

Robert Proctor 1597

Borthwick vol 27 fol 116

In the name of god amen I Robert Proctor of Cleatop in the Countie of yorke sicke in bodie but of good and perfecte minde and memorie do make and ordaine this my last will & testament in manner and forme followinge, First and principallie I comitt and commend my soule into the hands of Almightye God, And my bodie to bee buried in the parishe church of Giggleswicke so nigh my father and mother as maie bee, And I will that the money alreadie in the howse and to bee ppared for the first paimiente(?) touchinge the purchase of Cleatop bee given to my brother Henrie Proctor towards the same purchase, And the right and interest which I have of thoneside of Cleatop Alreadie I give the same to my lovinge wyfe Alice Proctor to enioy during her life, And after her decease I give the same to my brother Henrie Proctor and George Proctor his sonne, And I will that in case(?) my wyfe live longer then the yeares I have alreadie in Cleatop that my said brother Henrie Proctor suffer her to enioy that side of which I now have after the said purchase bee made so longe as shee shall live, And I give and bequeath to my good and lovinge uncle Henrie Tennt gen Willm Proctor and Anthonie Proctor my bretheren and to everie one of my servants such legacies as my saied wyfe shall thinke meete and conveniente to bee bestowed of them and no more. The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to Alice proctor my saied wyfe whome I make thexecutrix of this my last will and testamente willinge and requiringe her that she remember my brother Henrie Proctors Children with such legacies after her death as she by her will and testament shall thinke beste In wyttnes whereof I hereunto set my hande the tenth daie of September 1597. Wyttnesses Roger Preston and Henrie Knowles

Latin text

George Palay 1576

Borthwick vol. 21 fol. 6

In the name of God amen 1576 the xij day of February I George Paly of Knight Stanforth within the parish of Giggleswicke sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance loved be almighty god my maker and Redeemer make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul to almighty god my saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Gyggleswicke also I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will also I give and bequeath the title and tenement right of my Tenement unto James Palay my son after my wife and me also I give and bequeath unto katherine my wife her widow right both of goods and farmhold also I bequeath to my children their child's portion of my goods according to the law The rest of all my goods my debts and all other ordinary fees paid and discharged I give and bequeath unto agnes Palay and Eliz Palay equally between them, and I make and constitute Katherine my wife my whole executrix These witness John Palay the elder John Palay the younger and Thomas Palaye with others

Latin text

WILL OF Hew PALAY 1564
Borthwick Vol.17 Folio 435

In the name of god amen in the year of our lord god 1564 the 29th. day of July I hew palay of stainforth sick in body & of perfect remembrance praise be god make this my last will & testament in maner & form following First I give & bequeath my soul to god almighty & my body to be buried in the church yard at Giggleswick & for my mortuary that at right will Also I will that my wife have the half of my (tenement) with the appurtenances which I now do occupy during her widowhead & be the best in my house & when she please & after my wife all my said tenement & houses with the appurtenances to remain to Richard my son & to his issue for ever Also I will that Roger my son have his child portion of my goods if he will rest in his own goods, if not, then I will that he shall have soo such for his portion & for his agreement of his brother Richard as ric. palay & William palay of Giggleswick (25s) for (johnson?)& Roger Swaynson shall judge him to have, & if he refuse this judgement then I will that he have neither childs portion nor greement Also I will that they judge what Thomas shall have for his agreement Also I will that Richard my son shall have all my husbandry gear after my wife withall nail fast gear, with formes, bords & chairs, & my buckskin dublett Also I will that all my debts & funeral charges be first paid of my whole goods that done the rest of my part of goods I give & bequeath to Thomas my son, provided that my wife have quietly her goods Also I make my wife & Thomas my son my whole executors of this my last will These witness John Swaynson John Paley senior John Paley junior & Thomas palay with other moo

4 lines in Latin

WILL OF Isabell PALAY 1556
Borthwick Vol.15(1) Folio 253

In the name of god amen the 9th.day of January 1556 I Isabell palay widow 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 our lady saint mary & to all the glorious company in heaven & my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick Item I bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Item I give to the high alter for forgotten tithes 3s.4d. Item if the parishioners of Giggleswick will buy a great bell I give then to it (20s.) Item to Robt. Armitstede to his wife a young cow Item to Agnes Lawson a brewing pan & a coverlett Item To Isabell Lawson my goddaughter 6s.8d. Item to margaret browne my best hat & an apron Item to Alkelda Browne a kirtle & a smock Item to Adam Browne daughters of mitton parish a coverlett Item I give & bequeath the title & tenant right of this my tenement with the licence of the lord thereof unto Thomas Knolle my husband sister son The rest of my goods my debts & funeral expenses paid I give & bequeath unto Thomas Browne & Oliver Brown whom I make my whole executors These witnesses James Armisted of huntwath the elder William Armisted & James armisted the younger with others

