

Borthwick volume 11 Folio 55
Will of Richard Frankland 1532

In the name of God Amen the year of our Lord God 1532 the 12th day of April I Richard Frankland sick in body and in good memory and mind thanks being unto Almighty God make my will as after follows that is to say first and principal above all earthly things I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God my maker saviour and redeemer of the world and to our Lady St Mary and to all the holy company in heaven and my body to be buried in the church of St Akylde virgin of Giggleswick and for my mortuary that at right will Also I bequeath to my priest saying mass for me that day I am buried 4d Item I bequeath to the high altar for my tithes and oblations by me negligently forgotten 13d Item I bequeath to the Chantry of St Sunday 20 shillings Also I bequeath to Thomas Lord Abbot of the monastery of Sallay 6s 8d and to the convent of the same 3s 4d Also I bequeath to Alice Frankland daughter of Henry Frankland three whyes and I will that my wife amend her with more of all my goods as she shall think expedient at her departing from this transitory life Item I bequeath to every one of my god children a lamb Also my will is that my wife have the occupancy of my tenement during her widowhood if she can be content there to abide and remain And if she be disposed to go to her daughter or to any other of her friends then I will she have her portion of my goods according to the custom and so to be content and never after to make claim to any part of my said tenement Also I give and I bequeath the title and tenant right of my tenement after the widowhood of my wife or her departing from the said tenement to Hugh my son with the licence of the Lord thereof Also I make my wife and Hugh my son my executors of this my last will These witnesses Edmund Wharffe Alan Wharffe John Giggleswick with others

Latin text

John Dawson 1580

Borthwick vol 21 fol 474

In the name of God amen The xxviiijth daye of July Anno dni 1580 I John Dawson seike in bodye, but good and pfct remembrance (loved be almyghtie god) make this my last will and Testament in maner and forme followinge, First I gyve and bequithe my soulle unto almyghtie god my maker, and to Jesus Christe his sonne my savior and Redemer, and my bodye to be buried in the pishe churche yeard, gegleswicke, And for my mortuarye and other churche dues all right will, also I gyve to Thomas lawson my Brother alone for his paynes ij s vj d also I gyve to Isabell my syster a gowne which is at embsay undelived and yf she weare yt not or she dye then shall she gyve yt agayne to my sonne willm, also I maike and constitute Thomas Jacman of Embsay, and willm Dawson my holle executors and I will that the said Thomas Jackman shall have his costes and for his paynes xij d the rest of all my goods when my detts ordynarie fees and all other dewes paid and discharged I gyve to my sonne willm Thes wittnes Thomas Lawson of lodge, xpofer Tatham and James foster clarke and curat there with others...

Latin text

EARTON Thomas 1602
Ref. Borthwick V29 fol 24

In the name of God Amen, the last will of Thomas Earton of ...Stainfurthe in or about the tenth day of Februarie Anno Dom within said sixteen hundredth and two as followeth First he did comit himself wholie into the hands of almightie God his maker and redeemer Also he did will and bequeath his goods and debts to Thomas Lakeland the said Thomas yielding and paying his funeral expenses These being witnesses Reginald Lawkland and Thomas Guisley

4 lines Latin

The squiggle before Stainforth could be an abbreviation e.g. Kn. For Knight Stainforth.

The name appears in the Giggleswick Parish Register at the correct date.

Hugh Eddleston 1587
Borthwick vol 23 fol 652

In the name of god Amen The xiiijth day of Julie Anno a thousand fyve hundrethe eyghtie seaven. I Hughe Eddlestone of the loudge in the pishe of Giggleswicke sicke in bodie but of good and pfect memorie praysed be god do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. First I surrendr my soule into the handes of almyghtie god my heavenlie father who *hathe*(?) redeemed me by Jesus Christ and my bodie to be buried at the discretion of my friends. Item I give for my mortuarie whatsoever is accustomed and due of Ryghte. Item I give to Margaret my wyfe bothe my leases, thone of Lodge and thother of my ground in settle besydes for Widdow Right of all my goodes. Item I give to my children their porcons according to the law. The rest of all my goodes my debts and funrall expenses paid I give to Margaret my wyfe whome I make my whole executrix. Thes beinge witnesses George Somerscale Hughe Lawson Robte Proctir John Smyth James Foster clarke with others

Latin text

EDLESTONE John 1585**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 23 fol. 52**

In the name of god amen the 25th. day of June 1585 I John Edlestone of Settle sick in body but whole and perfect in mind praised be almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, First I commend my soul into the hands of almighty god my heavenly father by whose mercy through the redemption in Jesus Christ I believe to be saved Item I give and bequeath for my mortuary and other funeral expenses that which is right and discharged Item I give to my wife Margaret the whole use and occupancy of all my houses and tenements in Settle with the appurtenances to use and enjoy to her most advantage from the day of my death until candelmas next with the leve of the lord And also I give to the said Margaret my wife half of all my said houses and tenements after candelmas next during the time of her said widowhead if the lord will permit and allow the same Item I give unto my said wife Margaret, all the profit and commodity which I now have or hereafter ought to have of the ground called (Estraines) lying within the field of Settle which I took of Kirthrine Watkinson late wife of Oliver Watkinson Item I give to my said wife my new grey cloak if she will wear it and keep it to her self Item I give unto Margaret my wife thone half of all my goods to her own use And as for the other half of my goods my funeral expenses paid I give two parts thereof to henry claphamson my son in law, and to Elizabeth his wife and to agnes their child equally to be divided And the third part to Margaret my wife Item I give unto my brother William my best jacket my (bottes?)(boots?) my best pair of hose and a shirt Item I give and bequeath to William Edleston son of Thomas late of Settle my gray (slippes?) and a pair of wether stocks to them Item I give to Thomas Edleston his brother a lether dublett and a pair of wether stocks Item I bequeath to Elline Foster my wifes daughter one gimmer lamb Item I give to Alice Foster my wifes daughter one gimmer lamb Item I give to Robt. Altham my best grey jerkin Item I give to henry claphamson my son in law a jacket next to the best if he will take it Item I give to Richard Tennand a pair of old hose Item I will that my sister Margaret have a bedroom in the house and that part of the garden which she hath (already) according to her father his last will Item my will is that where there shall happen to arise any controversy touching this my said will, that all such as will stand any benefit by this my will or any thing therein contained shall stand to and abide the order of the words and witnesses of my said will, Also I make my wife Margaret the whole executrix of this my last will and testament Thes being witnesses John winsor Robt. Altham and Hugh Edleston

