

William Newhouse of Giggleswick Will 1541
Borthwick v 11 f 617

In the name of god amen the yere of oure lorde god 1541 the xiith day of Januarii I William Newhouse seke in bodie and holl of mynde make my will as after followeth First I give and bequeath my soull to god almightie and to oure Ladie sainte marie and to all the saints in heven and my bodie to be buried in the churche of Sainte Alkelde virgyine of Gigleswike and for my mortuary that at right will Item I bequeathe to the highe altare for tithes and oblacons by me forgotten vid Item I bequeathe in consideracon of frendes and neighbors the day of my buriall that at my..... shall Make goode and expedient for the life of my Soule Item I bequeathe to every prest sayinge mass that ... the day I am buried iiiid Item I bequeathe to the amendinge of the hieway within the parishe of Gigleswicke if my neighbours will take upon hande to amende it vis viiid and if no then I bequeathe the forsaide vis viiid to the gilde of Sancti Sunday Item I bequeathe to the gilde of oure ladie vis viiid Item I bequeathe to everie one of my god childer within the p'ishe iid and to every one without id Item I bequeath to Margaret my daughter vis viiid Item to Elisabeth my daughter vis viiid Item I bequeathe to Sr John my sone to pay one trentall of masses for my soull and all other soulls that I am most to pray for xs Item I bequeathe to the saide Sr John xs and so to be contente for his porcon of goodes and also for the title and tennande right of my tenement for ever Item I bequeathe title and tennte right of my tenement with the appurtenance therto belonging to my wif duringe her wi(*dowhede*) and after her widowhede I give and bequeathe title and tennte right of my saide tenement with thappurtenance therto belonging to Rollande my sone. And if it is fortune the saide Rollande to die without issue. Then I give and bequeath my saide tenement with thappurtenance to Thomas my sone. And if the saide Thomas die withoute issue then I give and bequeathe my saide tenement with thappurtenance therto belonging to Hughe my sone Residue of my goodes now bequeathed my detts and funerall expenses paide I give and bequeathe to Elisabeth my wif and to my towe sones that is to say Rollande and Thomas whome I make myne executors of this my will Thes wittnes Oliver Newhouse William Preston Smyth. Thomas Carre of Stakhouse and Thomas Kidde my sone in law with other moo Item I bequeathe my sone v nobles and my wif rewarde and so to be content both for my tenement and goodes

[Latin]

Trentall = set of 30 masses to be said for the dead

Hugh Jackson 1576

Borthwick vol 21 fol 4

In the name of God amen The xxj daye of februarie 1576 I Hughe Jackson of Settill seike in body but of good and pfyte remembrance loved be almyghtye god my maker and redemer maike this my last will and Testament in manr and forme followinge First I gyve and bequithe my soull to almyghtie god my savior and my bodye to be buried in the pishe churche yeard of gyggleswicke, also I bequithe for my mortuarie and other churche dues all that Right will, also I bequithe to alice my wyfe her widdowe Right of my goods also I bequithe to myles Jackson my sonne the house that was my Brothers and the fyve shillinges rent of mi tenant land after the decease of my wyfe and me and duringe her lyfe they to occupye yt joyntlie together with the licence of the lorde, also I gyve to Robart Jackson my sonne Twentye shillings or els the yonge colte that is wynterd with me within Batte end (??) in Bowland, also I gyve to Richard lemyne my blewe coate and to agnes his wife and to there children the whiteheaded cove , The Rest of all my goods when my debttes funerall Expenses and all other ordynarye fees paid and discharged I gyve and bequithe to alice my wyfe and Miles Jackson my sonne, And I make and constitute alice my wyfe and Miles jackson my sonne my holle and Joynte Executors of this my last will and Testament Theis witnesses Willm wilkinson George Somrscails and John Bawderston with others ...Latin text

Diones Jennynges 1587

Borthwick Vol 23 fol 763

In the name of God Amen. The thirtie day of october 1587. I Diones Jennynges of Giggleswicke in the Countie of yorke sicke of bodie but of pfect remembrance praysed be god, do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme Followinge First I bequie the my soule to Jesus Christ my maker and onelie saviour. And my bodie to be buried in the churche yeard at Giggleswicke. And for my mortuarie and other churche duties, all that Right will Itm yt is my will that my dettes be paide of my whole goodes and the Rest that Remaynethe my wyfe to have her widdowe Right and my children their porcons And the Residue to be devided amonge my wyfe and children. Itm yt is my mynd and will that leonard Wilson and alice Wilson children of Thomas Wilson shall have their goodes first paid, and be honestlie brought upe wth meat drinke and clothinge wth my goodes duringe all suche years as I have letten the tenement wch I had by their father mother wch is for foure years or thereaboutes. Itm yt is my will that Robte Carre of Lanklyff shall have the lease wch I have of mr Willm Catterall esquire of the tenement in Giggleswicke And all assurances wch I have eyther of hym or of Richard Newton touthinge the same And my whole Right therunto accordinge to my former Bargynne to hym therof maid he payinge to my executor towards the payment of my dettes suche somes of money as he and I ar agreed upon And I ordeyne and appoynte Elizabethe my wyfe my sole executrix of this my last will and testament. Thes witnesses Richard Radclyfe, Thomas Brayshay and Willm Preston.....

