my hand &  
seal the day and year first above written John Armistead sealed  
signed published and declared to be the last will and Testament  
of the above Testator in the sight & presence of us viz. Matthew  
watkinson Robert Brayshaw Tho: Carr: Ent. 23 Mar 1723

An Inventory of all the Goods and Cattle belonging to John Armistead of Gigleswick deceased  
valued & prised this 2 day of the First Month commonly Called March Annoque Domini 1723 by  
Us whose Names are thereunto Subscribed

	li	s	d
Imprimis His purse & Apparell & riding Furniture	01	0	0
Item One Cow	02	0	0
Item One Cupboard & 1 Table	00	10	0
Item Two Old Arks	00	6	8
Item Three pans	00	5	0
Item Six Old Chairs	00	3	0
Item Wood vessell	00	1	6
Item pewter	00	1	6
Item One Iron pott	00	1	0
Item Bakestone Briggs Reckon Cooke & the rest of the Huslement of the House	00	3	6
Total	04	12	2
Apprisers Names			
Mathew Watkinson			
Rob. Brayshaw			
Rd. Chamberlaine			
Tho. Carr			

**ARMISTEAD RICHARD 1712 Inventory Ref. Borthwick original**

A True and perfect Inventory of the Goods and Chattells  
rights & Credditts which did lately belong to Richard  
Armistead late of Stainforth within the Dyocesse  
of Yorke Yeoman lately deceased made and Appraised  
by us whose Names are hereunder Subscribed this  
Eight day of Aprill Anno Domini 1712

	li	s	d
Imprimis His Purse and Apparrell	01	00	00
One Bedd and Furniture thereunto belonging	01	10	00
One Pair of Loomes	00	7	06
One Chist	00	5	00
One Deske	00	2	6
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Totall	03	5	00

Appraized by us the day and Yeare Above written

Thomas Foster  
Robert Twisleton  
William Foster

In the name of God Amen The  
Eight & twentyeth day of March in the yeare of our Lord God  
1716 I Richard Armistead of Rathmell in the parish of Giggleswick  
and County of Yorke Husbandman infirme & weake in Body but of  
sound & perfect memory praised bee God for the same and Knowing the  
uncertainty of this Life on earth & being desireous to settle things in order  
doe make this my last will & testament in manner & forme Following  
(viz) First I Commend my soule to Almighty God my Creator hoping  
& beleiveing that I shall receive full pardon & remission of all my sins and  
be saved by the precious death & meritts of my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer  
Christ Jesus and my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to bee  
buried in such decent & Christian manner as to my Executor hereafter  
named shall bee thought meet & Convenient And as touching such worldly  
estate as the Lord in Mercy hath lent mee my Will & meaning is the same  
shall bee employed & bestowed as hereafter by this my will is Expressed  
And First I doe Revoke frustrate and make void all wills by mee made  
either by words or writing formerly And I doe declare & appoint this  
my Last will & Testament Imprimis I Give devise & bequeath unto Catherine  
Settle of Swainstead my Loveing Sister The sume of Forty pounds  
To bee paid to her or her Assignes within twelve months after my  
decease by my Executer hereafter named out of my Reall and  
personall Estate and if default bee made in non payment of the  
aforesaid forty pounds of Lawfull British money That then I  
doe order Give devise and bequeath to the said Catherine Settle  
my sister or her Assignes one Little Tenement with the builings  
theiron standing Called & knowne by the name of Becke holme  
And one other parcell of inclosed arrable ground Called Girsman  
dailes and two other parcels of ground the one called Bowne Dike  
& the other dikefoot and my personall estate all Lying & being  
within the Teritoryes of Ruthmell and the said Catherine Settle  
or her assignes to enter to the said severall parcells of Ground and  
personall estate upon such default being made as aforesaid, And  
to have hold occupye & enjoy the same for and during the terme  
or termes of years in being of the said severall parcells ground here  
after mencioned And if noe default bee made in the payment of the said  
Forty pounds by my Executor That then I Give devise & bequeath  
unto John Armistead of Litton my loveing Brother in Consideration  
of the payment of the said forty pounds All my Lands leases and  
Tenant right in Rathmell & all my personall Estate whatsoever  
Except one joynd Chist standing att Swainstead which I have  
allready given to my sister Catherine Settle & lastly I order nominate  
& apoint John Armistead my Brother whole Executor of this my  
last will & testament hee paying my just debts & funerall expences  
Richard Armistead Sealed Signed published declared in the sight  
and presence of Stephen Carr Christopher Ibbetson Thomas Taylor

**Richard Armitstead of Swainstead 1717**

Transcribed by Mary Slater

A true and perfect Inventory of the Goods & Chattells of Richard Armitstead of Swainstead late deced by us whose names are hereunto Subscribed the Twenty eight day of November Anno Dni 1717.

	li	s	d
Impris his purse & apparrell	05	00	00
Itm one Mare	00	15	00
Itm one young Mare & Colt	04	00	00
Itm one Cart & wheels & one Coup	01	00	00
Itm in wheel Timber	00	05	00
Itm in plow & Gears	00	10	00
Itm one Chest	00	10	00
Itm in forkes Rakes & other things	00	03	04
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Totall	12	03	04
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Stephen Carr  
 James Haughton  
 Henry Brown his m(ar)ke  
 William Bankes

**ARMISTEAD ROBERT 1747 Inventory Borthwick Original**

An Inventory of the Goods & Chattels of Robert Armistead Deceased

	l	s	d
To wit Twenty Tanned Hides	10	0	0
Twenty four Calf Skins	3	12	0
Five Kipps	1	15	0
	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>