2 lines Latin

WILL OF Roger EDLESTONE JUNE 14 1544
Borthwick PROBATE 13 FOLIO 36

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the year of our lord god 1544 the 14th.day of June I
Roger edlestone sick of body & whole of mind thanks be to god make this my last
will in form following that is to say first I bequeath my soul to almighty god & our
lady saint marie & to all the whole company of heaven & my body to be buried in the
church of Giggleswick Also I will that any priest saying mass the day of my burial
have 4d. Also I give & bequeath the title & right of my lands & tenements to my wife
during her life & after her decease to my son Robert & what time as he shall be
aminded to (move) I will he shall have half of my tenement if his mother will be so
content saving I will she have four acres of lands of his part to bring up my children
with all my debts & funerall expenses paid residue of my part of goods I give &
bequeath to my wife & my children to be devided amongst them by even portions
Also I make my wife my executrix of this my will In witness hereof John murros
Thomas wesleton John Iveson James..... with other moo
three lines in Latin

Isabell Eshe 1602

Borthwick vol 29 fol 26

Memorandum that upon the eleaventh day of January Anno Dom 1602 Isabell Eshe late of Armitstead in the pish of Giggleswicke deceased being then of pfect memorie did declare her last will and testament nuncupative in manner and forme following viz First shee did give fyve shillings to evrye one of such psons as shee is Aunte unto saving Thomas Also and shee did give unto Agnes Thornton fyve shillings to Jane Procter xij d to Ellen Walmesley xij d to the wife of John Banckes iiij d To the wife of Robt Nicolson iiij d To Isabell Browne iiij d Unto Willm Ashe and his wife vj d And shee did give unto the wife of xpofer Browne one gray Coate To Thomas Ashe wife one coate Also her will was that her brother John should have what he needeth of her goodes And also her will was that Agnes Thornton shall have the use and keeping of all her houshold stuffe to the use of Isabell Armitstead And that the said Agnes Thornton should make it mo(re)goodes when the said Isabell Armitstead comes to lawfull aige as it was at the day of her death And the rest of all her goodes and debtes she gave and did bequeath unto the said Isabell Armitstead and further her will was that Richard Armitstead and Thomas Thornton should have the same goodes and debts untill the said Isabell come to lawfull yeares of aige Provided alwaies and her will was that if the said Isabell should dye before she come to lawfull yeares of aige, that then all the said goodes unbequeathed unto her should be at the disposing of John Armitstead her brother yet her mynde and will was that Thomas Thornton should not be too much bared thereby Theis bearing witnes Thomas Thornton Robt Armitstead Roger Armitstead and Thomas Armitstead ...

Latin text

Rawlyne Faulthrope 1587

Borthwick vol 23 fol 764

In the name of God Amen The xxvj th of Februarie 1587. I Rawlyne Faulthrope of Roome houses in the pish of gigleswicke sicke in bodie but of good and pfect memorye prayed be almyghtie god do make this my last will and testament in manor and Forme Followinge, First I comend my soule into thandes of almyghtie god my heavenlie father by whose mercye throughe the redemption of Jesus Christ I verylie beleve to be saved, And my bodie to be buried in the pish churchyard, of Gigleswicke Itm I give for my mortuarie what is due and accustomed by right also I give to Isabell my wyfe her thirdes of all my goodes accordinglie as of right she ought to have, Also I give to my children ther porcons of my goodes, as appertainethe unto them. Provided and my will is that Robte Faulthroppe my eldest sonne shalbe contented wth the title of my tenement in consideracon of his childe porcon. The Rest of all my goodes my dettes and funrall expenses paid I give to Isabell my wyfe whome I make executrix of this my last will and testament. Thes beinge witnesses Roger Carre, Anthony Wigglesworthe wth others....

Latin text

Robert FAWTEROPPE 1561
Borthwick Vol. 17 Folio 190

In the name of God amen the 19th. Day of March 1561 I Robert Fawteroppe of Rome in mewith in Craven within the county of York sick in body & of perfect remembrance thanks be to god (make this) my last will & testament in manner & form following First I bequeath my soul to god almighty & my body to be buried in the churchyard at Giggleswick & for my mortuary that at right will Also I bequeath to Rawline fawteroppe my brother any(?) two oxen two white headed stots two little red stots one & one grey jacket Item I bequeath to James my brother all my best apparell Item I bequeath to Elizabeth fawteroppe my brother Thomas daughter one cow Item to Alice my brother johns daughter one black white headed stot Item to Robert my brother Thomas son one red whye Item to Christopher fawteroppe my brother Johns son three sheep Also I will that that three & forty shillings (which) maister willim Catterall doth owe unto me be both equally divided amongst all the children of John my brother & robert (rawline?) Also I will that Rawline if he be able, leave to Robert his brother two oxen & four stots instead of them that I have given (him?) The rest of my goods my debts funeral expenses & bequests paid of the whole I give unto Rawline fawteroppe (whom I) make my whole executor of this my will, witnesses/..... taylor hugh webster Thomas Browne of Cocket & James J..... with other moo Also I will that Robert my brother john (camm?) have the quie which is remaining.