Latin text

WILL OF Robert KIDDE OCT 27 1543
BORTHWICK Vol.11 FOLIO 721

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN October 27 1543 Robert Kidde crazed & sick in body nevertheless good & perfect of mind & memorie make my last will & testament in manner & form following First & principally I give & bequeath my soul unto the merciful hands of god almighty to the intercession of our blessed lady saint mary the virgin all the holy company of heaven my body & bones to be buried in the church (earth) of saint alkelda virgin of Giggleswick Also I give unto the same church all duties accustomed of right thereto belonging I bequeath to every priest saying mass for me that day that I am buried 4d. Also I bequeath untopreston daughter of Richard preston a lamb Also it is my will & mind that Alice my wife have occupation of my whole tenement during her widowhood for to bring up my children (withall) & after her departing or (breaking) of her widowhood I give & bequeath the title & tenant right of my said tenement unto Richard my son with the licence of the lord thereof Also I bequeath unto the said Richard my son all my plough gere & wayne gere & so to be contented for his portion & part of my goods Also I will that the sd. Richard my son shall give & pay unto his brother william for his half of my sd. tenement five nobles (5 x 6s.8d.) in penny or pennyworth & other five nobles unto the child which my wife is (withall) if it be a son & if it be a daughter nothing & it to be paid at such time as his mother & other of his friends shall think him able to occupy it And if the sd. Richard my son die without issue then I bequeath my sd. tenement unto william my son Also I make Thomas Kid & John Kid & richard preston of the mearbeck supervisors of this my last will & testament Residue of my (part) of goods not bequeathed my debts & funeral expenses paid I give to william my son to alice & (*word obliterated*) my daughters Also I make alice my wife & richard my son executors of this my will these witness richard medope william lund william (windsar) & hugh carre
five lines in Latin

WILL OF Anthony KNOLLES 1557
Borthwick Vol. 15(2) Folio 200

In the name of god amen the 22nd. day of September 1557 I Anthony Knolles sick in body & of good & perfect remembrance loved be god make this my last will & testament in maner & form following First I give & bequeath my soul to almighty god & my body to be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick Item I bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Item I give & bequeath to the buying of a church bell 16s.8d. Item I will that my wife shall have her widow right Item I will that my children shall have their childs portion of goods according to the law Item I will & bequeath my title & tenant right of my tenement with the licence of the lord unto William Knolles my son Item I make John Swinglehurst my father in law supervisor of this my will & testament Item I make & (constitute?) Isabell my wife & Willim my son my whole executors the rest of my part of goods my debts & funeral expenses paid I give & bequeath to Willim my son These witness Willim Watkinson John Wildman Willim lund Peter Swinglehurst & Thomas Turner Sir James Foster (counsell) with others

3 lines in Latin

KNOWLES Alice 1599

Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 27 fol. 616

In the name of god amen the 15th. day of April 1599 I Alice Knowles of mearbecke sick in body but perfect memory praised be almighty god doth make this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth First I give my soul to Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer by whose death I am fully persuaded and do believe to inherit his everlasting kingdom I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will Item I give and bequeath to my brother Anthony Knowles eight pounds Item I give and bequeath to my brother Richard Clarke six pounds Item I give and bequeath to my sister Margaret six pounds Item my will is that my father Stephen Clark shall have all this good (*sic*) yet five years to come and then it shall be put forward to their behalf and most advantage Item I make my father Stephen Clarke and my natural mother Margarett Clarke my executors these witness James Armitstead Richard Clarke

3 lines Latin

KNOWLES Alis 1574.

Ref.Borthwick.York. vol. 19 fol. 842

In the name of god amen the ninth day of February 1574 I Alis Knowles widow sick in body but of good & perfect memory 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 & redeemer & my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Gigleswike also I bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will The rest of all my goods my debts & all other ordinary fees paid and discharged I give & bequeath to Margaret Knowles my daughter & I constitute ordain & make Margaret Knowles my daughter my whole executrix These witness Mr. henry Tennand Thomas procter Richard preston & roger preston with others

2 lines latin

KNOWLES Elizabeth 1595
Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 26 fol. 96

In the name of god amen the sixteenth day of April 1595 I Elizabeth Knowles widower late wife of the late deceased Anthony Knowles of mearebeck in the county of York sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard in Giggleswicke, and for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will. I do also bequeath and give three parts of my goods (being equally in four parts divided) unto Alice Knowles my sons daughter. And I give and bequeath the fourth part of my said goods unto Anthony Knowles my sons son And I do ordain and make Alice Knowles daughter to my son William Knowles my sole executrix of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have to this my will subscribed my sign and my said mark the day and year abovesaid. In the presence of these witnesses Roger preston henry Knowles and Thomas clarke with other moe

3 lines Latin

Johann Kydd 1440

Borthwick vol. 2 fol. 675

In dei nomine Amen Anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quadragesimo primo die mensis April Ego Johannes kydd compos mentis condo testamentum meum in hunc modum In primis do & lego animam [meam] deo omnipotenti beate marie ac omnibus sanctis & corpus meum ad sepeliend in ecclesia mea parochiali de Gygleswyk Item lego optimum animal meum nomine mortuarij mei Item lego fratribus de lancaster v s viiij d Item lego fratribus de preston xx d Item lego *minister* & fratribus de knaresburgh xx d Item lego Abba de Salley iij s iiij d Item lego cuilit (quilibet) monacho cum ipsis vestimenta ad exequias meas xij d Item lego Abba de Fournes xx d Item lego dominus Johann Setell xij d Item lego dominus E[gi]do (Edwardo?) karr iiij d Et dominus Christofero Altham iiij d Et Roberto horseman clerico parochiali iiij d Et Thome Blakburn xx s Et Elizabeth Blakburn xx s Et Johanni filio meo ij boves quos habet Et cuilit pueris eiusdem unam ovem Item lego Johanni Forst[er] unam ovem Et Johanni kerr I ovem Et Johanni kyng unam ovem Et Thome filio meo vj s viij d quos michi debet Item lego uni presbitero pro anima mea celebraturo xl s Item Willmo kydd unam vaccam Et margarete filia Roberti kydd iij s iiij d Et Ricardo kydd & Thome kydd filiis Roberti kydd ij s Et Ricardo dukedale (?) totum quod michi debet Item Thome Somerscale I ovem Residuum vero omni bonorum meorum superis non legatorum do & lego Johanna uxori mee henrico filio meo & margarete eque inter eos dividend Quos *quid* Johanna uxorem & henricum filium meum facio executores meos ad disponend pro anima mea sicut volunt respondere coram summo iudice Item lego Willmo Forst[er] per labore suo xij d date die & Anno domini supradictis