Robert Armistead

Thos. Twisleton

**ARMITSTEAD HENRY 1745/6 Ref. Borthwick vol. 90 fol. 23 mic. 1009**

In the name of God Amen I Henry Armitstead of Langcliffe in the County of York Yeoman do make this my last Will & Testament in manner following First I will that all my just debts & funerall Expences be fully paid & satisfied Also I Give & devise unto Catherine my wife my messuage or Tenement in Langcliffe aforesd called Hopehill with its rights members & Appurtenances unto Catherine my wife for & during the term of her natural Life and from & immediately after her decease then I give & Devise unto William Stead my son in Law the sd. messuage or Tenement with the Appurtenances To hold to him his Exececutors administrators & Assignes for such Term & number of years as I have therein Also I give unto Easter Stead Sister of the sd William Stead five pounds to be paid by the sd. William Stead when he shall enter into the possession of the premises hereinbefore devised unto him And I do hereby subject & charge the sd. premises to & with the payment thereof Also I give to the sd. Wm Stead All my household Goods whatsoever on this Condition nevertheless that he permit my sd. Wife to have the use & benefit thereof for her Life All the rest residue & remainder of my personal Estate & Effects whatsoever I give unto my sd. Wife And I do hereby appoint my sd. Wife Exc. of this my Will In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of february in the year of our Lord 17.... Henry Armitstead. Sealed signed published & declared by the sd. Henry Armitstead for his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request Subscribed our names as witnesses thereto the Erasure being made Jno. Lister R. Barnard Chris. Pickard past the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1745

**ARMITSTEAD ISABEL 1738**

**Ref. Borthwick WILL vol. 85 fol. 354 mic. 1005 & INVENTORY original**

In the Name of God Amen the twenty Seventh Day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and thirty Eight I Isabel Armitstead of Stainforth under Bargh in the parish of Giggleswick in the County of York widow being old and infirm in Body but of Sound and Disposing mind and memory praised be God for it Do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following first and principally I Commit my Soul into the mercifull hands of Almighty God my Heavenly Father assuredly trusting thro the Death and precious merits of my Ever Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ to receive full and free pardon and remission of all my Sins and my Body in hopes of a Joyful Resurrection I Comit to the Earth to be Buried at the Discretion of my Executrix hereafter named and as for my Temporall Estate I Give Devise and Bequeath (my will) as follows first I Give Devise and bequeath all that my Barn or laythe and little house adjoining on the south end thereof called the (Bowkhouse) standing at or near the fulling mill Dam in Stainforth aforesaid with the appurtenances unto my neece Elizabeth Bradley of Thornton in Craven in the County of York widow her Executors Administrators and assignes paying there =out unto Elizabeth peart Wife of William peart of Grassington my niece and to my niece Jane peart of Grassington aforesaid in the County of York and to Esther Tyndale Sister of the above named Elizabeth Bradley and also unto Isabel Hamond of Helwith Bridge five Shillings apiece also I Give Devise and Bequeath unto my before mentioned Niece Jane peart her Executors Administrators and assignes all that my little inclosed parcell of Ground lying at the Town End of Stainforth the aforesaid Comonly called the Croft purchased by me of John Armitstead late of Giggleswick aforesaid Schoolmaster Deceased As for all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate herein before not Disposed of I Give and bequeath the same unto my above named Niece Jane Peart and Do make her Sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the Day and Year first above written, The hand mark of Isabel Armitstead. Sealed Signed published and Declared by the Said Isabel Armitstead to be her last will and Testament in the presence of Richard Corner William Bentham. This will passed the Seal the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1738

A True and perfect Inventory of all & singular the Goods Chattles & Credits of Isabell Armitstead late of Stainforth under Bargh in the parish of Giggleswick in the County of York Widow deceased Made & Apprized by us whose names are subscribed this nineteenth Day of October in the Year of our Lord 1738

Her purse & apparell	1	0	0
Her Credits or Money owing to the Deceased	8	0	0
a little parcell of Leasehold Land	2	10	0
a Long Settle & Dresser & Glass Case with Chairs & ) pewter in the House )	0	15	0
Two pair of Bedstocks with Bedding	1	15	0
a press long Table 2 Boxes with other small ) Huslement )	1	5	0
		<u>15</u>	<u>5 0</u>