4 lines in Latin

stot – a young ox

whye/quie – a female calf

Christopher Fawthropp 1577

Borthwick vol. 21 fol. 213

In the name of God amen the xxviij day of September et Anno d(omi)ni 1577 I xpofer Fawthropp of Settell in the parish of Gegleswicke Sick in body but of good and perfect Remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows First I bequeath my soul to almighty god my maker and saviour and my body to be buried in the church yard of Gegleswicke Item I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will Also I will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid of my whole goods And the Residue of my goods I give and bequeath to George Fawthropp and Jennette Fawthroppe my children equally to be divided between them and if either of them die before they come to lawful age then (the) survivor to have my whole goods Item I will that Rowlande Fawthroppe my brother shall have the bringing up of Genett my daughter and the occupation of his (?) goods in such order as my supervisors shall think most meet And also my will is that Richard fadeshay my brother in law shall have the bringing up of George Fawthroppe my son and the occupation of his goods at the discretion of my supervisors and I make and ordain my said brethren Rawlyn Fawthropp and Richard Faldeshey my Joint executors of this my will and I ordain my trusty friends George Somerscale of Settle within Craven of Gigleswicke and Roger Carre of Closehouse supervisors of this my will desiring them on god's behalf to aid and assist my executors in the performance of this my will And if any disagreement shall arise between my executors or so many of them as shall be living from time to time I *(ic)* witness whereof I have caused this my will to be written the day and year abovesaid In the presence of these witnesses Thomas Craven Roger Carr William Craven and Sir James Foster curate of Gegleswicke and George Somerscale with others

Latin text

Awsten Foster 1601

Borthwick vol 28 fol 723

In the name of god Amen the twentieth day of March in the yeare of our lord one thousand sixe hundreth and one I Awsten Foster of Settle in the county of yorke butcher sicke in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be almighty god do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. First I bequeath my soule to almighty god and my body to be buried in the parishe church yard of Gigleswicke Item my will is that my brother Robt Foster shall have the lease of my house with thapptennnces in Settle and the title of Tennantright of in and to the same, by Licence of the Lord according to certaine indented articles lately made and sett downe betwene us and according to a deed by me thereof to him the saide Robt made sealed and delivered as by the same articles and deeds may appear. Furthermore I give and bequeathe to my naturall mother my best hatt and to my sisters Ellin and Margaret either of them tenn shillings. And for all the rest of my goods not bequeathed after my debts be paid and funerall expenses discharged my will is and I bequeathe the same wholly to Elizabeth my wife willing her to give to my brother my blew breeches. And I make and ordaine hir the said Elizabeth my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament. These being witnessess Willm Lund Richard Althame John Stalmon and Barnaby Foster.....

Latin text

In dei no(m)i(n)e Amen upon the fifth daie of March one thowsand sixe hundreth and two I Giles foster of Windscall wthin the parish of Gigleswick and Countie of Yorke sicke in my bodie but of perfect remembrance praised be god for the same doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. First I comend my soule into the handes of Almightye god by whose mercie through the redemption in Jesus Christ my onelie saviour I beleewe to be saved And my bodie to be buried in the churchyarde of the parish of Gigleswicke Itm I will that my debtes be paied of my whole goodes Itm I geve to the poore of the parish of Gigleswicke five shillings to be distributed at the discreton of the viccar of the church and others my frindes Itm I geve unto Thomas foster my sonne and Jane foster my daughter ther equall porcons of my goodes Itm. to Elias Deane sonne of Geffray Deane xx sh And I will that Thomas Kidd my sonne in lawe shall have the disposinge of the same xx sh for the sole (use?) of the saide Elias untill the saide Elias Deane shall accomplish the age of eighteene yeares Itm I geve to the saide Thomas Kidd my sonne in lawe xl sh and to his sonne Willm two ewes and to his daughter Alice other two ewes Itm I geve unto my sonne in lawe Willm Cockett xl sh and to his daughter Agnes two ewes Itm I geve to the daughter of John foster of Rawthmell to whome I am godfather twelve pence And for my parte of my goodes my debtes first beinge discharged my funerall expences paied and other the legacies and dues paied and donne I give the same unto my daughter Jane foster And for my sonne Richard foster of the Cittie of London Clothworker at the instance and desire of himselfe and other his frindes and myne towards his preferment I gave before the date and makinge hereof satisfied and paied to him a certeyne some of money in full satisfacton and payment of his filliall parte and childes porcon of all my goodes cattells and chattels wch I thinke well bestowed upon him if he behave himselfe lovinge and frindlie to my wife and children and be a good husband to himselfe Itm. I ordeyne and appoint Margret my wife and Thomas foster my sonne ioynt executors of this my last will and testament And I desier my frindes Richard Foster younger Willm Cockett John Twisleton Hughe Carr and Thomas Kidd to be aydinge and assistinge unto executors in the due executon of this my will These beinge witnesses Thomas Kidd Willm Cockett Hughe Carr and Brian Bainbrigg

Latin text

FOSTER Henry 1551

Ref. Borthwick.York vol. 13 fol. 771

In the name of god amen the 8th. day of August in the year of our lord god 1551 I
henry Foster perfect of mind & memory loved be almighty god make this my last will
& testament in manner and form followeth First I bequeath my soul to almighty god
& to all the glorious company in heaven & my body to be buried in the church yard in
Gigleswike Item for my mortuary that at right will Item I will that my wife shall have
half my farmhold during her widowhead to the bringing up of her children and
Thomas Foster my son the other half of my farmhold and all the farmhold after her
widowhead with the licence of the lord paying to (.....) my brethren £10 Item my wife
shall have her third part of my goods & my children their portion of my goods
according to the law the residue of my goods my debts and funeral expenses paid I
will that Agnes my wife & William foster of Clapham be my executors & to dispose
the rest my goods amongst my children these men bearing witness Thomas Foster
John Cockhede Hamett Foster William lawklande with other moo