2 lines in Latin

Mathewe Palay 1569

Borthwick vol 18 fol 129

In The name of God amen the xxj day of Maij Anno dni 1569 I Mathewe palay secke in bodye but of good and pfcte memorye loved be almightie god makes this my last will and Testament in maner and forme folowinge First I gyve and bequithe my soull To almyghtie god, and to all the glorious Companye in heaven and my bodye to be buriede in the pishe churche yearde of gyglesweke also I gyve and bequith for my mortuarie and other churche dewes all that Right will also I gyve and assigne to Adam palay my eldest sone my lease and the tenande Right of my tenament he doynge his dewtye to the lorde and ...therof Also I gyve to the said Adame all my husbandrye geare and his owne pper goodes and so the said Adam to be content and have no childe porcon of my goodes also I gyve to the said Adame xv bushells of Ottes and fyve bushells of bigge, and the rest of my children to have there childe porcons of my goodes accordinge to the lawe Also my will is that Alice my wyfe have and possesse all suche goodes and grounde as was awarde her to have by foure honest men in the seconde and thirde yeare of the Reigne of phillippe and Marye The Rest of my pte of goodes and all other costes and charges paide I gyve and bequithe to Eliz. palaye my daughter, also I will that Adam my sonne shall paye unto John palay his brother for the tente Ryght of my tente when he shalbe xx ti yeares and more. xx s and the said John to seale and delivr a genrall cognitance, and I make Adam Palay my sonne and John Palay my Cosyn my holle Executors Thes wittnes John Swayson John Lowson John Palay thelder and Roger Lowson with others....

Latin text

Richard Palay 1571

Borthwick vol 19 fol 434

In the name of God amen the xvj day of Aprill anno dni a thousande fyve hundrethe seventie one I Richarde palay of Capelside singleman seke in bodie never the less of good and pfite memorie prayed be god do make my laste will and Testamente in manner and forme followinge First I geve my Soule to the omnipotente lorde and my bodie to be buried in the churche yearde at Geglesweke and for my mortuarie and other churche dewes all that right will also I geve to Thomas palaye my brother sone thre poundes to Richarde palay his brother fower poundes and to Jaine palay ther sister fyve poundes also I geve unto Alice Newhouse fyve shillings and to Jenet Armesteade xijd The reste of my goods my dettes funrall expences and bequestes paid and discharged I geve and bequythe to Alane Carr of Capilside and Thomas palay senior of Giglesweke senior (sic) who I make my hole executors of this my laste will witnesse... Robert Tresdale(?) and Jennet Houghton wth others ...

Latin text

William Palay 1570

Borthwick vol 19 fol 24

In the name of god amen the xxxj daye of Julie anno dni 1570 I will..Paylay of gingleswicke seike in bodye but of good and pfect memorye loved be almy...god make this my last will and testament in manr and fourme Folowinge First I give and bequeathe my Soull to allmyghtye god and to all the glorious comp... in heaven and my bodye to be buried in the pishe churche yearde of gygles....also I give and bequeathe For my mortuarye and other churche dewes all Ryght will also I give and bequeathe title and tenant Ryght of my tenem...unto Thomas palie my sonne and yf he dye wtout ysshewe maille lawf... begotten then I give yt to Richard palie my sonne and yf he dye without ysshewe maille lawfullye begotten then I will that Richard Palay my brother Shall have my tenemente wt the licence of the lord and he to give to Jane my daughter at the discretion of my Recordars also when thomas pala my s... shalbe xxtie I will that agnes my wife shall have my tenement to bringe ...her children & myne and to marye to it to thomas palay my sonne ...yeares of age and agnes my said wife shall be ordered at all tymes and in all mattars at the discretion and com... of thomas brayshayBrowne and george lawson also I will that agnes my wife shall have hir widow ryghte of my goods and my children ther childs porcon and Richard palay and Jane palaye my children shalbe brought up of my tenement to the yonger of them be xxtie years of aige also I give to thomas my Sonne or to hym that shall have my tenement all the tymber The rest of my parte of goodes my detts and funrall expenses paid and discharged I gyve and bequeathe to Richard pala and Joanne pala my children and I make & constitute Agnes my wife and Thomas palay my sonne my hooll Executors these witnes Thomas Brayschaye Thomas banks James Browne george lawson and thomas pala wt other...