Apprized by us  
Tho: Redmayne  
Wm. Bentham

**ARMITSTEAD JAMES of AYNLEY 1710 Ref. Borthwick, vol. 68 fol 11 mic. 989  
& Inventory original**

In the name of God Amen this Seaventh day of March In the Yeare of our Lord One thousand Seaven hundred  
& Tenn I James Armitstead of Aynley in the parish of Gigleswicke & County of Yorke yeoman, being somewhat infirme & weake in body  
but of sound perfecte & disposing memory (praised bee God for the same) & knowing the uncertainty of this life on earth & being  
desireous to setle things in order, doe make this my last Will and Testament in manner & forme following (That is to say) First  
& principally I commend my Soule to Almighty God my Creator, assuredly beleiveing that I shall receive full pardon & free  
remission of all my sinns & bee saved by the precious death & meritts of my blessed Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ  
& my body to the earth from whence it was taken to bee buried in such decent & Christian manner as to my Executrix  
hereafter named shall bee thought meet & convenient And as touching such worldly estate as the Lord in mercy hath  
lent me My Will & mind is the same shall be employed & bestowed as hereafter in & by these presents is expressed &  
declared Item it is my Will & mind that all my Just debts & funerall expences bee paid by my Executrix hereafter  
named Item it is my Will & mind & I doe hereby give & bequeath unto my eldest sonn Robert Armitstead & to his heires  
Executors administrators & assignes All those Closes or Inclosures of ground called the Riddings \with one Barne thereon standing/ One parcell of Land lyeing on Thornber  
& one litle Close called the Butt Provided my said sonn Robert doe pay unto Agnes my wife the Summe of Five pounds  
& Tenn Shillings Yearely & every Yeare dureing the Terme of her naturall life the first payment to begin within  
Six Months next after my decease & it is further my Will & mind that if my said sonn Robert shall not well &  
truely pay the said Yearely Summe of five pounds & Tenn Shillings to my said wife that my said wife shall have  
& enjoy the said Closes & parcells of Land dureing the Terme of her naturall life And after her decease it is  
my Will & mind that my said sonn Robert shall have & enjoy the said Closes & parcells of Land above mencioned  
Provided hee pay unto my Six children James, Joseph, Ellen, Jennitt, Elizabeth & Margery the Summe of One hundred pounds  
of Currant money within Twelve Months next after their Mothers decease (That is to say) to my Sonns James & Joseph each  
of them Tenn pounds & to my daughters Ellen, Jennit, Elizabeth & Margery each of them Twenty pounds & if it shall  
happen that my said Sonn Robert shall & doe refuse to pay the said Summe of One hundred pounds as is above  
mencioned or any parte thereof as aforesaid that then it is my Will & mind that my said children or such of them as

shall want their sd. Legacy or portion shall enter to & enjoy the above mentioned Closes called Riddings the parcel of Land lying on Thornber & the said Close called the Butt & shall have full power by virtue of this my Will & Testament to sell & dispose of the same to their best benefit & advantage & that my said Son Robert shall not have or claim any manner of right or title thereto And I do hereby give unto my son Robert Twenty Shillings to be paid by my Executrix hereafter named Item I do hereby give & bequeath unto my son James Armitstead & to his heirs Executors administrators & assigns All that Mansion or dwelling house in Settle wherein Thomas Tomlinson doth now dwell with all Stables Gardens & other appurtenances thereunto belonging & alsoe One Barne standing in Over Settle One parcel of arable Land lying in the Northfeild containing by estimation One Acre, One other parcel of Land lying on Goldy Lands & one little Close called Peter Close lying at Over Settle: ends here paying out of the Same the Summe of Tenn pounds to my daughter Ellen within Twelve Months next after my decease & for want of payment thereof it is my Will & mind that my said daughter shall have & enjoy sell or dispose of the sd. parcel of Land lying on Goldylands & the little Close called Peter Close. Item it is my Will & mind & I do hereby give & bequeath unto my son Joseph & to his heirs Executors administrators & assigns All that Mansion or dwelling house in Settle aforesaid wherein Henry Haydocke doth now dwell with all Barns Stables & other appurtenances thereunto belonging And alsoe all that Close or Inclosure of meadow ground called the High:brow alias Buttery containing by estimation One Acre Item it is my Will & mind & I do hereby alsoe give & bequeath unto my daughters Elizabeth & Margery All that & soe much herbage & grasseing on Banks high Sckarr & Scaleber as doth & may proportionably belong & appertaine unto Thirteene Shillings & four pence Antient Rent And alsoe all that parcel of Land lying on Eddlestone Banke containing by estimation One Acre Item I do hereby give & bequeath unto my daughter Jennit the Summe of Twenty Shillings to be paid by my Executrix hereafter named within Twelve months next after my decease. And it is further my Will & mind that if it shall happen that any of my sd. children shall dye & depart this life before their sd. Legacy or Childs portion shall be come due that his her or their Legacy or Childs portion shall be equally divided amongst all the rest of my sd. children as shall be then living Item it is my Will & mind & I do hereby give & bequeath unto Agnes my wife (after all my Just debts Legacys & funerall expences be paid) all my Goods Cattles Chattles debts & credits whatsoever not herein before given & bequeathed & do hereby appoint my said wife sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament revoking & by these presents disannulling & making void & of none effect all former & other Will & Wills Testament & Testaments whatsoever by me heretofore formerly made or declared either in words or writing & I do hereby publish & declare this only to

bee my last Will & Testament. In wisse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the day & Yeare above Written

James Armitstead

Sealed Signed published & declared  
in the presence of  
Agnes Armitstead  
Mary \her marke/ Leece  
Mar: Richardson

*The following Inventory has the name Frances on it but was in the same folder at the archive as the will for James. Both were originals. As there is no reference to a Frances Armitstead in the Giggleswick Parish Registers, nor anyone in the family with that christian name, it has been decided to include the Inventory with the will of James.*

A true Inventory of the Goods and Chattalls and  
Creditts of Frances Armistead of Aynley in the dioces  
of Yorke Yeoman deceased praised by us whose names are  
Subscribed the 12<sup>th</sup>. day of March 1711

	li	s	d
Inprimis his purse and Apparele	3	0	0
Item goods in the parlor 1 litle table 3 Chaires 2 Stoolls	0	5	6
Item goods in the body of the house 2 litle tables one Cuboard 1 pott backstone & briggs tongs toasting iron	01	8	0
Chafeing dish dripping pan & a Spitt	0	5	0
Item Wood vessell	0	18	0
Item pewder	0	10	0
Item pans	0	12	0
Item Chists & a litle Cuboard	0	5	0
Item a Salting tub 1 litle Arke	0	10	0
Item 2 beds & bedding	0	13	4
Item bed & bedding more	2	0	0
Item Meale & Malt	0	12	0
Item beefe and bacon	0	10	0
Item Linnen	0	6	0
Item Sacks	0	10	0
Item Carts Coope and Wheeles	0	15	0
Item oates & barley	0	10	0
Item hay	0	2	0
Item 2 Ladders & Iron forkes	7	10	0
Item three Cowes	6	0	0
Item four Stirks	1	10	0
Item three Calves	2	10	0
Item two old Mares	0	3	0
Item plow geare	3	0	0
Item Sheepe	0	10	0
Item all huslements	34 :	13;	10