3 lines latin

Henry Foster 1589
Borthwick vol 24 f 302

In the name of god amen The eleventh daie 1589 I Henry Foster of Rathmell in the pish of Giggleswick and county of Yorke sick in bodie but of pfect remembrance praysed be god do make this my last will & testamt in maner & forme followinge First I bequith my soule to Jesus Christ my maker and onelie saviour and my bodie to be buried in ye churchyard in Giggleswick And for my mortuary and other church dues all that right is. Item it is my will & I do by these presents geve grannt release devise and bequeth unto Anthonie Foster my eldest sonne and to hys executors and assignes and to his and ther onelie use & uses for ever all & singler my landes messuages tenemts leases & of ground with all houses & buildinges writings conveyances & assurances whatsoever to the same and (some?) of them belonging or in anie wise appteyning To have and to hold to him the said Anthonie to his heires executors (administrators?) & assignes for ever without anie to be maid upon any pte thereof Item it is my will that Jane my daughter shall have one hundreth poundes in full satysfaction of her childes pte of my goodes Item it is my will that my children Anthonie and John shall have ther childes porcons of my goodes according to the law And it is my will that Anthony shall have all husbandrie geare and other necessities wch are naile fast or otherwise to remaine at the house in her (?porcon) as they be Item it is my will & I geve and bequeth unto John Foster my sonne fortie poundes over and besides his childes porcon Allso his childes porcon as the xl li abovesaid I will that he shall have paid when his yeres of prentiship is ended and not before so that he shall not trouble or hinder my executors for pamt thereof because much of my goodes be in creditors handes and I know not how they wilbe gotten up yet if it may be for his benefit & better furtherance I will he shall have some pte therof soner at the discretion of my supvisors And whereas Miles Fawcet my sonne in Law doth ow me twentie and thre pounds and two kie wch I lent him It is my will and I geve unto him frelie twenty pounds thereof and the other thre poundes and the two kye I will he shall make into monie pntelie after the date hereof and that twenty Ewes & Lambes that is very likelie good shalbe bought therewth And the same I geve unto Agnes & Jane his daughters and he to kepe the said Ewes for ther use and to have for his kepinge therof the woll & milke And the Lambes to be set forwards yerelie to ther comoditie at the discretion of my Executors and suprvisors and he to be accomptable therfore yerelie to my Executors and suprvisors And where his wief is supposed to be wth child I geve to that Child thre poundes sex shillings eight pence to be bestowed & set forwards as is afforesaide And if it or anie of the rest die the porcons (the) to remain to them that liveth all wch bequested abovesaid I geve unto Myles & his children in consideracon that he shalbe frindlie and willing to pleasure my children as occasion shall serve and as he hath donne to me Itm I geve and bequeath towards the making of the way from Banckfeild make to Blaymosse so far as his ground doth reach - xx s the wch I meane shall pay for stones getting and the setting, so as neghbers do load the stones and get the same maid before Alhallowes daie next or els that my guift to be void Also I geve unto Robte Cort my pte of the old debte wch he did ow unto my mr mr Catterall and me when I bought the whelestock of him And for that debte and Robte Cattersons they were left meane betwene us and set downe in the booke after accompt was maid And what as could be gotten to be equallie devided betwene us And I take it upon my charge I did never receve anie of it nor ever pmised to paie anie thing for it onele it could be gotten Also where some disagremt was betwene Edward Hodgson & me aswell for one reckning

of seventene nobles as for another reckning of seven poundes two shillings wch vij li
ij s he did confesse to be due my will is and I do geve the said sevrall somes and
every of them except onelie xl s unto the wief of the said Edward and his children
upon condicon that she do paie the said xl s to my Executors wthin one yere next after
the date hereof at such time as he and she can agre upon And place of paymt of the
said xl s in forme aforesd the same my guift to be void and my Executors to be at
libertie to call for the whole & to have it Itm I geve to Jane Kay one stone of wooll to
cloth her children wthall to be taken out of that thre stone, and a stone wch she owth
me for. Itm it is my will that if Richard Kay wilbe prentise wth Anthonie my sonne
for ten yeres and serve him truelie That then Anthony shall geve him sufficient wages
to cloth him self wthall and at the ten yeres and shall pay to him forty shillings as of
my guift Itm it is my will that if Thoms Bentham will serve with his prentyshep wth
my sonne Anthonie that he shall have xxx s at his yeres end over & besides his wages
Itm I geve to Alice my servant iij s iiij d And if I live & she serve me out the yere
she shall have instead thereof double wages wch is now covenannted to her Itm I
geve to everie of the children of Richard Armistead my neghber - xij d Itm I geve to
the children of James Houghton Kay wief & Kidson to whome I am godfather to
everie one xij d Itm I geve to everie of my supvisrs x s in consideracon of ther pains
wch I require them unto in seeing this my will pformed The residue of my pte of
goodes not bequeathed my legacies and funale expenses paid I geve unto Anthonie
and John my sonnes and Miles Fawcet my sonne in law to be devided equally
amongst them And I ordaine and appoint the said Anthonie Foster my sonne my sole
Executor of this my last will & testmt And I ordaine and appoint the said Miles
Fawcet George Somerscale Henry Robinson and Robert Craike spvisors to aide and
councell my Executors in thexecution of this my will according to my true meaning
These witnes Henry Robinson Robert Craike & Thomas Bentham

Latin text

James FOSTER 1567
Borthwick Vol. 17 Folio 785

Main portion of will very badly smudged

In the name of god amen the third day of August 1567 I James Foster of Stainforth underhill sick in bodie but whole of mind & memory loved be almighty god make this my last will & testament in manner & form following First I give & bequeath my soul to almighty god & to all the saints in heaven & my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Giggleswick Also I bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Also my will is that Henry Foster my son shall have (foure mark?).in penyie or penny..... Also my will is that William Foster my son shall have my lease & all my (messuage?) with title & tenant right of my tenement with the licence of the lord Also I give to (the said William) a (ann.....) four silver spoons five dozen of tenters a pair of nall.....(sheares) and a brasse pottle& then he shall pay to my two daughters 13s.4d. Also I will that Eli my wife shall have her widow right The rest of my part of goods when my debts & all other expenses are paid & discharged I give to my two daughters & I make Eli my wife & William Foster my son my whole executors of this my last will & testament These witnesses Thomas Foster John (Armitstead) Henry (Cookhead) & Christopher (Cookhead) with others

4 lines Latin

John Foster of Rathmell Will 1547
Borthwick v 13 f 359

In the name of god amen the yere of our lorde god 1547 the xvith daie of September I John Foster of Rawthemell beinge of pfect mynde do bequeathe my soule to almightie god and my bodie to the kings warres Also I bequeathe the title of my farmolde unto Margarete my wif and she forto bringe up my children Also I will that after my wif my farmolde shall remayne with licence of the lorde to one of my sones Richarde Allan or Hughe whiche of theme as shalbe most able at sighte of frendes Also I bequeathe all my goods to my wif and my children Also I make my wif and my childer my executoures of this my last will witnes herof Nicholas Marston Richarde Burton Allan Carre John Hoghton with other moo

[Latin]

