

Chapter 11 Langcliffe wills

Full wills in Appendix 6

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Wills were proved at York, in some cases in the Prerogative Court of York (established 1577), and were approved by the Archbishop, who lived at Cawood Castle, south of York. The building was associated with the Archbishopric for nearly 600 years. It was a brick palace of 40 rooms and ancillary buildings, orchards and gardens (*Moorhouse, 2000*).

The Yorkshire Archaeological Society lists of Wills in the York Registry (Skipton Library) have been used to list wills up to 1688 and several more wills have been included which have come from other sources and are of later date. There are 37 Langcliffe wills in our collection, the earliest being 1548. Winskill and Cowside are included. The interesting points in each are summarized here. The Borthwick Institute for Archives at the University of York holds the microfilm copies of these wills.

In cases of premature death estates could pass into Crown Wardship. A legacy of a will might be encumbered with previous agreements and legacies - allotments on marriage, support of children, mother's dowers for example (*Cornwall, 1974*).

A feoffment to uses of a will was a normal practice in which an estate was vested in a group of feoffees appointed to carry out the deceased person's wishes - this was to get round the rigid common law rule which excluded younger sons from inheriting any share of real property (*Cornwall, 1974*).

The marriage portion was an endowment in property bestowed on a wife at the time of marriage by her own family. The dower was the property which the husband assigned her at the same time as a provision for widowhood.

During the Commonwealth (1653 -1660) wills had to be proved in London by the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. Prerogative means under the control of the sovereign. These are catalogued by TNA and can be purchased on-line from the TNA.

Armitstead

Thomas Armitstead 1570/1 (wife Cecilie)

tenant right with licence of the lord

husbandry gear with timber and boards

grain to sow

best jacket to son in law

jacket to relation

my wife shall be the best one during her widowhood

Cecilie Armitstead 1578

all goods to daughters

Richard Armitstead 1603

£10 to each of two daughters at 26

son to inherit at 16 (if born)

gudgaine bankes

John Armitstead 1638

bachelor

lease of 6000 years of house in Giggleswick 7s /year rent payable to Earl of Cumberland

Broadhead close 12d/year rent

legacies total £24-13s

Parish Registers show Thomas Armitstead as shoemaker married 1655

Brayshay

John Brayshay 1615

freehold messuage and tenement held by lease

dead part to children

£5 to each child at 21

Browne

John Browne 1592 (February)

nuncupative

sums of money already paid for messuage and tenement

20 nobles for daughter and son at 21

Thomas apprenticeship

(Wm Browne bought from Darcy November 1591)

William Browne 1621

sheep to son to make up to 10 animals

sheep kept in winter on tenement in Langcliffe

messuage held by lease 500 year residue

gimmer hoggs to grandchildren

£5 to Thomas after apprenticeship

Carr

Elizabeth Carr 1587

spinster

10s to children of brother and sister at 21

Thomas Carr 1596

property to Leonard son of brother William if want of issue by others

£6 to George and Margaret

best pair of bedstocks, caldron, ark

William Carr 1661

yeoman

nuncupative

William Carr 1674

merchant

£20 to daughter

Leonard Carr eldest son gets whole estate in Langcliffe and 3 parts of Langcliffe Mill
turbary, new house and shop in Settle (Reeby House)

£250 legacy, £20 to wife

Colonel Carr £20 and several others

Leonard Carr 1696

inventory

legacies total £48

lands to nephew

Agnes Cort parish apprentice

A True and perfect Inventory of all the Goods Chattels and Credits of Mr Leonard Carr late of Langcliff
deceased as they are Apprized by us whose names are underwriten this 18th day of December 1696

	£	s	d
In primis his Apparell and money in his purse	5	0	0
Item one Horse and one Mare with sadle and furniture	7	0	0
Item three Cowes and one Calfe	11	0	0
Item in hay and strawe	2	13	4
Item one Arke with other Utensells standing in the Barn	1	0	0
Item one Chist with other things in the stable	0	2	6
Item in Ash and Oakewood Carts and wheeles and other husbandry geare	6	4	8
Item one Hogg	0	11	0
Item one Clock one Jack with tables and other furniture in the body of the house	4	12	0
Item in Booss	0	16	0
Item one Ark with Brass and breweinge vessels with things in the Kitchinge	3	11	8
Item one gimlin with Barrells and Basons and other things in the millhouse	1	2	0
Item in Tables and Chaires and other furniture in the Parlor	2	10	0
Item one table readinge desk and books in his Closset	1	6	0
Item one Cubbord with pewther and all other things in the Buttry	3	3	4
Item in plate	4	0	0
Item one pair of Bedstocks with Bedinge and all other furniture in the bedchamber	4	1	0
	£	s	d
Some	58	13	0
Item all the goods in the servants Chamber	2	0	0
Item all the goods in another Chamber	0	10	0
Item all the goods in the Maids Chamber	1	0	0
Item all the goods in his own Chamber	4	2	0
Item the goods in the great Chamber	1	2	0
Item all the goods in John Proctors (?)	0	5	0

