

William Swainson 1571

Borthwick vol 19 fol 337

In the name of god amen the xiiijth day of Januarye Anno dom 1571 I willm Swainson seike in bodie but of good and pfecte remembrance lovid be allmyghtie god make this my last will and Testamente in manr and forme Folowinge First I give and bequeathe my soull to allmightie god and my bodie to be buried in the pishe church yearde of Gigleswicke Also I give and bequeathe for my mortuarie and other church dues all that right will Also my wyffe shall have her widowright both of my good(s) and Farmeholde also I give to Roger Swainson my sonne the Tytle and Tennand Right of mye Tenemente afte my wyffe Also I will that all my husbandrie geare shall Remaine at the house wth my wyffe and my sonne Roger and after my wyffe Roger to have yt Also I will that my thre children shall have their childe porcons of my goodes the rest of my parte of goodes my depts and Funrall expenses paid I give and bequeathe to Jenett my daughter and I make mrgarete my wyffe sole executrix theis witnesJohn B... Roger Swainson and others ..

Latin text

John Rayne of Giggleswick Will 1548
Borthwick v 13 f 501

In the name of god amen the yere of oure Lorde god 1548 the xxvi day of Septembre I John Rayne of Giggleswike seke in bodie and holl of mynde thanks be to god make my last will as in forme followinge Firste I bequeath my soull unto almightie god and my bodie to be buried in the church yarde of Giggleswike. Also I bequeath to Richarde my sone the title and tennte right of my farmhold with licence of the lord. Also I will that Richarde my sone shall kepe my towe daughters Alice and Elisabeth to suche tyme as they shall come to mariedge and at what tyme as they shall come to mariedge or any other suche shal my sonne Richarde give to either of theme the some of xiii marks at the sight of foure frendes Also I will that if it so sorton thone of my daughters marie not then she for to have here portion of goodes as aforesaid and one chamber and one roode of land she payinge some therfore accordinge Also I will that if either of my daughters die afore they come to mariadge then her portion of goodes to be devided betwixt my sone and the other of my daughters at sight of iiii frendes The residue of my goodes my debts and funerall expenses paid I give and bequeath to Richard my sone whome I make my holl executr of this my last will witness herof Thomas Carre Richarde Beke Robert Bradshawe Thomas Lawson John Rome with other moo

[Latin]

Christopher Sailbanke 1600

Borthwick vol. 28 fol. 348

In the name of God Amen the Sixteenth day of November in the year of our lord one thousand and six hundred I Christopher Sailbanke of Stainford under Bargh in the County of york yeoman sick in body but of perfect memory god be praised do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty god my maker redeemer and saviour and my body to be buried in the parish Church of Giglesweeke Also I will that my wife shall (have and) enjoy my lease and the tenement now in my possession for the tenure of six years next ensuing And at the end and expiration of the said six years I give and bequeath my said tenement and all my Right therein together with the lease to my son James Sailbanke and to his executors and assigns during the term herein specified (excepted unto my said wife one third part thereof For and during her widowhood) so always as my son James will content and pay unto my daughter Alice Sailbanke in consideration of this my tenement the sum of thirty pounds of lawful english money at or before the end and expiration of seven years next ensuing in or at the now dwelling house of me the said Christopher Sailbanke And in default and for lack that my said son James do not content and pay this said sum of thirty pounds in manner and form as is by me my will and mind is And I give to my said daughter Alice in recompense thereof seven acres of pasture ground in Sannat close in the field called stringleholme by estimation five (?) roods and another close called the shortleis and a parcel of ground called howcroftes by estimation one Rood during the term of my said lease Also I will and bequeath that at the end of the said six years my son James shall have all my husbandry gear which I have saving that my wife have the third part of it so long as she shall keep her my wife and widow, also that my wife shall make the charges of the whole crop, saving that year which my son shall enter to it Moreover it is my will and mind that whereas I am indebted to my brother Richard the sum of six pounds four shillings and eight pence That if my said brother Richard Sailbanke be content to suffer the said sum abovesaid to remain in the hands and Custody of my wife and son James that then my said brother Richard shall have his finding and maintenance with meat drink and apparel during his life of my said wife and son James and if he do procure the said money to be paid out of the lands of my said wife or son James that then he shall have a bedroom in some Convenient place of my now dwelling house And I give to my daughter Alice the best Arke that I have and A Chiste in recompense of the boards that her grandfather gave her Also I give to my son James another Arke and the best pan that I have Also I give to my said daughter Alice the moiety of all my household goods (the said two arkes and pan before bequeathed excepted) And for the rest of my goods I give them unto my wife whom I do make and appoint my executrix of this my last will and testament These being Witnesses William Lakeland William Kidson Richard Iveson and Thomas Lakeland