Latin text

Richard Palaye 1598

Borthwick vol 27 fol 514

In the name of god amen the tenth day of August 1598 I Richard Palaye of Gigleswicke sicke in body but of pfect remembrance praised (*vic*) do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I Comend my soule to Jesus Christ my onely Lord and saviour and my body to be buryed in the churchyard of the pish church of Gigleswicke Itm I give and bequeath unto Thomas Palaye my brother one acre of arrable land by estimacon be yt more or lesse wch I bought of Henry Roome of Giglesweeke aforesaid a pcell whereof lyeth at a place called Gilderslights and another pcell thereof lyeth at a place called Whitewrages(?) neere Leonarde thwaits wthin the townfeildes of Giglesweeke aforesaid to have holde occupie & enjoy the same to him and his assignes for evr in as full and ample manner in all respects as I myselfe had or of right might or ought to have the same of the said Henry Roome he the said Thomas my said brother for his said assignes yeilding and paying at thend of foure yeares next after he or they shall come to the occupacon of the same grounds unto Jaine Palaye my sister if she be then living the full whole and iuste some of fyve pounds of currant and lawfull money of England at one entyre and whole payment Itm I give unto Thomas Palaye my said brother twentie shillings wch Hughe Tailor doth owe unto me. Also I give unto him my said brother that myne apparrell wch he nowe haith at his house Also I give unto Jaine my said sister one chiste wch is at the house of my said brother Thomas Palaye All the rest of my goodes my debts first discharged my funerall Expences paid and other dues done I give and bequeath unto Richard Brayshaye my father and Jaine Palaye my said sister equally to be devided betwixt them whome I also ordeyne and appointe Executors of this my will and testament. Witnesses hereof John Palaye El(de)r Henry Roome and John Standeven.....

Latin text

Hughe Paley 1598

Borthwick vol 27 fol 616

In dei no(m)i(n)e amen upon the xxvij th day of march 1598 I Hughe Paley of knightstainforde wthin the pish of Gigleswicke and Countie of yorke sicke in my bodie but of pfect remembrance praised be Almightye god do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I comend my soule to almightie god by whose mercie throughe the redemption in Jesus Christ my onely saviour I believe to be saved andburied in the churchyard at Gigleswicke Also it is my mynde and will is that my debts be paid of my whole goods, my debts being paid and funerall expences discharged I will that Anne my wife have her right of the residue and my children there porcons Itm I bequeath the tenntright of my tente to Anne Paley my wife to educate and bring upp my children upon wth the licence of my mr and landlord trusting that my mr and landlord wilbe good to my wife and children even for gods sake Also I do make and ordayne Anne Paley my wife executrix of this my last will and testamt And I desire Willm Newhouse and John Burton of Feezor to be supervisors hereof and to helpe my wife and children where need shalbe for gods sake Theis being witnesses Roger Swainson and Bryan Baynbrigg....

Latin text

James Paley 1593 (?)

Borthwick vol 25 fol 1458

In the name of God Amen the tenth of maie I James Paley of Paley greene within the parishe of Gigleswicke sicke in bodie but of whole and perfecte memorie praised be allmightie god do make this my laste will and testamente in manner and forme followinge. Firste I commende my soule into the handes of allmightie god my heavenlie father belevinge throught his mercie in Jesus Christe my Redeemer to be saved and my bodie to be buried at the discretion of my friendes Item I give for my mortuarie that whiche is due and accustomed Item I give and bequeathe to Katherine my wiefe the moitie or one halfe of my tenemente at Paley greene duringe her widowhead accordinge to an agremente heretofore made between me and my sonne Thomas Paley Item my will is that my daughters unmarried shalbe maried and preferred of all my goodes out at a side(*sic*) and also that Tho: Paley my Sonne shall give unto his brethren iij li vj s viij d in consideracon of suche covenantes as are betwene him and me or so muche as master Shute and my said sonne Thomas shall agree upon for them to have Also the reste of my goodes my debtes paide and funerall expences discharged I give to Katherine my wiefe yf that she do not marrie againe but if she do marrie againe then my will is that she shall have no more but her onelie lawfull thirdes And I make the said katherine my wiefe executor of this my laste will and testamente And I praie Thomas Bankes of Sigleswicke(*ic*) Roger Carre of the close house Richard Paley my brother and my Sonne Thomas Paley to be Supvisors of my will for the helpinge of my wiefe and children Thes witnesses xpofer Shute Tho: Paley...