Tho: Serjanson Will: Shacleton  
Rob: Armistead Christofer Armistead



**ARMITSTEAD JOHN 1747 Ref. Borthwick vol. 90 fol. 188 mic. 1009**

In the name of God Amen I John Armitstead of  
Stainforth under Bargh in the parish of Giggleswick and County of York Slater being Sick and  
Weak of Body but of sound mind & perfect Memory praised be God for the same & Calling to  
remembrance the Uncertainty of Life & Certainty of Death & that all flesh must yield to Death  
When it please God to Call Do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament this Fifth day of...  
the year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred & Forty Seven First I Commend my ...  
Almighty God my Creator & mercifull Redeemer hoping & fully believing that I shall receive full  
& ....  
& remission for all my Sins and my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in  
such  
decent & Christian manner as to my Executrix hereafter named shall be thought meet & convenient  
and as for the Settling of my Worldly Estate I Give & dipose of the same as follows First is my Will  
& mind that all my just Debts as shall be owing by me at the time of my decease as Also the  
charges of  
my Funeral be well & truly paid in Convenient time after my Decease Also I Give & I Give (sic) &  
..... all that  
Mansion or Dwelling House scituate in Stainforth aforesaid wherein I now Dwell & half of the  
Garden lying  
on the back \..../ side of a House wherein James Stockdale did formerly dwell unto my Son  
Christopher Armitstead  
his Executors Administrators & Assigns for such Term or Number of Years as shall be unspent & to  
come therein  
Also I Give and Devise all that my Barn or Laythe Scituate in Stainforth aforesaid adjoining on the  
East End  
of a Dwelling house One Mary Harrison doth now dwell with one little Garden lying on the North  
side  
thereof unto my said Son Christopher Armitstead his Executors Administrators & Assigns for such  
Term or  
number of years as shall be unspent & to Come therein Also I Give & Devise all that Mansion or  
Dwelling  
House Scituate in Stainforth aforesaid where one Jane Carr did last dwell & which I purchased of  
....  
Harling and the other half of the afore mentioned Garden unto my loving wife Grace Armitstead &  
her  
Assignes for & During the Term of her natural Life & from & immediately after the decease of my  
said wife then I Give & Devise the Same unto my said Son Christopher Armitstead his Executors  
Administrators & assignes for such Term or Number of Years as shall then be unspent & to Come  
therein  
my said Son Christopher Armitstead his Executors Administrators or Assignes paying thereout unto  
my  
Two Daughters Isabell & Margaret Armitstead Forty shillings apeice within the Space of Twelve  
months  
next after the Decease of my said Wife, Also whereas I am Lawfully possessed of interested in &  
well  
Intituled for the Remainder of a Term of One Thousand Years unto all those \several/ Closes or  
parcellls of Ground all  
Adjoyning one unto another commonly Called Known & Distinguished by the several names of  
Whitbeck  
& Whitbeck Lands the Over Close the over Close head & the Brow lying & being within the  
Township of

Stainforth aforesaid, Now my Will & Desire is that my said Wife shall sell such & so much of the said Lands parcels of Ground or premisses as may raise Moneys sufficient for the payment & Discharge of my debts & Funerall Charges what as my personal Estate shall fall short & not Extend to pay & after (touching) & Concerning the remainder of my Lands then Remaining Unsold, I Give & Devise the same unto my said Wife Son Christopher Armitstead & my said two Daughters Isabell & Margaret Armitstead their Executors Administrators & Assignes equally amongst them for such Term or number of Years as shall then be unspent to come therein or in any part or parcel thereof And I do hereby make ordain Constitute & Appoint my Loving Wife Grace Armitstead Sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament to whom I Give & Bequeath the Remainder of my Estate herein before not Disposed of In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the day & Year first above written The hand mark of John Armitstead Sealed Signed published & Declared by the said John Armitstead to be his last Will & Testament in the presence of us These words (Equally Amongst them) in the Sixth line from the bottom being first interlined) before the Executrix thereof John Brayshay Tho: Stackhouse Wm. Bentham passed Seal Nov .....1747