Latin text

Margarete Sailbanke of Giggleswick Will 1551
Borthwick v 13 f 825

In dei noie amen the xxii day of October in the yere of our lorde god 1551 I
Margarete Sailbanke widowe hooill of mynd and memorie lovid be almightie god
make this my last will and testament in manr and forme followinge First I bequethe
my soull to almightie god and to all the glorious company in heaven and my bodie to
be buried in the churche yarde of giggleswike Item I will that the dewties of churche
be paid and my mortuarie as the right will Item I bequethe to Ric my son vii sheepe
and one whyte headed whye Item I bequethe to xpofer Foster wife of Wynskayll one
coitt Item to Alice my maid a pare of read sleves and one kyrchiff Item to my
mother in langclife one pare of newe shoes Item to Isabell Saylbanke my goodsister
a pare of knit sleves and one holiday kyrcheffe Item to Jenett Battersbye one approne
Item I bequethe to Alice my daughter my grene kyrttle and my best white coott The
residue of all my partte of goods my detts paid and funerall expenses I geve and
bequethe to xpofer my son and also my daughter whome I make my hole executors of
this my last will and testament so that my daughter Alice have the better partte of my
goods at the sight of John Pacocke and Thomas Sailbanke my Brother in Law Item I
will that my said brother Thomas Saylbanke and my brother William Wetherhede
of Kyrkby Mallamdale have the governance of my children and their goods and to
answer for theme till thei come to lawfull aige witnes hereof Jacobus Foster curate
John Paycoke lawrence Smythe with other moo

[Latin]

Whye = heifer
Coitt = coat
Coon = ?

SAILBANKE Richard 1577.

Ref. Borthwick, York Vol. 21 fol. 340

In the name of God amen The fourth day of January 1577 I Richard Saylbanke of Staynforthe sick in body but whole and perfect mind praised be almighty god make this my last will and testament in form following First I give my soul to god my heavenly father and to Jesus Christ my only redeemer by faith in whose blood I believe only to be saved and my body to be buried in Giggleswick church yard Secondly I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will, also my will is that Willim Preston of Ayrton Willim Lawkland Thomas Howson and Christopher Saylbanke shall have the ordering of my tenement and all my goods to the use of my wife and my children, provided if my son Roger Sailbanke do recover of his disease, that he may govern himself honestly and well, Then he shall have my tenement, and if not then shall my said tenement come and discend to James Saylbanke my son, and to the issue of his body lawfully begotten and for lack of such issue, to Willim Saylbanke my son. The rest of my pte goods, my debts and all other dues paid I give unto my children, equally among them and of this my last will I make Margaret my wife and Willim Preston of Ayrton my executors. These being wittness, William Lawkland, Thomas Howson and Christopher Sailbanke with others

3 lines in Latin

James Salebanke 1551
Borthwick vol 13 fol 782

Dei no(m)i(n)e amen the xx day of August in the year of our lord god 1551 I James Saleband (*sic*) of Stainforth under hill, whole of mind and good memory loved be almighty god make this my last will and testament in manner and form following first I bequeath my soul to almighty god and to the glorious company in heaven and my body to be buried in the churchyard at Giggleswick Item for my mortuary that at right will Item I will that Xpofer my eldest son have that which his grandfather and grandmother gave him in their wills he paying to his other brothers xx s and his brother to sell him acquittance for the tenement Which his grandfather put unto him by the consent of me his father and Christopher to have all the husbandry gear of wood and and if anything come to Christopher my son Item I will that Richard my son have the tenement with the licence of the lord Item to Christopher my son a great ark Item I will that Richard my son and Isabell have every of them their child's portion of my goods and Christopher shall have no child's portion of good item I will that my wife have her widowright and if she chance to marry, then my childer for to be ordered at the sight of my master John Armetstede James Armetstede and Thomas Salebanke Item I bequeath to Agnes my sister my mold jacket Item to Francis Howson my (?servant) a sleeveless gray jacket It to William Howson my good brother a gray jacket The residue of my part of goods I give and bequeath to Richard my son and Isabell my daughter and it to be divided among them as ... shall require Item Richard my son and Isabell my daughter shall be my executors These men being witnesses John Armetstede James Armetstede and Thomas Salebanke