Item in Linin	7	1	6
Item one (?) of slate	0	10	0
Some	22	0	6
Debts owing to the Deceased	249	0	6
Some total	£	s	d
	330	1	7
John Paley			
William Paley			
Richd. Lawson			
Tho. Swainson			

Alice Carr 1634

spinster of Winskill (widow in Parish Register)

40s to son

two best suits of clothes to brother, rest of clothes to sister

Hugh Carr 1609

bachelor of Winskill

legacies totalling £10 14s

Clapham

Thomas Clapham 1647

of Winskill 1647

Elizabeth Lawson my granddaughter and daughter of Richard Lawson of Lankliff vj li to Richard Lawson my grandson ix li

to Elizabeth Brayshey my granddaughter and daughter of Richard Brayshey of Towside xl s when 21, xij d per year in the meantime

to son Richard Clapham and his children Thomas, Elizabeth, and Agnes iij li apiece when of lawful yeras, xij d in the meantime per year.

to Isabell Lawson Tomazin Brayshey my daughters and Ales Clapham my daughter in law vj s viij d apiece

Dawson

Christopher Dawson 1682

yeoman, son Josias, of Langcliffe Hall

one long table in the parlour

legacies total £1350 some dependent on extra amount if of good carriage

Falthropp

William Falthropp 1605

of Winscale

40s rent from tenement

£5 to first payment to son for his future benefit and educational preferment

1 cow now in custody of Thos. Carr of Giggleswick

gray jacket, new leather doublet - rest of apparel to brother and sister

Foster

John Foster 1554

of Winskill

Ladie St Marie

12d to high altar

by the licence of the lord
 husbandry gear and bedstocks
 1/4 of Langcliffe Mill with licence of the lord
 my wife shall be the last
William Foster 1577
 of Winskill
 daughter to have a bedroom with sons
William Foster 1587
 of Winskill
 wife has rule of children - if supervisors think fit
 part of Langcliffe Mill to Thos. Foster the elder
Giles Foster 1601/2
 of Winskill
 5s to poor
 6 ewes and 12d to grandchildren
 son Richard in City of London clothworker
Thomas Foster 1605
 of Winskill
 admin. inventory below £40
William Foster 1677/8
 of Winskill and Langcliffe (Hall) yeoman
 son in law is Josias Dawson
 legacy total £1570 plus property
Richard Foster 1626 - 9
 of Settle with lands at Winskill
 estate held under Francis Earl of Cumberland and Sir Wm Ingleby 23s 1 1/2d rent
 son Giles of Barnard Castle, Dunelm, clerk
 son Thomas gets deed to all land or tenement at Winskill
 Pykedhill Close and house, Intacke, brown bancke
 4 silver spoons
 ewes to grandchildren and lamb
 best suit of apparel
 4d to grandchildren
 second suit of apparel to servant

Geldard

Thomas Geldard 1687
 cloth maker
 £16 to son after apprenticeship
 £8 other legacies

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

	£	s	d
Impris his apparel with money in his purse	05	-04	-06
Item in cloth	07	-07	-00
It in woole	00	-18	-00
It 2 pair bedstockes	00	-10	-00

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

Suma £26 -12-00

Thomas Geldard 1697

Clothier

son of Thomas died 1687

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

	ll	s	d
Imprimis his purse and Apparel	03	- 00	- 00
It 2 Cowes	05	- 00	- 00
It 26 yards of Cloth	03	- 00	- 00
It 40 yards of plain cloth and 1/2 thick	02	- 00	- 00
It 1 Cart 2 paire of wheeles	00	- 15	- 00
It in wood and 2 Ladders	00	- 08	- 00
It 1 paire of Looms with other utensills belonging Trade	02	- 10	- 00
It 1 Dresser pewter and other goods in the body of the House	01	- 19	- 00
It in wood vessel brass and other goods in the Kitching	01	- 15	- 00
It one Bed with furniture with other goods in the Parlour	03	- 15	- 00
It one Bedstead one Chist in the little chamber	00	- 07	- 00
It in Goods in the house chamber	00	- 18	- 00
It in goods in Parlour chamber	04	- 09	- 00
It in Linnen	00	- 12	- 00
It in meale Beefe and Bacon	02	- 00	- 00

32 - 08 - 00

It debts owing to the Deceased 92 - 00 - 00 (*not clear*)
Sum Tota 124 - 00 - 00

Debts which the Deceased did owe 70 - 00 - 00
John Paley
Richard Armitsted
Richard Lawson
James Geldard

Harrison

Robert Harrison 1621/2
nuncupative

Iveson

Lawrence Iveson 1548
title and tenantright of farmhold to wife
I bequeath office of the keeping of Langcliffe Mill to one of my sons which of them
as can please the farmers best
(farmers - collectors of rent)

Steven Iveson 1571
title and tenant right of farmhold to son
gimmer lamb to godbarnes
best jacket best hose best doublet best shawl and new bow to son
new jacket pair of hose doublet shawl pair of shoes to James Iveson
a shirt to Anthony Cookson
wife to pay half of the gressinge to the lord, son the other half