Latin text

John PALEY 1597 Borthwick 27, fol. 176

Will of 29th November 1597, bd 16th December 1597

In the name of God amen The xxix th day of November 1597 (I) John Palay of Lancklife sicke in bodie but of pfect remembrance prased be God do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme following first I Comend my soule to Jesus Christ my onlie lord and savioure and my bodie to be buried in the Church yarde of the pish Church of Gigleswicke and for my mortuary and all Churches what of right is due and accustomed I will that the same be trulie paid Item I give to Thomas my sonne and to his issue lawfullie one close called Lees close lying betweene the grounds of Thomas Sowden and Richard Armistead and also a pcell of grounde called Pesber by afirmaton half and (*sic*) acre and one garden lying and being upon the northeside of Lanclife for ever and for wante of him and his issue then I give the same grounds unto Elizabeth Payley my supposed daughter and to her issue lawfull then I will the same shall reservatone (?) unto Margaret my wife for and during her pure Widdowhead And I also will that my wife have the use and occupacon of these grounds untill my said sonne Thomas come to the age of one and twentie yeares iff he live so long and yf she be able maintane him and yf she be not then I will that these grounds be sell and letten to the most profitt for his mayntennce And for my goods aswell moveable as unmoveable I will that my Children Thomas and the said Elizabeth shall have their equall porcons thereof and my wife her Widdowright and for my pte of goods my debts first discharged of the whole goods my funerall expences paid and other dues done I give the same unto Elizabeth my said supposed daughter and I give also unto Myles Nicholson Scholer two sheepe Item I ordayne and appointe Margaret my said wife and Elizabeth my said daughter my Joynt executors of this my will witnesses hereof John Palay and Richard Kidson Mathew Sigsweeke George Lawson and Thomas Siggeswicke.....

Latin text

A plausible but unproven family tree

	?		1591	
John Paley	=	Katherine	=	Margaret Sigswicke
bd 1597		ux bd 1588		bp 1566
				married Richard Iveson in 1599

Thomas bp 1586/7 (not yet 21 in 1597)

Why is Elizabeth a *supposed* daughter? Maybe illegitimate and not registered?

Elizabeth Paley de Langcliffe bd 1604/5

Richard Paley 1569

Borthwick vol 18 fol 130

In the name of God amen the xij day of July Anno dom 1569 I Richard paley of Knight St(*ainforth*) seike in bodie but pfcte of Remembrance lovid be almyghtie god makes this my last will and Testament in maner and forme followinge First I gyve and bequithe my soull unto allmyghtie god and to all the glorious companye in heaven and my bodye to be buried in the pishe churche yearde of gyglesweke, also I gyve and bequithe for my mortuarie and all other churche dewes all that right will. Also I will that my wyf shall have for widowe right bothe of goodes and farmholde and my children to have there childe porcons of my goodes accordinge to the lawe also I gyve the revercon of my lease to Hewe paley my sonne and yf he dye without yssue then I gyve yt to Eliz. my daughter and yf she dye without yssue lawfullie begotten then I gyve yt to agnes my daughter, also my will is that my wyf shall have and occupye my farmholde duringe her widowheade and to bringe uppe her children and myne to they be of lawfull aige, also my will is that yf my wyf shall chance to marrye agayne then ..shalbe at the dyscrecon and order of John Swayneson and Thomas Craven with theof other frendes bothe of her pte and myne whether she shall marrye to my farmholde agayne duringe the nonaige of my sonne or daughters or not, also my will is that yf Eliz. my daughter shall have my farmholde. Then she shall paye in penny and penny worth iij li vj viij d unto agnes her syster when she shall enter to the saide farmholde. The Rest of my pte of goodes my detts and funerall expences paid I gyve to agnes palay my daughter, and I constitute and make Kathe...my wyf and Thomas craven my holle executors. Thes wittnes John Swaynson gregorye twist...Lawson and Roger Swaynson with others....