Vicesimo septimo die mensis Septembris Anno domini m^o cccc^{mo} xl^{mo} probatum fuit presens testamentum & commissa administratio executores in eodem testamento nominatie iurat in forma iuris

In the name of god amen 1440 the first of April I John Kydd of sound mind make my testament in this manner First I give and leave my soul to almighty god blessed Mary and all the saints and my body to be buried in my parish church of Giggleswick Item I leave my best animal in the name of my mortuary Item I leave to the brothers of Lancaster 5s 8d Item I leave to the brothers of Preston 20d Item I leave to the minister and brothers of Knaresborough 20d Item I leave to the abbot of Salley 3s 8d Item I leave to any monk with him vestments for my exequies 12d Item I leave to the Abbot of Furness 20d Item I leave to Sir John Setell 12d Item I leave to Sir Giles (or Edward) Karr 4d and to Sir Christopher Altham 4d And to Robert Horseman parish clerk 4d And Thomas Blakburn 20s And Elizabeth Blakburn 20s And John my son 2 oxen which he has And any sons of them a sheep Item I leave to John Forster a sheep And to John Kerr one sheep And to John Kyng a sheep And to Thomas my son 6s 8d which he owes me Item I leave to one priest to pray for my soul 40s Item to William Kydd a cow And to Margaret daughter of Robert Kydd 3s 4d And to Richard Kydd and Thomas Kydd sons of Robert Kydd 2s And to Richard Dukedale(?) all which he owes me Item I leave to Thomas Somerscale one sheep The rest of all my goods not bequeathed above I give and leave to Johanna my wife and Henry my son and Margaret my daughter to be divided equally between them Johanna my wife and Henry my son I make my executors to dispose for my soul just as they would wish to be answerable in the highest court Item I leave to William Forster for his labours 12d Given the day and year written above

27th day of September AD 1440 this present testament was proved and administration was committed to the executors named in the same testament sworn in legal format.

Borthwick vol 25 fol 974

William Kydd 1591

In the name of god Amen the [twenty second day] of March in the yeare of our Lord god one thowsand fyve hundreth nyntie one I Willm Kydd of Lancllyffe sycke in bodye but of perfect memory prayed be Almightye god doe make this my last will and testant in manner and forme followinge First I commend my soule into thandes of my heavenly father by whose mercyes through Jesus Christ I beleve to be saved and my body to be buried at the discretion of my friendes Itm I geve for my mortuarie that which of right is due Also I geve to Elizabet my wife her thirdes of my goodes landes and tenementes according to Custom of the Countrey and as of right appertainnes unto her to have and geve to all my children being not maryed now sett forward to any say(?) of sharing(?) out my goodes heretofore their dew portyons of goodes as in equytie appertains... Item Also whereas I have Bargayned and concluded wth mr Nicholas darcy for the purchase of my tenement and have paid him alredie sixteene poundes & (?) rest Indebted yet thirtie two pound xx d which is to be paid uppon and at the sealinge myne assurance my will is And I do devyse that yf the said Nich Darcy or any other(?) for(?) him do Assure my said tenement to me or myne Assignes whether yt be by deed(?) lease or other wyse that then my son Thomas shalbe myne Assigne And have ye said tenement to him and to the heires of his body Lawfully begotten for ever my wifes Lawfull thirdes received during her life And my will is that my said sonn Thomas shall paie in Consideracion theireof vj li xiiij s iiij d to every one of my childrenne being nowe unmaryed Itm I geve the best fether bedd at my howse and my two pair of Lomes to my said sonne Thomas kydd in Consideracon of parte of his Childes portyon and my will is that he shalbe further considered at the sight of my frendes mr Shutt Lawrence Swaynson and James Bankes to whom I confer the ordering and setting downe of all thinges as shalbe thought good &(?) trewe(?) for the behoofe and Benefitt of my Children The rest of all my goodes not already(?) geven and bequeathed I geve to my sonn Robert Kydd and my daughter maude kydde equallie to be devyded betweene them And of this my last will and testant I make Elizabeth my wyfe and Thomas Kydd my sonn Execoutures These being wytnesses Richard kydson and mathew Sigsweek wth others

Latin text

{Mr Shutt was Vicar of Gigleswick }

Richard Kydde 1589

Borthwick vol 24 fol 449

In the name of god Amen. The last day of October Anno dm 1589. I Richard Kydde of Settle of the pische of Gigleswicke sicke in bodie but of pfct remembrance prayed be god doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme Followinge. First I bequie the my soule to Jesus Christ my onelie Saviour and redemer and my bodye to be buryed in the church.....in Gigleswicke and for my mortuarie and other churche dues..... Itm I give and bequie the unto the poore of the pische.....Itm I bequie the title and tenantright of my tenement after my....unto Robert Kyd my sonne trustinge that my mr and landlord wilbe good unto hym. Also yt is my will that Elizabete my wife shall have halfe of my tenement duringe her widowhead, and the third pte of my goodes after my dettes be paid also I will that my children have the rest of my goodes accordinge to lawe, also yt is my will that everye of my children shall have two of my sheepe excepte Robert and he to have but one of the worst. Itm yt is my will that all my husbandrie geare shall remaine unto my wyfe and my sonne Robert to occupie the tenement wthall and upon my wyfes deathe or maryage yt wholie to remaine unto my sonne Robert in consideracon of his whole porcon of my goodes. Also yt is my will that yf my sonne Robert dye without yssue lawfullie begotten That then my tenement shall remaine unto my sonne Thomas. Itm yt is my will that my daughters shall have a sufficient and honeste bed romme in the litle chamber beneathe the house to come and goe unto so longe as they be unmaryed, and doe stand need to yt. The rest of my pte of my goodesany dettes and funrall expenses paid. I give and bequie the unto Janet kydde.....Kydde my daughters. And I ordeyne and appoynte Elizabete my wyfemy sonne Joynte executors of this my last will and testament. And I hartilie desyre Willm Kydd, Robert Kydde and Christofermy bretheren to stand frendlie....my said wyfe and children and all their lawfullWitnesses hearof Willm Kyd.. Richard Bawderstone, Richard Iveson and Robert Kydde....