**ARMITSTEAD JOHN 1751 Borthwick original**

In the name of God Amen I John Armitstead of Stainforth Underbargh in the parish of Giggleswick in the County of York Butcher being in good health and of sound and perfect memory (praise be to Almighty God for the same) do make and publish this my last Will and Testament revokeing and makeing voyd all former Wills heretofore made by me I recommend my Soule to Almighty God hoping for a blessed resurreccion to life eternall by and through the merits and intercession of our Saviour Jesus Christ And my body to be decently buryed at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named And as to my worldly affairs I dispose thereof in manner following first I give to my son Thomas Armitstead Twenty pounds part of a Bond of sixty pounds penalty Conidshoned for the payment of Thirty pounds by Christopher Stackhouse of Winskill Also my Will is that the Ten pounds remainder of the said Thirty pounds shall be continued in the hands of the said Christopher Stackhouse allso I give to my Grandson John Geldard five pounds Allso my Will is that my daughter Alice Armitstead shall have the Interest of the Thirty pounds above mentioned payed by the said Christopher Stackhouse at four parterly payments yearly and every year untill such time as my said son Thomas shall receive the Twenty pounds part of the said Thirty pounds before devised to him And when my said son Thomas shall receive the said Twenty pounds that he shall give good security for payment of the Interest thereof to my said daughter Alice qarterly yearly and every year during her naturall life and for want of sufficient security the said Twenty pounds to be continued in the hands of the said Christopher Stackhouse and he to pay the interest thereof to my said daughter Alice yearly and quarterly as aforesaid Allso my Will is that my said son Thomas shall have Fifteen pounds to be distributed amongst his Creditors share and share alike prpocionably to theyr respective debts but if all his Creditors shall not agree to take their propoticons what ever the same shall amount to I do hereby order that my Executors shall dispose of the said Fifteen pounds to such uses as I shall appoynt by writeing under my hand to be delivered to them Allso I give to my daughter Elizabeth Foster five shillings Allso I give to my said son Thomas Armitstead all my goods Cattle Chattells and personall Estate whatsoever not herein before disposed he paying and dischargeing my Just debts and funerall expences out of the same And I do hereby make and appoynt Craven Baccon and boath (sic) of Stainforth aforesaid Executors in trust of this my last Will and Testament hoping they will see the same duely performed according to the intent and meaning hereof and the trust reposed in them allowing and deducting all such reasonable charges as they shall expend and lay out upon the account of this my Will to which I have put my hand and Seal this Tweny day of May one Thousand seaven hundred and Fifty one Seal'd signed and published by the said John Armitstead as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us

William Foster

Thomas \the hand mark of/ (Per)cell

Ann\thehand mark of / Baccon

John \mark/ Arm (*est of signature  
Obliterated by seal*)



**ARMITSTEAD THOMAS 1737/8 Ref. Borthwick vol. 85 fol. 504 mic. 1005**

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Armitstead of Knight Stainforth in the parish of Giggleswick in the County of York Batchelor being old and infirm in body but of sound mind and perfect memory praised be God for it do make this my last Will and Testament this twenty fifth Day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven First I commend my Soul into the merciful Hands of almighty God my Creator hoping and fully believing that by the merits of Jesus Christ his Son my Saviour he will receive it into his Kingdom of Glory and my Body I commit to the Earth to be buried in such decent and Christian manner as to my Executor hereafter named – shall be thought meet and convenient And as for the settleing of – my worldly Estate I do hereby give devise and bequeath the same - as follows And first it is my Will and mind that all my just Debts (if any) Legacies and Funeral Expences be first paid out of my whole Estate by my Executor hereafter named Also I give devise and bequeath all that my Close or Inclosure of pasture Ground lying and being within the Township of Stainforth there commonly called or known by the Name of Goascarn with its Rights Members and Appurtenances unto my Nephew John Armitstead of Knight Stainforth aforesaid Yeoman his Executors Administrators and Assigns for all the Rest Residue and Remainder of such Term or Number of Years as shall at my Decease be unspent and to come therein. Also I give and bequeath unto my Godson John Armitstead of Austwick the sum of twenty pounds and to my other Godson John Knipe Son of William Knipe of Austwick aforesaid the sum of three pounds Also I give and bequeath unto my Sister Ellin Armitstead the sum of forty Shillings and to my Nephew James Armitstead of Knight Stainforth aforesaid I give \the?/ Sum of Forty Shillings Also I give and bequeath unto my Nephew Daniel Armitstead Son of my late Brother Francis Armitstead deceased the Sum of thirty Shillings and to my Neice Isabel Brown wife of John Brown of Swainstead the sum of five pounds and also to my Neice Alice Burton Wife of John Burton of Clapham the sum of three pounds All which said Legacies I will and order that they be paid to the persons respectively their Executors Administrators or Assigns at the End of seven years next after my Decease out of my real Estate by my Executor hereafter named All the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Estate of what nature kind or quality soever herein before not disposed of (after payment of my just Debts (if any) Legacies and Funeral Expences) I give and bequeath the same unto my said nephew John Armitstead of Knight Stainforth aforesaid whom I make ordain constitute and appoint sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hoping that he will duely perform the same In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day and Year first above written. Thomas Armitstead. Sealed signed published and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us John Hargreaves Thomas Baines his mark Wm. Bentham This will passed the Seal the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of February 1737

**ASHTON Jane 1731 Inventory Borthwick Original**

A valuation of the Goods & Chattell of Jane Ashton late Deceased Wife of George Ashton of Skipton made by us this Eighth day of September 1731

	Li	s	d
Title to a Small parcell of Leasehold	4	0	0

Valued by us

John Birtwhistle

Sam: Cotton

**ATKINSON GEORGE 1703 Ref.Borthwick. Jul 1703 mic 1815  
& Inventory original**

Be it Remembered that on the 8<sup>th</sup>. day of the third month commonly called May in the year according to the English Account one Thousand Seaven hundred & one I George Atkinson of Romehouses in the parish of Gigleswicke & County of York yeoman being weak of body but of sound And perfect disposing mind & memory prayed be God for the Same doe make & ordain this my last will & testament in Manner & form following: And first principally I committ & Recommend my soul into the Mercifull hands of Almighty God my Creator in a sure & certain hope of Redemption & Salvation through Jesus Christ my Redeemer & my body to Christian burial in such sort as shall seem good to my Executor hereafter Named And as to that temporall Estate which God hath given me I give & bequeath the same as followeth