William Iveson 1589
title and tenant right with licence of the lord

Richard Iveson 1608
house and garth and interest and term of years to son
one third of goods to wife

James Iveson 1665
20s to sister, 10s to others

Johnson

William Johnson 1669
if mother and daughter cannot agree to live together, child to choose guardian at 14
and guardian has maintenance money to 21
Peasber Rood, one garden, one cow

Kydd

William Kydd 1591 22 March
wife one third of goods, lands, tenements according to custom of the country
Bargained and concluded with Mr Nicholas Darcy for the purchase of my tenement
and have paid him already £16 and rest indebted yet £32-16d to be paid upon and at
the sealing of my assurance - if Nicholas do assure my tenement to me by deed lease
or otherwise then son Thomas to be the assign

best feather bed at my house and two pair of looms to son Thomas

(Thomas Kydd buys from ND on 29 November 1591 one of five messuages for £398)

Lawson

Thomas Lawson 1574

husbandman

goods and farmhold title and tenantright to son

£3-6-8 in ready money at that time as the right honourable Earl of Cumberland shall be at full age and demand gressom of him

one ewe sheep to daughters

gimmer lamb

Gregory Lawson 1615

yeoman

messuage, tenement and estate in Langcliffe

20s to poor

20 nobles

40s

my armour to Thomas Paley, talliver with furniture belonging, husbandry gear

legacies total £9-10-0

Stackhouse holme

Richard Lawson 1699

yeoman

one chest of drawers bought by me at Leeds to daughter

£160 to two daughters at 21

£15 to son after apprenticeship

£15 to other son

lease lands

Richard Lawson 1766

gentleman

legacies total £1090

leasehold messuage in Langcliffe purchased of Jane Hammond of Bradford

Lucas

Anne Lucas 1664/5

second husband Rowland Lucas

late of Giggleswick and now of Langcliffe, widow

(first married Swainson - son Lawrence)

all houses and grounds at Stackhouse

Ravensber

legacies total c£8

£12 to godchildren

gold ring to sister

best shift to sister

Paley

John Paley 1597

Lees close, Pesber, garden

2 sheep to Myles Nicholson Scholer

Thomas Paley 1669/70

£40 to each of two sons

Thomas Paley 1741

yeoman

wife £10 pa

messuage in Settle, with garden and use of well there

legacies total £640

one silver tankard

one chest of drawers

one widow bed, one chest, 6 chairs, one table

4 silver salts, 4 silver spoons

linen and bedding to children

Mary Paley 1758

chest of drawers

William Paley 1772

sadler

Inventory

purse and apparel £2-10-0

bills, notes, book debts £18-13-4

shop goods and old

saddlewares £6-5-0

Rev. William Paley 1796

legacies of £2850

Canon William Paley 1804

nothing local

Thomas Lawson Paley 1806

gentleman

sale or mortgage of Langcliffe properties if necessary

Paycocke

Robert Paycock 1668

nuncupative

Banck Ings, Parracke

4 cattle gates on Gorbeck paying £30 which I have formerly charged upon the same

Myres, Browne bancke £30 to pay to H. Walker

Preston

Edward Preston 1575

half to his wife or one third if child due

pair of waine Rayth (side boards for cart)

jacket, doublet

layne yocke, heade shackell Iron Tynne a wayne head shackell and trantrre

3s 4d to poor of Giggleswick

lease of land at Remington

Saylebanke

James Saylebanke 1548

of Cowside

4d to common chest

tenant right of farmhold to wife with licence of the lord

Thomas Saylbanke brother in Langcliffe

husbandry gear

Sigsweeke

Mathewe Sigsweeke 1598

houses grounds in Langcliffe in townfields and moors

daughter to have chamber called the Shoppe wherein to sett her bed and her chist

half garden adjoining garden of Lawrence Lawson

£10

chist bought of Christopher Browne

20s

Somerscales

Henry Somerscales 1609

gentleman of Langcliffe Hall

buried in Giggleswick where father was buried and a stone to be laid over us

If it may please the king's majesty and the right honourable lord treasurer to grant his

wardship being but of a small messuage of the ancient rent of 24s unto his mother -

desire to have him brought up in learning and if he be found capable of good literature

and his mind be to go to the university and to make learning his best preferment ...

lands in Stockdale

legacies total c£250

40s to poor

my house at Langcliffe

lease to Lawrence Swainson

interest on half of rectory or parsonage of Giggleswick

Stackhouse

Jennett Stackhouse 1566

singlewoman, nuncupative

Wilson

Richard Wilson 1695/6

Fellmonger, Anne Wilson his wife, Quakers sent to jail.

'...all that parcel of ground called Round Close and one cattlegate and calf gate in upon and throughout a stinted pasture commonly called Farr Moore with the appurtenances lying and being within the township of Selside'

'I give and devise unto the said Anne Wilson my wife all my leases for years of certain lands lying and being within the said Langcliffe'

witnesses

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

January 9th 1695/6

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

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

	£	s	d
summa tot	106	16	4

Apprizers names
Christopher Johnson
Matthew Frankland
Thomas Redshey his mark
John Armitstead