Latin text

WILL OF Hugh LAWKELAND DEC 11 1527
BORTHWICK VOL.9 FOLIO 385

In the name of God amen in the year of our lord god 1527 the 11th.day of December I hugh lawkeland of whole will & mind & sick of body (ordenes) & make my will in manner & form following first I bequeath my soul unto God almighty our lady saint mary & to all the saints in heaven & my body to be buried in the church of Giggleswick Also I bequeath for my mortuary that at right acquireth Item I bequeath to the reverend father in god Thomas lord abbot of the monastery of Salley 40s. & to the (convent) of the same 26s.8d. for my absolution & my predecessors & to pray for our souls & also to be good lord & maker unto my mother & the children of William (Iveson) my brother & to this my last will And who so ever doth occupy the sd. tenement after my mother I will that they pay the sd. bequeath to my lord & convent Item I bequeath to Saint Sunday Chantry 10s. And to the gild of our lady if it proceeds & go forward 10s. & if it procede not then the sd. 10s. to be given to Saint Sunday Chantry aforesaid Item I give to the friars of Saint (Robert?) 12s. And to our lady house of Appilby 12d. And to the friars of Preston 12d. And to the friars of lancaster 12d. p..... I give & bequeath with the licence of my lord title tenant right & my good will wholly as my father give & bequeathed me of the farmhold with the appurtenances thereto belonging & being in the holding & occupancy of my mother & me for to enjoy & remain unto myles wildman of winskill to him his heirs executors or assigns after the death of me & my mother paying therefore as it is agreed betwixt these too aforesaid that is to say Thomas Yeadon priest William foster Richard paley & William husband And if it please my mother to sell or lett part of the farmhold or all She for to lone or sell with the licence of the lord unto myles aforesaid giving & paying to her as other neighbours will And if she will not do as other will then she to take her advantage during her life And the residue of my goods not bequeathed I give unto my mother for to dispose for my (full residue?) at my departing And at her death if she have no need thereto as she will answer for & her I make my executrix with Sir Thomas Yeadon to see that this my will be performed & fulfilled these witness Edmund wing..... priest Thomas cokhed hugh cook & hugh armitstede of Friarstainforth with other moo

three lines in Latin

Sir Robert mentioned above – reference to him being a local priest at Gargrave & a connection with Sawley Abbey later on. .

LAWSON Henry 1572.
Ref. Borthwick vol. 19 fol. 531

In the name of god amen the 13th. day of October a thousand five hundred seventy two I henry Lawson of Langcliffe within the parish of gigleswike 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 and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of gigleswike Also I give and bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all th(a)t right will Also I give and bequeath to Agnes my wife her widows right both of my goods and farmhold Also I give the title and tenant right of my tenement after my wife and me on to Elizabeth Lawson my daughter and to henry Lawson my son Also I give to my 3 children their childs portion of my goods according to the law The rest of my part of goods my debts and funeral expenses paid and discharged, I give and bequeath unto Margaret Lawson my daughter and I make and constitute Agnes my wife my whole executrix These witness (Thomas) Lawson Roger kyd Richard Lawson William kid Lawrence Swynson with others
2 lines latin

Hugh Lawson 1577 (Hewe)

Borthwick vol. 21 fol. 31

In the name of God amen The xij day of may 1577 I hewe lawson of the lodge sick in body (but) of good and perfect memory, praised be almighty god do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following First I give my soul to god almighty, and my body to be buried in the church yard in giglesweke and for my mortuary and other church dues all that Right will also I give to the poor men's box one bushel of barley, Also I give to John Watkinson, and christopher watkinson other one gimmer lamb to Thomas lawson one black Jacket to John Watkinson my best pair of hose, and to christopher watkinson my best Shirt to Alice(?) my daughter my Cardinall hat, also I will that Isabell my wife be the best in my house and dwell and continue in that end of my house wherein we now dwell so long as she is my wife and that my said wife and hewe lawson son of Thomas lawson my son and his mother, being unmarried shall occupy my Tenement Jointly together, as I and they have done unto (*until*) the Right honourable Earl of Cumberland come to age or enter to his lands and after he enter to his lands, my will is that my wife and hewe lawson my son and the Survivors of them shall occupy the one half of my Tenement and hewe lawson younger and his mother she being unmarried the other half of my Tenement unto (*until*) the said hewe lawson younger shall come to the full age of Twenty years, and when he shall come to the full age of xx years, my will is that then my wife shall be content with the Third part of my Tenement, Also I give to hewe lawson the son of Thomas lawson my son when he shall come to the full age of Twenty years The Title and Tenant Right of my whole Tenement The third part thereof always excepted and reserved to my wife during her widowhood, and if the said hewe the son of Thomas fortune to die without issue of his body lawfully begotten Then I give the Title and Tenant Right of my whole Tenement to hewe lawson my son also my will is that my wife shall have the ordering of my children and their goods so long as they are unmarried, and to marry my daughters of the whole goods also I give my portion of goods my funeral expenses church dues and bequests being first paid out of it to hewe lawson my son, also I will that the rest of my debts of the whole goods also my mind and will is, That my wain and wain gear, carts and cart gear, ropes and rope gear, plough and plough gear, and my harrow shall after the decease of my wife remain at the house to whomsoever shall occupy my Tenement also I make Isabell my wife and hewe lawson my son my whole executors of this my last will also I make Thomas paly my brother Edward Sargynson my son in law, and Roger preston Supervisors of my said will witnesses hereof Sir James foster curate Thomas procter Thomas lawson Thomas paly Roger preston and Edward Sargynson with others