Imps. It is my will & mind & I doe hereby give unto my son John all my share & part in all my houses & Lands at Rome & alsoe all my part in the parson close & two Longridge closes soe called: It I give & bequeath unto my said son John all my share & part of my land in Gigleswick field or Elsewhere & alsoe all my share & part of all the goods Cattel & household stuff both quick & dead (Except one bed well furnished with clothes, which I give to my wife, & one bed furnished with clothes which I give to my son James) upon Condition that he pay to my son William the Summe of Thirty pounds within a year after my decease & to my daughter Mary the summe of Twenty pounds, It. to my daughter Margret the summe of Eighteen poundes, & to my daughter Anne the summe of Eighteen poundes, & to my daughter Elizabeth Hall or her children the summe of Forty Shillings, & to my son in law Willyam Oddy or his Children the summe of Forty Shillings All these Legacies, I doe give in the full Lieu & behalfe of all their particular childs part & portion in or to any part of my Estate in barr thereof, & not otherwise, & I doe order my said son John to pay the same within a year after my decease: It I Give & bequeath unto my wife Anne the third part of all my Estate according to the Custome of our Country, in Lieu & barr of any other part or share therein: Lastly, all the Rest & Residue of my Lands houses goods Cattells et Chattells whatsoever I give & Bequeath to my said son John whom I order & Appoint to be sole Executor of this my last will & Testament hereby Revokeing all other Wills & Testaments by me formerly made: In Wittness whereof I hereunto putt my hand & seal the day & year first above written Sealed signed & declared to be the Last Will & Testament of the above said Testator in the sight & presence of us vizt.

Tho:Carr jurat

His mark

his mark

George A Atkinson

Willyam X Atkinson  
John Moore

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An Inventory of the Goods & Chattels of George Atkinson  
late of Rome houses in the parish of Giggleswick & County of  
York deceased, valued & Apprized by us whose names are  
subscribed, the 4.<sup>th</sup>. day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Month commonly called June  
Anno Domini 1703

	li	s	d
Imps. His Apparrel & Monie in his purse	3	0	0
It. One Mare & Rideing furniture	4	0	0
It. Three Cowes & Two Heiffers	10	10	0
It. Three Steers & one Calf	8	5	0
It. Carts & Wheels & other Husbandry Geer	1	10	0
It. His part of the household goods within the house	2	10	0
It. Meal & Malt, Beef & Bacon, with other household provision	4	10	0
	<u>34</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

Apprized by us as abovesaid  
Thomas Carr  
Tho: Carr  
William Atkinson  
John Moore

**ATKINSON ISAAC 1719 Ref. Borthwick vol. 74 fol. 119 mic. 993**

In the name of God Amen I Isaace Atkinson  
late of Stockdill in the parish of Giggleswick and County of yorke yeoman  
being infirme & weake in body but of sound & disposing memory praised  
be God for the same & Considering the Incertainty of Life & certainty of death doe  
this present Twenty first day of June in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand  
seven Hundred and Nineteen Make publish & declare This my last Will and  
Testament in manner and forme following And first & principally I Recommend  
my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping thro the death of Jesus  
Christ my Redeemer my sins will be forgiven mee and as for my body I Commit the  
same to the earth to bee buried in such decent and Christian manner as to my Execs.  
hereafter named shall be thought meet & convenient And as touching such worldly  
estate as the Lord in mercy hath lent me my will and mind is the same shall bee employed  
and bestowed as hereafter is Expressed & declared first it is my will and mind  
that all my just debts Legacys and funerall Expences bee paid by my Executors  
hereafter named Item I give and bequeath unto my Nephew Richard Atkinson  
& to his Execs or Admes one house and one Garden Scituate in Malham in the  
County of yorke and halfe a Cattlegate in a stinted pasture Called Cowden with-  
in the said Townshipp of Malham Item I give to Eliz: Daughter of Willim Coates of  
Malham Tenn shillings and to Tow other Daughters of Wm Coates Five shilling  
a peice and to Two Children of Mr Richard Atkinson (viz) Willm and Mary Atkinson  
Each Five shilling Item I give unto the Poor of Setle Twenty Pound to bee put  
out by William Birkbeck And Richard Chamberlaine for their Euse and the Income  
thereof to be given yearly to the poore of Setle by the sd. Wm. Birkbeck and Richd  
Chamberlaine and the Heires of them for ever Item I doe alsoe give and bequeath  
unto Richard Chamberlaine of Setle Twenty five shillings for assisting my other Executor  
hereafter named in the Collecting of my just debts and other Cares about my businesse  
and it is my will and mind that my other Executor shall pay unto the said Richard  
Chamberlaine all such charges and Expences as hee shall Expend pay or bee put  
unto about my businesse All the Remainder of my Estate whatsoever Reall or personall  
after the payment of my just debts Legacys & funerall Expences discharged I give  
unto my Nephew Richard Atkinson And I doe hereby Appoint the said Richd Atkinson  
and the sd Richd Chamberlaine in trust with the sd Richard Atkinson to bee joynt Execs  
of this my Last will and Testament Revokeing and makeing void and of none  
effect all former will & wills whatsoever by me heretofore formerly made In Witness  
whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal the said 21 day of June 1719 I further  
give unto Mary Wilson of Stackhouse tenn shillings haveing omitted mencon it before  
Isaac Atkinson sealed signed Published and Declared by the Testator to be the  
last will & Testamt. in the presence of and Attested in the presence of and at the desire  
of the Testator by us this Mary Wilson of Stackhouse ten shillings is declared to be  
part of this will before the sealeing. Hugh Hall Henry Haydock John Lawson