Borthwick volume 14 Folio 25
Will of John Foster of Winskill 1554

In dei no(min)e amen the 24th day of November in the year of our Lord God 1554 I John Foster of Winskill sick in body and of good and perfect memory loved be Almighty God make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and to our Lady St Marie and to all the blessed company of heaven And my body to be buried in the church of Giggleswick and for my mortuary that at right will Item I give for forgotten tithes to the high altar 12d Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Foster my son my house that I dwell upon and used with the office by the licence of the Lord or owner thereof and all the husbandry gear that belongs to my house with the bedstocks belonging to the same this I give him for his child's portion Item I will that if the said Thomas die without issue lawfully begotten that I will that this bequest wholly to re-enter to William Foster my son Item I give and bequeath to William Foster my son the plains with -- -- rest of land that lies in Langcliffe field and a fourth (?) of Langcliffe mill with the licence of the Lord and this to be for his child's portion Item I will that if the said William die before he be in possession and die without of lawful issue begotten that I will that this bequest wholly to re-enter to James Foster my son Item I will that if the said James die without lawful issue begotten my will that this bequest to wholly to re-enter to Miles my son and so from one son to another according (to) my bequests Also my will is that if the said Thomas Foster my son die and the said William Foster to re-enter of his bequest I will then that William bequest shall re-enter to James my son Also I will that my wife shall be the last and she to order all that I am in possession of at the discretion of my iiij witness during her widowhood And if she marry she to have her possession of my goods according as the law of the -- -- -- Also I give my parts of goods to (Cecilie) my wife and -- -- -- sons (?) that have none of the former bequests and to my daughters and that to be equally divided amongst them And The rest of my goods to be divided to Cecilie my wife and her daughters and to those sons that have none of the former bequests Also my will is that my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid of the whole goods and to this my last will I make Cecilie my wife and James Foster my son my full and sole executors to perform the same according to the true intent and meaning and to this my will I have set my hand as my -- -- before the witnesses Thomas Browne Thomas Somerschall John Wildman Richard Iveson

Latin text

Will of Oliver Foster 1516

Borthwick vol. 9 fol 45 mf 917

In dei nomine Amen primo die mensis Septembris Anno domini millesimo quingentesimo xvj Ego Oliverus Foster [compos] mentis et sane memorie videns periculum(?) mortis appropinquans ordino et facio et constituo testamentum meum in hunc modum. [In primis] lego animam meam deo [omnipotenti] beate marie virgini et omnibus sanctis corpus que meum sepeliend in ecclesia sancti Ac(kelda) de Gyggylswyke. Item lego pro mortario meo meum optimum animal. Item pro sepultura mea trigint solidi ad distribuend ilius parochie mei ... altari beate marie virginis unum vestiment de Rubio Sattari(?) pro salute anime mee et Item ecclesia de Gigillswike quatro libris moneta ad disponend pro salute anime mee sicut mei executores(?) mei et propositi ecclesie disponend nolunt. Item lego cuilit (quilibet) sacerdoti celebrant in die sepulture mee vj d. Item lego Abbati de ... et conventi(?) ibidem vj s viij d pro absolut.. mea. Item lego fratribus Augustinii ... vj s viij d pro absolut.. iij s iij d. Item Abbati de Salley et conventi(?) ibidem vj s viij d pro absolu... mea. Item fratribus de vj s viij d. Item fratribus de Preston in vj s viij d. Item fratribus de Appelby iij s iiij d. Item lego Margarete Foster filia Ric(ar)d(i) Foster iiij indens ad debet in moneta et aliis rebus. Item volo quod Jacobus Foster Willmus Foster de Stanford et Jacobus Armitstede de et gubernant tres pueros meos cum eorum portionibus et inducam fide coram Johannes Caterall quo et ...predict portioniis ... ad etatorii(?) vel matrimonium predict quanta provenant vel aliquis aut aliqua eorum provenant(?) vel... .. titulum Jus ut voluntarij omnia tentores meorum ... in ... permaneat Et si contingat ... Margaret uxor mea in matrimonio copulari tunc do et lego totum titulum Jus et voluntatorii predict ... Willmo filio meo liberis tunc do et lego omnia tenementa mea Johanni filio meo cum licentia dominis. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego Margarete uxor mee et primes(?) meis et ad omnia premissa fideliter faciendum et exequendum ordino et confirmo [predictam] Margareta uxor mea et Willelmus filius meus meos executores. Item volo quod Johnes Caterall fit supervisor testamenti hiis testibus John Caterall Armigero domino Roger Kyd capellano Jacobo Foster Willmo Foster de Stanford et Jacobo Armistede et aliis

Probatum fuit...

In the name of god amen 1st September AD 1516 I Oliver Foster of sound mind and sane memory seeing death approaching ordain and make and constitute my will in manner following. First I leave my soul to almighty god and the blessed virgin Mary and all the saints and my body to be buried in St Akelda's church in Giggleswick. Item I leave for my mortuary my best animal. Item for my burial thirty shillings to be distributed ... parish ... altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary one vestment of ... for my soul and Item to the church of Giggleswick £4 in money to dispose of for the salvation of my souljust as my executors and the abbot of the church are unwilling to distribute. Item I leave to each priest celebrating on the day of my burial 6d. Item I leave to the Abbot of and the convent there 6s 8d for my absolution. Item I leave to the Augustinian brothers ... 6s 8d for absolution....