Latin text

Henry Saylbank of Giggleswick Will 1551
Borthwick v 13 f 858

In dei noie amen The xviith day of mche in the yere of our Lord god 1551 I Henry Saylbank hooll of mynd and perfcte memorie lovid be almightie god make this my last will and testament in manr and forme followinge First I bequethe my soulle to almightie god and my bodie to be buried within the holye ground of giggleswicke churche yarde Item the dewties of the churche and for my mortuarie that at the right will Item I give and bequethe after my wife the title and tenantright of my tenement with the licence of the lord to Richard Sladeburn sum of my Raymente too stottes and to every child of the said Richard a lamb Item to Henry Howsome children xld when they shalbe of lawfull aige and if any of theme dye then the other to have the hooll. the Residue of my partt of goods my detts paid I give and bequethe to Margarete my wife and Richard my sonne whome I make my hooll executors thes witnes Robert Somerskaill Willm Lawkland William Husband and Symon Yveson with others

[Latin]

James Saylebanke of Cowside 1548

In the name of God Amen the yere of oure lorde god a [thousand] v [hundred] xlviii
the Seventhe day january I James Saylbanke of Cowsed seke in bodie and hooll of
mynde thankes bee to god maike my laste will and testament as in forme followenge
First I bequeathe my soule unto almightie god and my bodie to be buried in the church
yarde of Giglesweke Also I bequeathe to the comon chiste iiij d Also I bequeathe
and tenmte righte of my farmolde unto mgarete my wif withe licence of the lord
duringe her wid[ow]heade Also after my wif I bequeathe the title and tenmte righte of
my farmold unto Richarde my eldest sone withe licence of the lorde Also I will that
my detts be paide uppon my hooll goodes Also I will that Richarde my sone have all
such goodes as is in the custodie of Thomas Saylbanke my brother of Lanklif and all
my husbandrie geere belonginge.... housse and the forenaymed husbandrie gere to.....
Also the residue of my goddes I will that they shalbe devyded to Margaret [my] wife
and my children Richarde and Chr[ist]ofer my sones and Isabell and Alice my
daughteres accordinge to righte and custome when tyme shall requier at sighte(?) of
John paycoke Thomas Saylbanke my brother John Foster and Willm Wederheade(?)
of Mallonghedale whome I leave in truste for my Wif and children Also I will that
Chr[ist]ofer my sone shall have Richarde my eldest sone childe porcon of goodes for
the title and agremente of my farmolde Also I will that my pairte of goodes my buriall
expenses paid be devyded betwixte Isabel and Alice my daughters Also I make
Margaret of this my laste will witnes herof John paycoke John Foster Thomas....

Latin text

Roger Saylbanke 1593
Borthwick vol 25 fol 1553

In dei No(m)i(n)e Amen the sevend day of Marche 1593 I Roger Saylbanke of Stainforthe under hill in the parishe of Gygleswycke and countye of Yorke, secke in bodie, but whole and perfecte in mynde, praised be god, do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme Followinge, First I comende my soule to god my heavenly Father and to Jesus Christe my Redemer, by fayth in whose death and passyon, I hope assuredly to be saved, and my body to be buryed in the churche yearde of the parishe churche of Gygleswycke, And for my mortuarye, and other churche dues all that Right will, Itm it is my will, that my debts be paid of my whole goods, Itm my will is, that Margaret my wyfe and children shall have my tente and howses with the appurtenances theunto belonging, and goodes equally to be devyded amongst them Itm I give to my Syster Isabel Saylbancke two shepe, and I give to my Syster Agnes other two shepe, Itm I give to my brother Willm, twenty shillings in payment and recompense of certayne odds pertayninge betwene him and me, yf that my Supervysors can have hym to take in lesste (?), Itm I give unto the poore of the parishe of Gygleswycke iij s iiij d. I pray and Request my frends and neighbours Chofr Armystead, Willm Lawkland Xpfr Saylbancke, and Robt Lawklande to be my Supivysors payde and assiste my executors in thexecution of my will, And I and appoynte Margaret my wyfe and Henrie(?) my sonne my ioynnte executors, of this my last will, and testament. These beinge wytnesses, Willm Lawklande Christopher Saylebanke and Rbte Lawklande,