Latin text

Richard Paley 1601

Borthwick vol 28 fol 727

Memorandum that upon the twentieth day of February anno dom 1601 Richard Paley of Settle in the county of yorke husbandman sicke in body but perfect in memory did make his will and testament as followeth First he did bequeath his soule to god and his body to the earth willing that his debts should be paid and of his whole goods. And the reste he gave to his wife and his child Also his will was that his daughter should have his tenement and all his estate therin to her and her issue and if she dies without issue therof to remaine to his wife and her assignes witnesses hereof Thomas Howson Lawrence Knowles Roger Benson....

Latin text includes mention of Agneti Paley

NB Parish register:- Burial of "Ricardus Palaie de S(ettle)" 21 Feb 1601/2

Also Birth of "Thomas illegitime natus Agnetis Palaie de S et Thome Howson sen ut ipsa asserit" 2 Feb 1603/4

Robert Paylaye 1576

Borthwick vol 20 fol 87

In the name of god amen the thirde daye of June one thousand fyve hundrethe
seventie six I Robarte Paylaye of Settell sicke in bodie but of gode & pfecte
Remembrance lovyd be Almightye god makes this my last will & testament in maner
& forme folowinge First I geve & bequethe my soule to almightye god my maker &
Redemer & my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche yearde of giglesweke Also I
bequethe for my mortuarie & other churche dewties all that Right will Also I will that
Agnes my wyfe shall be best at my howse & have & occupie my tenement unto
Richarde paylaye my eldest sonne with the lycence of the lorde And yf he die without
Issue lawfullie begotten then I geve my said tenemente to thomas paylaye my younger
sonne & so from one child to annother Also I will that Agnesse my wiffe shall have
her widdow Righte of my goodes & my cheldren ther childes porcons of my goodes
accordinge to the lawe Also I will that Richarde paylaye my sonne shall paye to
thomas paylaye his brother for his tenante Right three poundes six shillinges eight
pence The reste of all my goods my debtes paid & all other dewties paide I geve &
bequethe unto Richarde paylaye my sonne And I make & constitute Agnes my wiffe
my whole executrix These witnesses Willm Browne John winsor John
Bawderstone and John Bankes with others mo

Thomas Payley 1592

Borthwick vol 25 fol 1287

In the name of god amen the thertye day of Januarie 1592 I Thomas Payley of giglesweeke Sicke in bodie but of good and perfecte remembrance praysed be god doe maike this my laste will and testmt in manner and forme followinge First I bequeathe my soule to Jesus Christe my onelie saviour and Redemmer (*sic*) and my bodie to be buried in the churche yearde of giglesweeke and for my mortuarie and other churche dues all that right will Item yt is my will that my debtes be payed of my wholle goodes and then my wyef to have her weddowright and Thoms and John my sonnes their portions also yt is my will that my wyef shall have theoccupacon of my house and all taken groundes duringe her weddowhead and righte and where as I have bene att great charges kepinge xpofer my eldest sonne att Cambridge the wch was my intent and his agrement shoulde be to him in full satisfacon of his tytyle of my house and for his porcon of my goodes the wch in truth hathe bene unto me in duple charge of that wch I ame nowe able to geve unto the reste of my sonnes my will is theirfore that he shall houlde him self satisfied therewth and that he shall nott claime and have anie more of my goodes or my tytyle unto my house and whereas also I have laitlye payde unto William my sonne fouretene poundes my will is that the same shalbe unto hime a full satisfacon for his wholl porcon of my goodes and whereas my sonne John hathe bene diligente to supporte and relive me nowe manynge(?) bothe wth his goodes and other his dutifull obedience And also in consideracon that he shall paye unto his Brother Thomas Fyve poundes ovr and besydes his porcon of my goodes the wch he kyndlie agreed to me that he would doe, my will is in consideracon of all the pmisses I geve devise and bequeathe unto the saide John my sonne my wholl tytyle and Tennnt right of my howses and cottage by lycence of the lorde and as touchinge my parte of goodes yt is my will that my funerall expenses be payde of the same and the reste that remaineth I geve yt unto my sonnes Thomas and John equallie to be divided betwene them and I ordaine and appointe Elizabeth my Wyef and John my sonne my Jointe executors of this my will and testament In the presence of these wytnesses Followinge vidz Christopher Shute John Thornton Anthonie Foster and Robte Craike