Latin text

John Lawson 1586

Borthwick vol. 23 fol. 380

In the name of god amen The foure(?) and twentie day of november in the yeare of our (lord) god (a thousand) fyve hundrethe) eyghtie sixe in the xxix te yeare of the Reigne of our soveraigne ladie quene Elizabethhe etc. I John Lawsons of knight staine forthe within the parish of Giggleswicke in the countie of yorke yeoman seke in bodie but of sound and perfect remembrance prayed be almyghty god do make this my last will and testament in.... .. in manner and forme following That is to say First I comend my soule into the.... .. mercyfull handes of almyghty god my maker and unto Jesus Christ my onlie saviour and redeemer by the meritts of whose precious ... and passion I hope for salvation and his divine and I my bodie to be buried in the churche yard of Giggleswicke And I make and all my debts which I owe by right or custome be trulie contented and paid. Also I give for my mortuarie and (church dues) all that Right will. Further I will that Elizabeth my wyfe shall have her Widdow Right of my goods The Residue of all my goodes and chattells my dettes and funerall expenses paid of the whole I give and bequeathe unto the said Elizabethhe my wyfe And I make and ordaine the same Elizabethhe my wyfe my full and sole executor of this my last will and testament And I make and appoynte Roger thelder and Richard Paley(?) supervisors of this my last will trusting they will see the same ... according to my true meaninge And thus haveing my whole faith In Jesus Christ I make an end. Thes being witnesses ... aforesaid and dyonesse Jennynge of giggleswicke with others

Latin text

Thomas Lawson younger 1573

Borthwick vol 19 fol 534

In the name of god amen the xxvth day of may anno dni a thousand fyve hundrithe....three, I Thomas Lawson younger sicke in bodie but of good and pfect Remembrance loved be god makes this my laste will and testamente in manr and forme followinge. First I give and bequithe my soule to Almightye god and my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche yearde of giglesweke. Allso I bequithe for my mortuarie and other churche dewes all that right will Also my will is that Elsabethe my wiffe shall bringe upp my sone Hewghe Lawson upon my tent, and...to yt to my saide sone Hewghe shalbe twentie yeares ould. And then bothe her husbandwith all their goods to avoide with owte delaye. Allso I give and bequithe the title and ...Righte of my tent with the Licence of the Lorde unto my sone hewgh and yf he depte.....the mercie of almightye god withoute Issue lawfullie begotten then I give the said tyle....tenant righte unto hewgh Lawson my brother. Allso I will that Elsabethe my wiffe have her widowe righte of my goods and hewghe Lawson my sone his childe porcon of my goods.And if it so chance that my saide Elsabethe shall Marie then I will that then iiij men ThomasAdam palay Roger preston and Adam Browne, so that mr. Henrie tenant shall alwayes be ...cheffe govnr and gider of my saide sone hewghe Lawon & yf some contravrsie betimes betwixte my father and my wiffe that it is my will that mr henrie tennnt and...men above named shall order yt The reste of my goods my debts and funrall expenses paid I give and bequithe to Elsabethe my wiffe and hewhy Lawson my sone and I make and constitute Elsabethe my wiffe and hewgh Lawson my sone my full Executors. These wytnes Hewghe Lawson my father, Thomas Lawson Adam paylay ~~and~~ Roger preston and Adam browne with others ...

Latin text

Borthwick vol 19 fol 707

Thomas Lawson 1574

In the name of God Amen the xxiiij th day of October a thowsand fyve hundrethe seventie foure I Thomas Lawson of Langclif within the pish of Giglesweke husbandman sicke in bodie but of good & pfyct memorie loved by allmyghtie god maykes this my laste will & testament in manner & forme folowinge fyrst I gyve & bequythe my sowle to allmightie god & to all the glorious company in heaven & my bodie to be buried in the pishe church yarde of Giglesweke Also I bequythe for my mortuarie & other churche dewes all that right will Also I will that Elizabeth my wyfe shall have her widowrighte bothe of my goodes & farmeholde And I gyve unto my said wyfe a which of myne as she will choose Also I will that George Lawson my sone shall have for his title & tennante righte of my farmehold & his childe porcon of my goodes iij li vj s viij d in redie mony at that tyme as the righte honorable Erle of Cumberlande shalbe at full aige and demannde Gressom of hym Also I gyve to my fyve daughters & to everie one of them one Ewe schepe of the beste Also I will that xpofer Lawson my sone shall have his thirde porcon of my goodes & the said goodes shalbe delyvered to Richarde lawson my sone & the said xpofer shalbe founde of my farne olde Also I gyve unto Elizabeth deane a gymmer lambe The reste of my pte of goodes my dettes & other ordinarie feys paid & discharged I gyve & bequythe to Richarde Lawson my sone & his children And I mayke & constitute my sone Richarde Lawson my hole executor Thes witnes Willm Bankes of Giglesweke Thomas kinge Giles Cookeson & mathewe Sigisweke with others