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3s 4d. Item to the abbot of Sawley and the convent in the same place 6s 8d for my
absolution. Item to the brothers of ... 6s 8d. Item to the brothers of Preston.... 6s 8d.
Item to the brothers of Appleby 3s 4d. Item I leave to Margaret Foster daughter ...
Foster 4 ... in money and other (things) ... Item I wish that James Foster William
Foster of Stainforth and Armitstede of ... and governing my three boys with their
portions and faithfully represent them in the sight of John Catterall the said
portions to age or marriage of the said.... or them or
either of them title right *and all writings of my holdings* may
endure. And if it happens that Margaret my wife join in marriage then I give and
leave all title right and writings to William my son children then I give and
leave all my tenements to John my son with the licence of the lord. The rest truly of
my goods not bequeathed I give and leave to Margaret my wife and ... and all
..... faithfully to do and carry out I ordain and confirm the said
Margaret my wife and William my son my executors. Item I wish that John Caterall
be supervisor of this testament. These being witnesses John Catterall esquire Sir
Roger Kyd chaplain James Foster William Foster of Stainforth and James Armistede
and others

Borthwick volume 19 b Folio 576

Will of Richard Foster 1572

In the name of God Amen the 10th day of October anno domini 1572 I Richard Foster of mewith in the parish of Giggleswick sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance loved be Almighty God make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God my maker and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick also I give and bequeath for my mortuary all that right will also I give and bequeath to Margaret my wife her widow right of my goods and she to have and occupy my farmhold with the help of William Foster my brother so long as she is my wife and to bring up my children and her and after her widow hood and I give the title and tenant right of my tenement unto John Foster my son and if he die and depart unto the mercy of Almighty God without issue lawfully begotten then I give and bequeath my said tenement unto that child that my wife is with if it be a son and if not then I give the title and tenant right of my said tenement unto William Foster my brother and he to give to my daughter (if she live) with her portion and goods £13 6 shillings and eight pence also I give to my child or children his or their portions of goods according to the law also I will that Agnes Foster my sister shall have easement and a bedroom in my house if she will be ordered by my uncle Sir James Foster and the executors of this my will also I will that Margaret my wife and William Foster my brother shall bring up my children or child to he or they be and come to lawful age The rest of my part of goods my debts and funeral expenses paid I give and bequeath to Margaret my wife and my child or children equally amongst them I make Sir James Foster my uncle supervisor of this my will and I make and constitute Margaret my wife my whole executrix These witnesses Robert Talior of Rome Barnard Browne Roger Carre Ralyng Fawthrope with others

Latin text

Borthwick 13 b Folio 987v.

Will of Thomas Foster 1553

In dei noie amen 26th day of December in the year of our Lord God 1552 I Thomas Foster of mevith sick in body and of perfect memory loved be Almighty God make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and to all the glorious company of heaven and my body to be buried in the church of Giggleswick Item I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues that that (*sic*) right will Item I bequeath to the mending of claishouse lane 12d if neighbours will make it Item I will that Margaret my wife shall have my farmhold during her widowhood and to govern and bring up my children of the said farmhold by the counsel of William Preston the elder my father in law and Sir James Foster my brother Item I give and bequeath the title and tenement right of my farmhold with the licence of the Lord to John Foster my son paying to his two brethren four marks of lawful English money if the said John chance to die without any son lawfully begotten then the said farmhold to remain to Richard Foster my son he paying to his brother William 53 shillings 4d And if the said Richard die without any son lawfully begotten then the said farmhold to remain to William Foster my son Item I give to every one of Richard Jackes children a sheep Item I make Sir James Foster supervisor of this my last will and Testament The residue of my part of goods my debts and funeral expenses paid I give and bequeath to Margaret my wife and my children And I make Margaret my wife and William Preston the elder my executors These being witnesses Sir James Foster curat Adam Car Richard Lynsey Robert Tayllyor John Lawson Robert Lawson

Latin text

Thomas Foster senior 1571

Borthwick vol 19 fol 437

In the name of God amen the tenth day of June in the year of our lorde god a thousand five hundrethe seventie one I Thomas Foster thelder of Stanforthe underhill seyke in bodie but of good and pfitt Remembrance loved be allmyghtie god mayke this my laste will and Testamente in manner and forme followinge Firste I geve and bequythe my soule to allmyghtie god and to all the glorious company in heaven and my bodie to be buried in the pishe church of Gegleswicke also I geve and bequythe the title and Tennande righte of my Tennemente with the licence of the Lorde unto Richarde foster my sone after my deathe Also I geve to the said Richarde vj dosinge tenters ij payre of walker shears all my husbandrie geare and all suche monye as mr Edwarde Darcie had lente of me Also I will that Agnes my wife shall have her wedowe right bothe of my goods and farmeholde duringe her wedowheade and if she go of my Tennemente than she shall have the thirdes of my goods also I geve to my fyve sones ther childe porcon to Anthony foster to John foster ther to John foster the younger to george foster and Robte foster also I will yt Agnes my wyfe and Richarde foster my sonne keepe or cause to be keepte at the scoole george foster my sonne to he xx years of age Also I geve to everie childe that I am granfer to a lambe or xij d and everie childe that I am grandfather to iiij d apece also I geve to Agnes foster daughter of Richarde foster my greateste panne also I geve to willm foster my eldeste sonne my beste Jacket one dublet one paire of hose one sherte one hatte one paire of shooes and to Richarde Lawson my sonne in lawe a browne Jacket The reste of my pte of goods and dettes and all other dewties paide and discharged I geve to my fyve sonnes and to Richarde foster daughter to Anthony John John George Robte and Agnes equallie amonge them and I mayke and constitute Agnes my wife and Richarde foster my sone my hole executors ...witnes Henry Cookheade Robte Iveson and willm foster wth others....