Latin text

PRESTLEY Thomas 1579
Ref. Borthwick.York vol. 21 fol 334

In the name of god amen the third day of January 1579 I Thomas Prestley of the newhouse near the mearesyke within the parish of Long Preston being perfect of memory praised be almighty god doth make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to almighty god my only maker saviour and redeemer, and my body to be buried in the church yard at Long preston also I leave and bequeath my whole tenement with the licence of the lord for the space of three years to Eliz. my wife, and she to educate and bring up my children upon the farm not hurting her widows right, and at the end of the three years, the said tenement shall be co equally divided betwixt henry prestley and Thomas at the discretion of friends so that the election and choice of the division of the said tenement to remain to my son henry provided always that if either party be so disposed to lett or sell there parts of the said tenement, that they shall lett or sell it to no other but party to party and that party that will so do shall have ten pounds for it and no more also it is my will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid that the residue of my part of goods shall be given and divided equally betwixt henry prestley and Thomas prestley my sons, Also I make Eliz. my wife and John (bynns) supervisors of this my last will and testament Also I make Thomas prestley my son my full and whole executor of this my last will and testament These honest men being recorders of the same henry (woodworth) John Butterfield John (halbath?) and Richard Symsby

3 lines Latin

Agnes Preston 1597

Borthwick vol 27 fol 177

In the Name of god amen The vij th day of August in the yeare of our lord god 1597 I Agnes Preston widdow late wife of Richard Preston late of Gigleswicke disceased within the Countie of yorke verie sicke in bodie but of pfect mynd god be prayed therefore do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme following First I give and comend my soule to almightie god my maker trusting to be saved in Jesus Christ and my bodie to be buried within the church yard of Gigleswicke aforesaid Item for my goods and cattells I will that they be bestowed as followeth viz: that the charges of my funerall be First laid downe and allowed of the whole Item I will that my sonne in law Willm Browne be satisfied the next for my tabling this last yeare and some other debts wch I owe unto him Item I give unto the said Willm Browne xs in money which Richard Foster of Staynforth oweth me and other xs and two bushells of Barlie wch the wife late of Richard Brayshay of Langclife oweth me Item I give unto my daughter Margaret Browne wife of the said willm all myne apparrell and for the residew of my goods cattells and debts I give unto my sonne Thomas Preston yf he come into the Cuntrie and demannnd them and yf he do not then I bequeath them all unto my said sonne in law willm Browne whome I make sole executor of this my last will and testament Witnesses hereof George Lawson Thomas Foster and willm lawsonn.....

Latin text

Borthwick vol 20 fol 45

Edward Preston of Cowside 1575

In the name of god amen the eight daye of maye in the yere of our lord god a thousand fyve hundreth three score & fyften I edward preston of Cosheyde in the pishe of gylesweke sicke in bodie but of good & pfecte remembrance laude and prayse be to almightie god make this my laste will & testamente in manor & forme folowinge Firste I geve & bequeth my soule to almightie god & to all the glorious companie in heaven & my bodie to be buriede in the pishe churche yearde of gylesweke Also I bequethe for my mortuarie & other Churche dewes all that right will Also I bequethe to Isabell my wife halfe of my goodes.....yf she be not with childe & yf she be withe childe she to have the thirde pte of my goodes and the thirde pte of my landes & yf my wife have no sonne but a daughter then I will that robert preston my Brother shall have the reste of my lande duringe his naturall lyfe & after his lyfe I geve my said land unto thomas preston sonne of Addam preston to thomas preston & Roger preston equallie betwext them so that they shall paye unto my daughter six pounds thertene shillings foure pence yf I have one Also I bequethe to rychard Saylbanke one pr(?) of waine Raythes Also I bequethe to roger Saylbanke my syster sonne a Jackit a doublet a layne yocke a heade shackell a Iron tynne a wayne head shackell & a tranre Also I geve to the poore folkes of gylesweke pishe iij sh iiij d Also I geve my lease of Schayll lande liinge on Remynton more to my wife & Roberte preston my Brother duringe theire naturall lyves & after ther lyves I geve my said lease to Willm preston Sonne of John preston of Calton Also I geve to my wife & to roberte preston my Brother my moitie whiche I have of one Wallys duringe his naturall lyfe whiche is twentie (*sic*) thertene shillings foure pence Also I will that Roberte tompsonne shall have a lease for one & twentie yeres he payinge therfore three pounds Sixe shillinge eight pence & within a quarter of a houre after the said edwarde said that the said roberte cookesone should paye twentie ponde the reste of all my goodes my debttes & all other ordinares payde I geve unto Isabell my wife to my child yf she be with childe & to robert preston my brother & I make & constitute Isabell my wife & roberte preston my Brother my holle executors thes witnesses Rychard taylor Rychard saylbanke henrie paycoke henrie collare with others