**ATKINSON JAMES 1742**

**Ref. Borthwick WILL vol. 87 fol. 715 mic. 1007 & INVENTORY original**

Be it Remembred that I James Atkinson of Brackenber in the parish of Giggleswick and County of York Yeoman being somewhat infirme in Body but of Sound and perfect disposing Mind &

Memory Bless the Lord Therefore and considering the Uncertainty of my time in this Mortal State Am therefore Minded to make publish and declare this my last Will & Testament in Writeing in manner and form

following That is to Say First and principally I Commit and Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty

God my maker Stedfastly hopeing Through the Merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer

to Receive free pardon and Remission of all my Sins and my Body to be Buried in a decent and Christian manner by my Executrix hereafter named And as touching my Outward and temporal Estate I do will devise and dispose thereof as followeth First I give devise and bequeath unto my dear and loving Wife Susana

Atkinson all my houses and lands as Bracenber with their Appurtenances Together with all my right in Sandforth Brow To have and to hold to her and her Assigns for and during the whole time and term of her Natural

life And after the Expiration thereof It is my Will and mind to dispose thereof as followeth That is to Say all my right Title and Interest whatsoever that I have in Sandforth Brow I give and bequeath unto my Son George to have and to hold unto him his Executors Administrators and Assigns for all such Term and Number

of Years as I have therein He paying out thereof unto my Son William the Sum of eight pounds at the End of

Twelve Months next after the decease of my Wife And I give unto my Son Joseph All my houses and Lands

at Brackenber with their Appurtenances to have and to hold unto him and to his heirs and Assigns for ever

Hereby Willing and ordering him to pay out thereof unto my said Son William the Sum of Six pounds at the End of two years next after the Decease of my Wife Item all my goods both Quick and dead whatsoever

and wheresoever together with all the residue and Remaining part of my Estate I give and bequeath unto my said loving Wife Susana Atkinson whom I hereby Nominate constitute and Appoint Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament And In Witness that what is contained in this half sheet of paper is my last

Will and Testament and a full and clear Revokeation of all former and other Wills of what Kind and Nature soever I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal This Twenty Eight day of the fifth month Comonly Called July in the Year One thousand seven hundred and Forty two – James Atkinson – Signed Sealed published and declared to be the last Will and Testament of the above named James Atkinson in the Sight of us who at his request have hereunto Subscribed our Names James Sigswek Thomas Carr Thos Carr (sic) – passed the Seal 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1742

An Inventory of all the Goods and Chattell of James Atkinson of Braikenber In the Parish of Giggleswick and Diocess of York Late deceased vallued and Apprized This Thirteenth day of September 1742 By us whose names are hereunto subscribed

	£	s	d
Imprimis his purse and Apparell	01	= 01	= 00
An old cow and a parcel of Hay	03	= 00	= 00
Itt Goods in the Parlor viz			
one pair of Bedstocks Bedding belonging hereunto and some			

Itt	other odd things	02 = 00 = 00
Itt	Goods in the Bodystead viz one Clock one dresser Glasscase and pewter thereon and Tables Chairs and Stools	02 = 01 = 00
Itt	Goods in the Chamber viz one pair of Beddstocks and Bedding Two Chests a Chair and a spinning wheel	01 = 00 = 00
Itt	Pans Bake Stone Recon Crooks & Tongs and the Rest of the Huselments of the House	00 = 10 = 00
Itt	Turves	00 = 05 = 00
	£	09 17 0

Apprazors names  
James Sigswek  
Wlliam Tyson  
George Atkinson  
George Atkinson Junior

**ATKINSON JOHN 1744/5 Ref. Borthwick vol. 89 fol. 296 mic 1008**

In the name of God Amen I John Atkinson of Roomehouses  
in the Parish of Giggleswick in the County of York Yeoman being sick in body but of perfect  
memory  
praised be Almighty God for the same do make this my last Will and Testament revoking and  
making void all other former Wills whatsoever First I commit my Soul to Almighty God my Maker  
trusting through his Mercy and by the Mediation of Jesus Christ my Redeemer my Sins will be  
pardoned and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter mentioned  
And as for my Temporal Estate I give and dispose of the same as followeth First I will give and  
devise  
unto my Son George Atkinson the Messuage house wherein I now dwell with the Orchard Gardens  
Buildings and Appurtenances thereunto belonging to whom also I give and devise all my Arable  
Meadow and Pasture Ground Cattlegates in stinted Pasture Commons and Common of Pasture  
Moor  
mosses Turbary of what name or nature soever the same are called or known scituate lying and  
being within the Township of Giggleswick or elsewhere within the County of York aforesaid with  
their Appurtenances to have and to hold to him the said George Atkinson his Executors  
Administrators  
and Assignes for and during all such term terms and numbers of years as shall be unspent and to  
come  
in the same or any part or parcell thereof at the time of my decease Also I give and devise unto my  
said son George Atkinson all my quick and dead Goods and Personall Estate of what kind soever he  
paying unto my Daughter Ann Wildman the sum of ten pounds and to my Daughter Mary  
Kendal the sum of five pounds and to my Son John Atkinson the sume of five pounds within twelve  
months next after my Decease Also it is my will and mind that my loving Wife Alice shall have the  
Parlour in the Near end of my Dwellinghouse to live in during her naturall life with a peice or  
part of the lower garden for her own use and liberty to use fire fewel for her own use And I do  
hereby  
make and appoint my Said Son George Atkinson sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament  
to which I have put my hand and seal this third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand  
seven hundred and forty four – John Atkinson – Signd seald and published by the above mentioned  
John Atkinson to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us Anthony Carr Ann Atkinson  
T. Lawson – This Will passed the Seal the 3<sup>d</sup> day of January.....