Latin text

Thomas Foster 1590

Borthwick vol 25 fol 851

In dei no(m)i(n)e Amen, upon the fourthe day of Auguste 1590 I Thomas Foster of Freer stainforthe in the Countie of yorke Sicke in bodye yet pfect and whole in mynd and memorye praysed be god the more, doe make this my last will and testament in manor and forme Followinge, First I comend my soule to god almyghtie by whose mercye throughe the redemption of Jesue Christ my onely Saviour I beleve to be saved. And my bodye to be buried in the churche yeard of Gigleswicke and suche dues to be paid as is Right, Also I give for my mortuarie what of Right is due and yt is my mynd that Agnes my wyfe be the best at my house so longe as she keepethe her selfe unmarried, and I give unto the said Agnes my wyfe the occupacon of my tenement in Stainforthe aforesaid and the occupacon of my pte of the lease, wch is grannted to me, and certaine others of my neighbours of the dry park so longe as she kepethe her my wyfe and abydethe at my house Itm I will that my tenement be occupied together And that Richard Foster my sonne be my wife s(er)vant untill suche tyme as my youngest daughter Agnes Foster be maryed And when she comethe to marrayge Then I will that my sonne Richard shall wth the leave of his brother and consent of Hughe Gregsone returne into my house and have my said leases and tenement, the husbandarie geare wth tenters and Sheares and the great Ambrie standinge in the Paller and after the deathe or mariage of the said Agnes my wyfe for ever in full satisfacton and payment of his childes porcon of all my goodes, Also yt is my mynd that henrye Foster my sonne shall have in recumpence and satisfacton of his childes porcon parte of my goodes suche charges as I have maid(?) and bestowed upon hym in keepeinge hym at the Schoole and other Wayes And I praye hym be contente wth yt. Itm I will that Mathew Foster my sonne, and agnes Foster my said youngest daughter have their childes porcons of my goodes, my leases excepted wch I have alredie assigned and given to agnes Foster my wyfe and Richard Foster my sonne in manor and forme aforesaid. Itm my mortuarye and other duties discharged I give my pte of my goodes to Agnes my youngest daughter, And I will that my said daughter be ruled by her said mother, Hughe Gregsone and other her frendes. Itm I give to Jaine my daughter that tene pounce wch I dyd give her at the tyme of her mariage and suche other Reckoninge as are nowe at this psent Betwixt Robert Lawkeland her husbände and me in Satisfaccon of her childes porcon of my goodes, also I make Agnes my wyfe And the said hughe gregsone executors of this my last will and testament. And I desyre hughe Armytstead my brother in law, John Gregsone of Swynestead and Robert Lawkeland of Stainford to be Suprvisors hearof and to helpe my wyfe and children when need is. Thes beinge witnesses Hugh Armytstead Robert Lawklende and Roger Cooke with other more

Latin text

FOSTER William 1539

Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 11 fol. 406

In the name of god amen the year of our lord god 1539 the 6th. day of march I William Foster sick in body and of good memory and mind thanks being to almighty god make my will as after followeth First I give and bequeath my soul to god almighty and our lady saint marie and to all the saints in heaven and my body to be buried in the church yard of saint alkelde virgin of Gigleswicke and for my mortuary that at right will Also I bequeath to the high altar for tithes and oblations by me negligently forgotten 6d. Also I will it to be noted and known in this my will that it was agreed between me and my son Oliver foster that I should pay to him or cause to be paid for his title and tenant right of my tenement £3.6s.8d. of the whole payment the half remainder at the day of his marriage 40s. And the residue of the said sum I will to be paid when so and he is content to receive it and when so and he doth receive it my will is that he do sell a general acquittance to his brother Thomas both for goods and tenement thus doing he shall have gods blessings and mine and also 31s. of the whole his mother hath confessed and acknowledged that she hath given him without any assent or knowledge to the intent that he should keep the bargain made to me and to his mother Also my will is that my wife have two parts of my tenement during her widdowhead and after her widdowhead I give and I bequeath the whole right and tenant right of my tenement to Thomas my son Residue of my goods not bequeathed I give and I bequeath to Katherin my wife who I make executrix of this my will and she to dispose it to the marriage of my daughter and for the health of my soul as she shall think most expedient these witness Thomas Carr of stakhouse William Watkinson roland armytsted and john falthrop with other moo

3 lines Latin

Borthwick vol 21 fol 84

William Foster of Winskill 1577

In the name of God amen The sixth daye of Januarii 1577 I Willm Foster of Wynschall within the pish of gyleswicke thelder secke in bodye but of good and pfyte Remembrance laud be almyghtie god my maker and redeemer maike this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge First I gyve and bequethe my soull to almyghtie god and to Jesus christe his sonne and my bodye to be buried in the churche yard of gylesweke and for my mortuarye all that Right will alsoe I gyve and bequithe to El[izabe]the my wyf all my wholle bargayne whiche I have of xofer foster and Thomas Foster my sonnes duryng her widdowhead and *(blank)* mayer withe a whithe Raiche, and her widdowe Ryght of my goodes also I will that xofer foster and Thomas foster my sonnes shall paye to their brethren for there Tente Right of my Tenement accordyng to my promisse maid when Xofer foster my sonne was maryed Tenne pound amonge them all also I will that dorothe my daughter shall have a bedrowme withe xofer foster and Thomas foster my sonnes also I bequithe to all the Rest of my children ther childe porcon of my goodes accordinge to the lawe the Rest of al my goodes my debttes and all other dewtyes paid I gyve and bequithe to El[izabe]the my wyf and to my children equallie amonge them and I maike and constitute El[izabe]the my wyf my whole Executrix this wittnes Gylis foster Willm foster and xofer foster withe others

Latin text

whithe Raiche = white streak on horse's head (rache in OED)

Borthwick vol 23 fol 236

William Foster of Winskill 1587

In the name of god amen the xiiij th day of october in the yeare of oure lord god a thowesand five hundreth eightie seaven I Willm Foster of Winskile in the pyshe of giggleswicke in the countie of york sick in bodye but of good and pfect remembrance praysed be god do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge First I bequithe my soule to Jesus christ my maker and onlye savioure and my bodye to be buried in the churche yard at giggleswick and for my mortuarye and other churche dues all that right will Itm my Will is that my debts be paid of my whole goodes and the rest that remaneth my will is my Wiffe shall have her widoweright my children their porcons thereof Itm my will is that my wiffe shall have the occupacon of my ten[emen]t and rule of my children and the goodes and the goodes to bring them upp upon so longe as henrye foster of Rathmell & Myles foster of hesledon and xofer Lawson of malhame shall think mete and pfitable for my children And the monaies that can be made theare [from] the same to be devided amongst my children at the discretion of the Abovesaid Henrie foster Miles fawcett and xofer Lawson Itm my will is and I give and bequithe the Title & Tennt right of my whole tenementes and of my pt of Lancliffe mylne unto Thomas Foster my elder sone and to his lawfull issue and for lack of him and his lawefull issue I will the same shall remaine unto my next sone and his lawefull issue and so frome sone to sone and their lawfull issue....unto the same at suche tyme as thabovesaid henrye foster Miles fawcett and xofer Lawson and the survivores of them And which of them as shall refuse their order my will is they shall have no beny fitt of this my will so far as the lawe will allow The Residue of my pt of goodes not bequithed my and other lick thinges dischargedto my..... equallie to be devidede amongst them Itm I do ordayne and appointe Jennet my Wyfe my sole executrix and thabovesaid henrye foster Miles faucett and xofer Lawson sup[er]visors of this my last will and testament trustinge they will see the same pformed according to my true meanyng This beinge witnessed henrye foster Miles fawcet xofer Lawson... Richard(?) frankland Robert....