WILL OF Richard PRESTON SNR. 1554
Borthwick Vol.14 Folio 153

In the name of god amen the 6th. of January in the year of our lord god 1554 I Richard preston the elder of the nearbeck sick in body & of perfect knowledge & good memory thanks be almighty god doth order & make this my last will & testament in maner & form following First I bequeath my soul unto almighty god & to all the celestial saints in heaven & my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick before the church door. Item I bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Item I give & bequeath the title & tenant right of my tenement unto Anne my wife during her widowhead & after her widowhead I give & bequeath all my whole title & right of my said tenement unto Roger preston my son with the licence of the lord First I give & bequeath to my son Roger all my husbandry gear & my said son Roger shall have his childs portion of my goods And I will that Anne my wife & Roger my son shall keep & hold Robert preston my son at the school unto he be able to help himself Item I give & bequeath to Christopher preston my son 20s. & yt to be for agreement for my tenement & for his childs portion of my goods Item I give & bequeath to hew my son over & besides his childs portion 20s. & it to be paid at such times as Anthony Knowles hew Lawson & Richard preston the younger shall think mete & convenient The residue of all my goods my debts & funerall expenses paid I give & bequeath to Anne my wife whom I make my whole executrix Item I make (.....) Knowles & hew lawson supervisors & they to se this my last will & testament to be fulfilled & (kept?) & they to have their costs & charges bourne of my whole goods These men being witness Knowles hew lawson Richard preston younger & Robert Kidd with other

4 lines in Latin

WILL OF Thomas PRESTON 1567
Borthwick Vol. 17 Folio 809

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In the name of God Amen The third day of 1567 I Thomas preston sick in body & of
Good and perfect.....right god make this my last will & testament
I give and bequeath my soule to God Almighty& to our lady saint mary & my
Body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Giggleswick & for my mortuary
.....right will Item I will that Agnes my wife shall have
.....during her widowhead, & after her widowhead I
.....of my (goods?) to adam preston my son with licence
(of the lord).....then I give my title to Alice my
.....John preston my brother shall have one of my (childer?) wh.....
.....Item I make John preston & Willim preston my brothers
.....& then to see it fulfilled Item my children shall have
.....the rest of my part of goods my debts & funeral
(expenses).....my children to be equally divided amongst them
.....preston my son my whole executor these witnesses hewgh newhouse
(rest of witnesses names obliterated)

5 lines in Latin

WILL of William Preston of Giggleswick 1590

Borthwick vol. 24 fol. 646r and v

In the name of God Amen the 23rd day of March 1590 I William Preston of Giggleswick in the county of York sick in body but of 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 maker and only saviour and my body to be buried in the churchyard in Giggleswick. And for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will. Item it is my will that my debts be paid of my whole goods and the rest that remains my wife to have her widow right and my children their portions. Also it is my will that my wife shall have the occupation of my tenement and my children's portions to bring up my children upon till my son Richard come to the age of 21 years she keeping my wife. And after he come to the same age of 21 years to enter to the one half of my tenement and my wife to have and enjoy the other half thereof till my younger children be brought to succour either by marriage or otherwise provided for. And then my wife to have her widow right and my son Richard the residue. And after her death or end of widowhood my whole tenement to remain unto my said son Richard and to his lawful issue and for (*ack? word missing*) of issue of Richard the same to remain to my next son and so from son to son and their lawful issue. And it is my will that my said son Richard or he that shall first enter into my tenement shall pay to either of his brethren seven pounds and if there be but one brother he to have but only seven pounds the same to be paid when they and every of them do come to lawful age or otherwise stand need thereof at the discretion of my wife and supervisors. Item it is my will that my younger sons be kept at school till they be able to serve apprenticeship. Item it is my will that the seven pounds which is in James Garnettes hands the same shall be accounted in one portion of goods and the same seven pounds with the increase thereof I give to my younger sons. And if either of them die it to remain to the survivor. Also it is my will that my brother Thomas have such bequest as is appointed to him by my father's will and according to the true meaning thereof. The rest of my part of goods not bequeathed my funeral expenses paid I give it wholly unto my two daughters equally between them so always as they shall be ruled by their mother and my supervisors. And if either of them refuse to be guided either in marriage or otherwise as my wife and supervisors shall think meet they to have no part of this my gift (?). And I ordain and appoint Isabell my wife and Richard my son my joint executors of this my last will and testament. I appoint my uncles Roger Carr Richard Foster my father in law Henry Robinson my brother in law Brian Cookeson William Browne and Robert Craike my neighbours supervisors to assist my executors in the execution of my said will. Witnesses hereof my own hand hereunto subscribed the day and year above said in the presence of the persons above said viz. Roger Carr Richard Foster Henry Robinson Nicholas Benson William Browne and Robert Craike