**ATKINSON MOSES 1709 Ref. Borthwick original**

A true & perfect Inventory of all & Singular the Goods Quick & dead of late Moses Atkinson of Stockdale within the parish of Giggleswick within the Dioces of Yorke, who died Intestate Made & appraized this Seventeenth day of May Anno domini (*latin text*) 1709

	li	s	d
Imprimis His purse & apparel	01	00	00
It One white Mare, one Colt & one foal	01	10	00
It Eight Cows, one stirk & one Calf	18	10	00
It Husbandry Gear	00	06	08
It three pans	00	07	06
It one bed & bedding	00	15	00
It five pewter Spoons & two pewter dishes	00	01	02
It two Chesfats & five piggins & half a dozen trenchers	00	00	07 <sup>1/2</sup>
It one Chest	00	05	00
	Total	22	15 11 <sup>1/2</sup>
Debts owing by the Intestate	03	00	00

William Preston

Robert Thomas

Isaac Atkinson    Richard Akinson

## ATKINSON WILLIAM 1704 Will & Inventory Ref. Borthwick original

In the Name of God Amen the fourth day of the fifth Month commonly called July, in the year according to the English account one Thousand Seaven hundred & four, I William Atkinson Senior of Rome houses in the parish of Giggleswick & County of York, Yeoman, being well stricken in years but of sound & perfect mind & memory prayed be Almighty God for the Same doe make this my last will & Testament in manner & form following, hereby revokeing & makeing void all other Wills & Testaments by me formerly made; And first I doe Committ & willingly resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator, hoping through the Merits & Mediation of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to have free pardon & full remis=  
sion of all my Sins, & my body to the Earth whereof it was formed; And as concerning my worldly Goods, I dispose of them as followeth; First it is my will & mind, & I doe give unto John Atkinson son of George Atkinson (my brother) late of Rome houses, the several closes, parcels of Ground, & Catlegates, commonly called & known by the following Names, that is to say Sunny banck & the head of the Ing, the Acres bottom that comes to the land above the wood, one long land & part of the mean piece, Alsoe a parcel of Ground called the parsons piece, Alsoe the one half of the Catlegates in the Summer pastures, & alsoe in the Mosses; Item It is my will & mind & I doe give unto, James Atkinson Son of the abovesaid George Atkinson, the several closes parcels of Ground & Catlegates following, that is to say, The New fall, & farr Thorny dale, the Stripes, & Scott bank, one Tofft land alsoe one long land, & part of the Mean piece, Alsoe the Tofft heads & butts att the end. I doe give to the said John & James Atkinson to be divided Equally betwixt them, Alsoe it is my will & mind & I doe give unto the Said James Atkinson the one half of the Catlegates in the Summer pastures & alsoe in the Mosses & Moors; Alsoe It is my will & Mind & I give unto Willyam Atkinson Son of the abovesaid George Atkin=  
son the summe of Twenty one pounds, It to Willyam Oddys two children Twenty shillings a piece, It to Elsabeth Hall \widow/ & her four children Elsabeth, John, Issabell, & Thomas, Fifteen shillings a piece It To Mary Hall daughter of the said Elsabeth Thirty shillings, It To Mary Atkinson daughter of the said George Atkinson one pound, It To Elsabeth Wilson Alias Clibera Tenn shillings, It To Ann the daughter of Willyam Atkinson of Litlebanck Two shillings sixpence, All These abovesaid Legacies I doe order to be payd within a year & a halfe after my decease by John Atkinson abovesaid, out of the lands & goods I give unto him: It it is my will & mind & I give unto Mary Atkinson abovesaid the sume of Nine pounds, over & above the one pound given her before, It To Margaret & Anna daughters of the said George Atkinson, Tenn pounds a piece It I give to Willyam Atkinsons 4 Younger children Robert, Willyam, Elsabeth

& John, Two shillings & sixpence a piece, All which said seaven last Legacies I order to be payd within a year & a half after my decease by the abovesaid James Atkinson out of the Lands & goods which I hereby give him: All the Rest of my Goods Cattells, & Chattels houses barns, household stuff & husbandry gear, I doe Give & bequeath unto the said John Atkinson & James Atkinson whom I Nominate & Apoint Joint Executors of this my last will & Testament, & I doe will & hereby order that they divide the said houses barns household stuff & husbandry gear Equally betwixt them as they see most fitt & convenient: In Wittness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal  
 The day & year first above written  
 Sealed signed published & declared to be the last Will & Testament of the abovesaid Testator in the sight & presence of us vizt.

Willyam \his Mark/ Atkinson

Thomas Carr  
 Robert Carr jurat  
 John Moore

An Inventory of the Goods & Chattells of William Atkinson Senior Late of Rome houses in the Parish of Giggleswick & County of York deceased valued & aprised by us whose Names are subscribed the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 1707

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Imprimis His Apparel & Monie in his purse	3	00	00
Item Mair & 1 filly with rideing furniture	4	10	00
Item 4 Cows & 2 Heiffers & 4 Stears & 2 Calfes	17	10	00
Item Carts & Wheels & other Husbandry gear	1	10	00
Item Household goods within the house	2	5	00
Item Meal & Malt Beef & Bacon with other Household Provision	2	10	00
Item Corn & Hay	7	00	00
Totall	38	5	00

Apprised by us as abovesaid  
 John Foster  
 Robert Carr  
 William Atkinson  
 John Moore