Latin text

William Foster of Staineford 1597

Borthwick vol. 27 fol. 264

In the name of God Amen on the 10th day of December 1597 I William Foster of Staineford underbraghe (*sic*) within the county of York sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance I thank God do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God by whose mercy through the redemption in Jesus Christ my only saviour I believe to be saved and my body to be buried in the church yard at Giggleswick. Item I will that my mortuary and church dues be paid according to Right. Item it is my will and mind that my debts shall be paid of my whole goods. Item it is my will and mind that Margaret my wife shall have the occupation of my whole tenement for the term and space of 10 years now next ensuing the date hereof for the better education of my children if she live so long and do keep herself unmarried and if it please God that she die or marry within the said term of 10 years then it is my mind and will that Richard Foster my eldest son shall enter unto have and occupy the said tenement and my lease thereof to him and his assigns for ever. And that he the said Richard shall educate and bring up Henry and William Foster my sons unto such time as they shall be provided for by the consent of my friends or supervisors hereof. And if any of my children shall fall sick then it is my mind and will that they shall be maintained in their sickness by my executors upon my tenement. Item it is my mind and will that Margaret my wife after the expiration of 10 years next coming shall have the moitie and one half of my tenement for and during her widowhood only. Item it is my mind and will that Richard Foster my eldest son shall have my husbandry gear with my tenters tenterwood the wollen lambs and the furniture belonging to them the bedstocks stone troughs all tables forms chairs and stools within and about my house and one dishe bench(?) in full satisfaction of his filial and child's portion of my goods the lease of my tenement to stand good according to my farm grant herein set down. Item it is my mind and will that the said Richard Foster my eldest son shall pay and content unto my daughters Margaret and Anne Foster to either of them six pounds 13 shillings four pence when he does enter unto any part of my tenement or within one year next after following and if either of them shall die in the meantime then I will that the same portion to remain payable to the other of them if they will be advised by my wife and supervisors hereof. Item it is my mind and if the said Margaret and Anne or either of them do marry in the meantime before that the said Richard Foster my son do enter unto part of my tenement then it is my mind and will that the said Richard my son shall pay the said sum or sums of money to them so marrying if he be able at the discretion (of) my wife and supervisors thereof. Item it is my will that the said Richard Foster my son shall pay and content unto my sons James and Henry to either of them four pounds and unto my son William Foster the sum of five pounds six shillings and 8d at such time as my said son Richard shall enter unto some part of my tenement or within two years then next after and if any of my said sons do die that then his portion shall be divided amongst my other sons equally. Item it is my mind and will that every one of my children shall have their portions of my goods movable and unmovable my lease and farm grant excepted and my wife her part and Right thereof. Item I give my part of goods unto Margaret my wife trusting that she will be good to my children. Item it is my mind and will that Margaret my wife shall have the use and occupation of my husbandry gear and of the other things given and bequeathed unto Richard within my house until(?) the said Richard enter unto some

part of my tenement and shall have the one moitie there after during her widowhead and if it please God that Richard Foster my eldest son shall die out of this mortal life without issue lawfully to be begotten of his body then it is my will and mind that my son James shall have the same tenement and the lease thereof paying and contenting such sums of money as the said Richard should have paid to my other children and if he refuse to pay the same then it is my will and mind that my son Henry shall have the said tenement and pay as my son Richard should have done. And if he refuse to pay the same the said tenement to remain unto my son William Foster and he to pay in such sort as Richard should have done. And if the said William refuse to pay such sums of money as Richard should have done then my said tenement shall be and remain at the discretion of my wife and supervisors hereof. Also I make Margaret my (wife -- *missing word*) and Richard Foster my eldest son executors of this my last will and testament. And I desire John Robinson to be supervisor hereof and to help my wife and children where need shall be. These being witness Hugh Armitstead Christopher Armitstead Roger Cooke William Cockett and Bryan Baynebrigge

Latin text

Borthwick volume 19 Folio 653 verso
Will of John Frankland 1574

In the name of God Amen the fourth day of June 1574 I John Frankland of Rathmell sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance loved be Almighty God makes this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and commit my soul unto Almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church yard at Giggleswick Also I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will Also I bequeath to my wife during her widowhood half my house except a loft half a croft of the sun side of the house half my barn and half my garden Also I will that my wife shall have after my death certain -- lying under the hall banke for the space of seven years if she marry not nor depart unto the mercy of Almighty God and then my son Richard Frankland shall have then -- Bankes Also I will that my wife shall have all the Banke only from the *on most* sweet land and meadow to the furthest end of the said close Also half a garden to sow hemp in next adjoining between Diconson and William Armistead Also two lease of meadow beyond bronde bonshe* adjoining to Stephen Armestead Also half the ground beyond Rybell my wife paying to Mr John catterall for his land two shillings and fourpence by the year Also I bequeath to Richard Frankland my eldest son all my lands and the title and tenement right of my tenement as well set and unsett all my Smith gear and the smithy gear he paying to his three brethren William Christopher and John to every of them 13 s 4d a year Also to his other six brethren to every one of them six shillings 8d apiece Also I bequeath to my said son Richard my best jacket and two of my best ...Also I bequeath to Jane my daughter boards for an ark Also I bequeath to Thomas Frankland my son a black ox calf Also I will that John Frankland my brother shall have a bed room at my house so long as he will be ordered and if he will be ordered by my executors and recorders of this my last will then he shall...of my house Also I will that if it fortune at any time hereafter any controversy to be between my wife my executors and my children or any of them that they and every one of them shall be ordered at all times by my recorders or of as many of them shall be then living The rest of my goods my debts and funeral expenses paid I give and bequeath to Margaret my wife and Jane my daughter And I make constitute Margaret my wife and Richard Frankland my son my whole executors These witnesses Thomas Frankland Henry Robinson Oliver Howghton James Armestead and William Armestead with others

Latin text

*bronde bonshe could be brown bank