Latin text

WILL OF Richard PRISTON 1567
Borthwick Vol.17 Folio 679

In the name of god amen the 23rd. day of April 1567 I Richard priston sick in body & of good & perfect memory thanks be to god, do make this my last will & testament in maner following First I give & 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 will that Anne my wife have & occupy my whole tenement to the most profit of her & my children, during her widowhead, & after her widowhead I will that Willim my son shall have my said tenement which I now do dwell upon & the crasseynge to him & his lawful issue, for ever & for lack of lawful issue of his body I will that my son Thomas have my said tenement after the decease of my son Willim to him & his lawful issue for ever. And if it fortune Thomas to have my said tenement then I will that his childs portion be divided equally amongst his sisters being not married, further I will that Willim my son have all my husbandry gear, & he to demand no other childs portion Item I will that Thomas my son shall have the walke milne, the smithe withall the instruments of the smithe & thackwaite # to him & his issue for ever & for lack of lawful issue of Thomas my son the same smithe thakwhate milne & smithe goods to revert & return to Willim my son & his issue, Also if it fortune Willim my son to die without lawful issue, & Thomas my son to have my tenement then I will that Thomas my son shall geve to everye one of his sisters 20s At such time as my supervisors shall think good, Also I will that Willim my son shall enter my tenement at such time as my said supervisors shall think good & profitable Also if it fortune both my sons to die without issue lawful, then I will that Eliz. my daughter have my said tenement giving to her sisters at the discretion of my supervisors or so many as then shall be living, & if she die without issue then my tenement to remain to my second daughter she doing likewise as is above said Also I will that Thomas my son be kept at the school as long as my supervisors shall think good, & if he be aminded to continue at learning then I will that William my son have the milne, thakewhate & smithe, & he to keep Thomas at the school as long in recompence of them as my said supervisors shall think (reasonable) I will that all bequithes in my fathers will (not discharged) be discharged & if any of my daughters die, her sisters to have her childs portion Also I will that my portion of goods, my debts funeral expenses & bequeaths paid of the whole be equally divided amongst my daughters & I make my wife & Willim my son my whole executors of this my last will & I make Richard newhouse Thomas foster Roger Carr Adam Carr Thomas hind & Thomas paley supervisors of this my last will who are also witnesses of the same

4 lines in Latin

#thackwaite/thackthwaite – name of a field adjacent to Catterall Hall, shown as Thackwood on 1850's 1st.ed. map.

WILL OF William PRISTON 1564
Borthwick Vol.17 Folio 433

In the name of god amen the year of our lord god 1564 the 2nd. day of July I Willim priston sick in body & whole of mind thanks be to god make this my last will & testament as after followith First I give & bequeath my soul to god almighty & my body to be buried in the church yard of Giggleswick & for my mortuary that at right will, Also I will that my wife shall be the chief within my house & to have my title so long as she shall continue my wife saving that I will that Thomas my son shall have the third (bushall?) when he doth marry & to pay the third penny Also I will that he shall have half my cart gear, & he to gether the said tythe & if he be not good with his mother, then I will that she shall have my whole tythe , during her widowhead, & after her widowhead I give & bequeath the said tithe , houses & garthings with all the appurtenances there belonging to my son Thomas / Item I will that he shall have that 36s. 8d. which is in (our?) (tunstall?) land towards the payment of his next gressum #, Item I give to my said son Thomas all my tenter wood my shears & looms withall nayle fast gear Also I will that my said son Thomas shall give to his brother hew for his title of my said tithe, houses & garthings with the appurtenances 40s. Also I give & bequeath my whole part of goods to hew my son & jane my daughter, the residue of my goods unbequeathed I give to Katherin my wife, hew my son & jane my daughter Also I will that my children & their goods continue with their mother so long as she is my wife & then not married Also I make my wife & Thomas my son my whole executors of this my last will These witnesses Richard Radcliffe Richard Foster & Thomas palay with others

4 lines in Latin

gressum – tax/fine to landlord