Latin text

Will of Richard Lund May 04 1537
Borthwick Vol.11 Folio 245

IN DEI NOM AMEN the fourth day of May the year of our lord God 1537 I Richard Lund sick in bodie & whole in mind make my last will & testament in manner & form following first I give & bequeath my soul to God Almighty to our lady saint mary & to all the saints in heaven & my body to be buried in the church of saint alkelda virgin of Giggleswick Also I bequeath for my mortuary that at right will Also I bequeath to the high altar for tithes & oblations by me negligently forgotten 12d. Also I bequeath to every priest saying mass for my soul the day I am buried 4d. Also I bequeath to the church of Giggleswick 3s.4d. Also my will is that my wife shall occupy two parts of my tenement & William my son the third part unto such time as th[e]one of my daughters be married. And then I will that my wife shall (let?) occupy the one half of the said tenement & William my son the other half. Also I give & bequeath the goods titles & tenements rights of the said tenement to William my son after the discharge of his mother with the licence of the lord thereof. The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give & bequeath to my wife which I make my executrix of this my will for to dispose as she think most expedient for the health of my soul & will of my children These witnesses by Richard Somerscale (Hamnet?) Masse Miles Wildman with other moo.

3 lines in Latin.

Will of John Lupton 1599
Borthwick vol. 27 fol. 727

In the name of god Amen the 29th day of October 1599 I John Lupton of Settle sick in body but in perfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to Jesus Christ my only lord and alone saviour and my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church in Giggleswick. Item I give devise and bequeath all my whole estate right title interest claim demand which I now have or which I my executors administrators or assigns might ought or of right may have of in and unto my tenement now in myne owne tenure and occupation of the yearly rent of 10 shillings situate lying and being within the town and townfields of Settle aforesaid with all houses edifices buildings arable lands meadows pastures commons moors mosses feedings and enclosures with all and singular the appurtenances to the same in any wise appertaining or belonging together with all such writings assurances and conveyances which I now have from any person or persons for and concerning the same unto Henry Lupton son of John Lupton my nephew and to his issue lawful And if it fortunes the said Henry to die without issue lawful then to Francis Lupton of Feazer my nephew and to issue lawful and for want of such issue then to the nearest in consanguinity and kindred by law then half of the said tenement and houses with the appurtenances thereto belonging reserved unto Ellin my wife for and during her life natural. Item I give devise and bequeath all my whole estate title interest claim and demand which I now have or which I my executors administrators or assigns might ought or of right may have of in and unto all and singular my houses and grounds with the appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining situate lying and being within the town and townfields or commons moors and enclosures of the lordship of Langcliffe by me bought and purchased together with all writings assurances and conveyances whatsoever I have from any person or persons for and concerning the same unto the said Henry Lupton and to his issue lawful and if it fortunes the said Henry to die without issue lawful then unto Francis Lupton aforesaid and to his issue lawful and for want of such issue then unto the nearest in consanguinity and kindred by law the moitie and one half thereof reserved unto Ellin my wife for and during her life natural and also one chamber in the northern end of my fire house in Langcliffe And one garth called the round garth next adjoining to the grounds of Richard Armitstead of Langcliffe aforesaid on the north side reserved unto John Wharfe my manservant which I give unto him for and during his life natural Provided always And it is my will that if the said Henry Lupton shall not be contented to continue and dwell with Ellin my said wife or Francis Lupton my said nephew without going or departing from them untill he shall accomplish the age of 18 years and also without going to dwell with his father during the said time then these my gifts and bequests to stand and remain unto him as void then I will that the premises remain unto the said Francis and his issue lawful and for want of such issue to the nearest by law. Item I give unto the said John Wharfe my blue coat. Item I give unto Margaret Clapham for a red petticoat. Item I leave unto Ellin my said wife the half of all my goods movable and immovable whereof I am now possessed as to her due according to the custom of the diocese of York and all the other half being my part commonly called the dead part I freely give and bequeath unto Henry Lupton aforesaid Provided always and it is my will that if Francis Lupton aforesaid and William Browne of Settle aforesaid do aid and assist Henry Lupton aforesaid in what suits or troubles may arise about my said tenement or either of them if the said Henry observe and perform the condition above

set down in this my will which I heartily desire that they will do then they shall have their charges borne of my goods or take £20 out of beside of my goods for the trial thereof. And I ordain and appoint Ellin my said wife and Henry Lupton aforesaid my joint executors of this my will and I desire Francis Lupton aforesaid Lawrence Place William Browne and Thomas Claphamson that be aiding and assisting unto my said executors as supervisors in ther due execution of this my will witnesses hereof John Paley Thomas Remington Francis Lupton William Browne

Latin text

LYNSAIE Richard 1595

Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 27 fol. 515

In the name of god amen the tenth day of February in the year of our lord one thousand five hundred ninety five I Richard lynsaie of palay green within the lordship of Gigglesweeke in the county of york husbandman being all feeble & crased in body nevertheless of perfect remembrance praised be god do ordain & make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and commend my soul into the merciful hands of almighty god trusting by the merits and passion of Christ Jesus to be saved And my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Gigglesweeke aforesaid at the discretion of my children & friends Item it is my will that my funeral expenses and such debts as I owe be discharged out of my whole goods And all the residue of my goods my debts & funeral legacies discharged I give and bequeath unto Jaine lynsaie my youngest daughter in regard of her painfulness and diligent service and behaviour towards me now in mine old age when I was not able to help & relieve myself And further my will is and I ordain that my said daughter Jaine shall have and enjoy till Candlemas next after my natural decease to the use and behalf of her the said Jaine and her assigns the occupation and benefit of those grounds at palay greene which my son John lynsaie standeth bounden to permit & suffer me & mine assigns to enjoy till the said Candlemas Item I give and bequeath 6s.8d. to be bestowed on such poor folk as here after I shall nominate before Roger Wilson & James Clarke my neighbours And I make and appoint my said daughter Jaine foresaid sole executrix of this my last will and testament witnesses hereof Roger Wilson Rowland Carr James Clarke John Lynsaie & William Lawson

4 lines Latin

Will of Sir John Malton Chantry Priest 1538

Borthwick vol. 11 fol. 495 mf 919

In dei no[m]i[n]e amen the xxvj day of Septembre the yere of oure lorde god
m[i]l[lesimo] v^c xxxviiij I S[i]r John malton chantre prest at Gigleswike seke in bodie
and holl in mynde make my testament and last will in mann[er] and forme followinge
First I bequeathe my saull to god almightie oure laydie sancte mairie and to all the
sanct[es] in heven and my bodie to be buried in the churche or churche yarde at
Gigleswike Also I bequeathe certayne good[es] to the some of xxxiiij li vj s viij d to be
disposed in the p[ar]ishinge of Gigleswike in this condicon as herafter doth followe
that is to say that if the said p[ar]ishing of Gigleswike will take ov[er] land to kepe
one prest and so after a nother for ev[er] more in the churche of the said Gigleswike
so that it be nev[er] voyde the space of xxx days of a prest which prest shall dulie say
mess at matins after this mann[er] that is to say frome the feast of the annu[n]ciacon
of oure laidie unto the feaste of the nativitie of oure Laydie betwixte v of the cloke
and vj of the cloke And frome the feast of the nativitie of oure laidie unto the feast of
the Annu[n]ciacon of our laidie the said mess to be said betwixt vj of the cloke and viij
Provyded alway that the saide prest shall say daylie placebo and dirige And also that
the saide prest be hired and occupyinge after the condicon aforsaid within the space of
xxvj wek[es] after that they that I leve my trust with give warninge unto the said
p[ar]ishing And if the said p[ar]ishing will not hier the said prest and kepe hyme after
the condicon aforsaid And wheras the said some of xxxiiij li vj s viij d is not sufficient
to do it with that the said p[ar]ishing will mak it upe sufficientlie of the goodes And if
the said p[ar]ishing will not annswer unto the condicon aforsaide then I bequeathe the
said some xxxiiij li vj s viij d to the p[ar]ishing of clapham after the said condicon
savage that they shall assigne the prest to say messe at any tyme of the day provided
alwais that the saide prest shall say daylie placebo and dirige for the soules
dep[ar]t[e]d and if the said p[ar]ishing of clapham will not hier the said prest and kepe
hyme after the condicon aforsaid And wheras the said some of xxxiiij li vj s viij d is
not sufficient to do it with that the said p[ar]ishinge of clapham will make it upe
sufficyentlie of the goodes And if the said p[ar]ishing of clapham will not annswer
unto this condicon aforsaid then I bequeathe the said some of xxxiiij li vj s viij d unto
theme that I leve my trust with in the condicon that they hier one prest or prest[es] to
pray for saules dede that pleses gode to be prayde for so longe as the said some of
xxxiiij li vj s viij d doth p[ro]vide iiij li iij s iiij d by yere so that the said prest and
prest[es] say wekley messe upon

feria quarta de quinque vulneribus Christi feria sexta de no[m]i[n]e Iesu et sabb[ati]
de visitatione b[eat]e marie virginis nisi duplex fest[um] de maioribus ipsis diebus
contingerit et tunc psalterium b[eat]e marie virginis dicetur genuflexo et Ita semel in
septimana missa³⁴ de requie p[ro] o[mn]ibus defunctis et in o[mn]ibus istis feriis
placebo et dirige c[um] no[ue]m lectionibus

*{the Wednesday of the Five wounds of Christ, on the Friday of the name of Jesus and
on the Saturday of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin unless there should happen to
fall a double of those major days and then the psaltery of the Blessed Virgin Mary to
be said on bended knee and then once a week a Requiem Mass for all the departed
and on all those weekdays placebo and dirige with nine readings.}*

And that the said prest or prest[es] shall take no more wadge in the yere of no p[er]son or p[er]sons but for a corse that is buried at the churche that he doth synge at and so that prest be goode of disposicon and lyvynge or els the said prest be charged ev[er]ie quart[er] and the prest shall synge at Gigleswike or at clapham and if the p[ar]ishinge of Gigleswike will not take upon hand then I bequeath xl s to the churche of Gigleswike to bie iij vestment[es] one of white with a red cros to the hie altare a nother to oure laydie altare And the thirde to the rode altare of rede with a blacke crose if my goodes will extende els not which god forbade Also I bequeathe unto S[i]r william wynterscale a gowne a dublet a pare of hosse a shert a cape and a pare of shone Also to myne awnte katherin clothe to one petticot Also I bequeathe to S[i]r Robert downham (?) x s j d to say sancte Gregorie trentale as the course of the yere dothe requyre Also to the said S[i]r Robert one book called Aetas salutis Also I bequeathe residue of my book[es] to the church of clapham and to be used comonlie to ev[er]ie one that is disposed to loke upon them Also I bequeath to the maydyn s[er]v[an]te of John Baynes vj s viij d Also I bequeath to Thomas yveson iij s iiij d also to the said Thom[a]s a gowne a Jerkyne and the fratyee that he is prest iiij li vj s viij d Also to ij kynswomen of the said *(blank space)* x s and if eyther of them feche it to her cost ij s Also to the made of the said women clothe to one pettycot also to Alice Calie clothe to one pettycot Also to Thomas kide vj d Also to ev[er]ie one of my godbarnes ij d Also to Richarde clapham vij d Also to the wif of Raufe L... one cov[er]let Also to John lydilston one cov[er]let Also to the power peple of the p[ar]ishing xiiij s iiij d Also to towe of william haull daughters either of them one cov[er]let Also I bequeathe to william haull my best dublet a cape a Jerkine a pare of new hosse a pare of shone a gowne with the Residue of my clothes Also I order and mak the forsaid william haull my holl executo[r] of this my testament and last will and to hym I put my holl trust for to fulfill this my last will above written and to delyver my bequest[es] accorde to this my forsaid will Also I mak S[i]r Thomas yedon sup[er]visor to se this my last will and testament be trewlie execut[ed] and fulfilled Witnes by ... of the said S[i]r Thom[a]s yedon John Baynes John Wilkinson with other moo

Latin text.

WILL OF Richard MELLZYNE 1555
Borthwick Vol.15(1) Folio 36

In the name of god amen the 13th. of February the year of our lord god 1555 I Richard Mellyne sick in body & of good & perfect memory loved be almighty god make this my last will & testament in maner & form following First I bequeath my soul to almighty god & to all the glorious company in heaven & my body to be buried in the churchyard of Giggleswick Item I bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Item I will that my wife shall have my tenement for to bring up my children & (have) with all ... during her widowhead & after her widowhead I give & queath my tenement with licence of my lord unto myles mellyne my son & if the said myles die without issue lawfully begotten then I give & bequeath my said tenement unto John Mellyne my son & from one child to an other Item I will that my children shall have there portion of goods according to the law Item I make William Lawson of Long Preston & William Browne of Settle supervisors of this my last will & testament & Agnes my wife my whole executrix The rest of my part of goods my debts & funeral expenses paid I give & bequeath to Agnes my wife & to my children to be equally divided amongst them These witness Richard Ratclif (Anthony) Knowles Hughe Lawson & Thomas Somerskills with others Sir James Foster

4 lines in Latin

Will of Sir John Mone 1538

Borthwick vol. 11 fol. 329 mf 918

Testamt Johnis Mone prestre nup de Giglesweke defuncti

In the name of god amen the second day of September in the yer of our lord god (md) xxxviiij I Sir John Mone prest beinge in perfect remembrance and seke in bodie make this my testament and last will in maner and forme folowinge. First I bequeathe my soull to allmightie god to our lady saint mary and to all the company of heaven and my bodie to be buried in the churche of saint Alkeld of Gyglesweke. Also I bequeathe to everie prest that shall celebrate Mass at my buriall iiij d and to everie scoler doinge prayre (?) ther that day j d also I bequeathe to Sir John Nelson iij li in money and my best gowne and best hate to pray for me one yere. Also I bequeathe to the byeinge of one crucifix of coper and gilted to Gyglesweke churche iiij li vj s viij d Also I bequeathe to everie childe that I am godfather unto ij d Also I bequeathe to my brother Edmund one Brande ox that is in the kepinge of James karre so that he do not take hym unto the tyme that she have maide her filthe the next yere. Also I bequeathe unto the said Edmund vj s viij d in money. Also I bequeathe unto Jamys Mone one ox that is in the kepinge of John Falthrope of Rome and also I do give unto hym vj s viij d the whiche he dothe owe unto me. Also I bequeathe to Richarde Mone of Bolton one cowe now in the kepinge of Richard Jakes. Also I bequeathe unto the said Richard one sored (sorel?) nage and also v s that he dothe owe unto me. Item I bequeath to Anthony knolle my godssone iij s iiij d whiche is parte of the det that his father owes unto me. Also I bequeathe to Robert Glover wif one synge gowne. Also I bequeathe to John Mone one cowe now in the keypyng of John Falthrope the elder Also I bequeathe to everie childe that is my brother Edmundes equally there partes of xxxiiij s iiij d which the vicar of Clapham dothe owe unto me if it may be gotten and I autorise them in my behalf to sew for the same and get it of ther owne costes. Also I bequeathe to Sir Thomas Miton (?) v s. All the residue of my goodes not bequeathed I put to the disposinge of henry Mone my brother and I make my said brother henry and William Preston the elder my executors to mynyster for me and fulfill my last will and I will that William preston shall have for his labour x s all his costes and chardges to be borne of my goodes and to....

Sir Richard Mone prior of bolton Sir Thomas preston and Sir Thomas yedon with other men(?).

...xviiij die mensis Septembris anno dm predicto emanduit
comissio

decano de Craven ad

et die Octobris..

WILL OF Oliver NEWHOUSE 1556
Borthwick Vol.15(1) Folio 284

In the name of god amen the 25th. Day of September in the year of our lord god 1556 I Oliver Newhouse sick in body & of good & perfect remembrance loved be almighty god make this my last will & testament in maner & form following First I bequeath my soul to almighty god to all the glorious company in heaven & my body to be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick Item I give & bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Item my will is that my wife Isabell & Oliver Newhouse my son son (*sic*) shall occupy my farmhold together till Oliver Newhouse my son son be of 21 years of age & then shall my wife pay unto the said Oliver for the occupation of my said farmhold as iiij friends or recorders shall think mete & convenient provided always that if Isabell my wife & Oliver Newhouse my son son can not agree then shall my wife have the 3rd. part of my farmhold during her widowhead after the custom of the country & then my will is that the said Oliver Newhouse shall with Richard Newhouse his kinsman (bothe) his goods & the rest of my said farmhold during his nonaig # & the said Richard shall pay to the said Oliver at the sight of iiij friends or my recorders for the occupation of my said farmhold & if it chance my said son Oliver to die without issue lawfully begotten then my will is that Agnes my daughter & her children lawfully begotten shall have the title & tenant right of my said farmhold Item my will is that the said Oliver Newhouse shall make his uncle Alexander Tenand a counsell of his marriage the rest of my part of goods my debts & funeral expenses paid I give & bequeath unto Isabell my wife & Oliver Newhouse my son son whom I make my whole executors These witness Richard Newhouse Thomas Browne Willim Browne Willim Craven Thomas hind with others

4 lines in Latin

nonnaig – pre 21 yrs. of age