(Latin text)

SAYLBANKE Richard 1570

Ref. Borthwick, York Vol.19 fol. 436

In the name of God Amen the 14th. of March AD 1570 I Richard Saylbank of Toyses sick in body and 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 of Giggleswick Also I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will Also I will that Ellyn my wife shall have her weddow right both of my goods and farmhold and after my wife wedowhead I give and bequeath the title and tenement right of my tenement unto Robert Saylbanke my son with the licence of the lord and if he die without issue lawfully begotten then I give and bequeath it to Agnes Saylbanke my daughter Also I will that my childre shall have their third portion of my goods according to the law Also my will is that my wife shall order and bring up my childre to they be of lawfull age and if the childre die or marry before they be of lawful age then I will that the recorder of my will shall order my childre and their goods with the farmhold till they be at lawful age The rest of my pte of goods my debts and all other dues paid and discharged I give and bequeath to Ellen my wife and to my two childre equally among them I make and constitute Ellyn my wife and Robert Saylbanke my son my whole executors. These witness Thomas Saylebanke Henry paycoke Willim Armesteade and Richard Somerscales with others

5 lines in Latin

Mathewe Sigsweeke 1598

In the name of god amen the xxi th day of february 1598 I Mathewe Sigsweeke of Lanclife sicke in bodie but of pfect remembrance praised be god do make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following First I comend my soule to Jesus Christ my onelie Lord and Saviour And my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of the pish church in Giglesweeke Item I give, devise, bequeath, release, assigne, sett over, and confirme unto Thomas Sigsweeke my sonne all my whole estate, right, tytle, interest, clayme and demannd wch I my Executors, Administrators or assignes ought or of right might or may have of in and to all my houses and groundes of what sorte or estaite.... the same be of lyeing and being in the towne feilds, and moores of Lancliffe togeather with all writinge eindent[ures] escriptes and muniments thereof and of evry pt and pcell thereof to have and to hold the same to himselfe his executors, administrators and assignes to his and there use and uses comodities profit and advantage for ever my said sonne Thomas pmitting and suffering Anne my daughter to have, hold and enioye the chamber called the Shoppe wherein to sett her bed and her chist and also have halfe of that garden next ajoyning to the garden of Lawrence Swainson And also tenne pounds in money or money worth at the discretion of fower indifferent freinds and the same to be paid unto her my said daughter or her assignes within three yeares next after my death ensewing that is to say evry yeare during the said terme of the said three yeares, the just some of three pounds six shillings and eight pence and this I will she shall have if shee keepe herself unmarried, but but (*sic*) if she marrie then I will that she hold herselfe contented onlie with the some of tenne pounds to be paid unto her in manner and forme before expressed and sett downe and also I give unto her my said daughter one chist, wch I bought of Christopher Browne wch said pmisses I will shall stand her in full recompence and satisfacion of her whole childs porcion of my goods Item I give to Bryan my sonne twentie shillings as last pt of payment of his porcion or childs pt of my goods he my said sonne Bryan sealing and delivering unto my executors a good lawfull and sufficient aquittance and release for all goods All the rest of my goods (my wife her widdowright referred unto her) I give to Thomas my said sonne whome I appoint executor of this my last will and testament Witnesses hereof John Paleye Richard Kidson Thomas Sowden Willm Browne and John Braisheye

Latin text

Will of Thomas Somerscale, 1572/3

Borthwick Institute vol. 20 fol. 72 R. Price transcription

In the name of God Amen, the tenth daye of Marche a thowsand fyve hundrethe Seve[n]tie two, in the fyftenthe yeare of the Reigne of our Sov[er]eing Ladie Elizabeth, by the grace of God, Quene of England, Fraunce and Ireland, defendor of the faith etc,

I, Thomas Somerscale, of Stockdaile howsse, in the p[ar]ishe of Gigleswecke, in the countie of Yorke, Sicke in bodie but of p[er]fecte Remembraunce (prayed be God) makes this my laste will and testamente in maner and Forme as Folowethe.

Firste I bequethe my Soule to God almighty, my maker and saviour, and my Bodie to be buried w[i]thin the churche yearde in what p[ar]ishe it pleaseth God to take me to his mercie, and to be laide night my owne Father yf the grounde will suffer,

And I will that coste shall be maide at my Buriall in suche sorte as my executors, sup[er]visors and nighest kinsfolke and Frenches thinkes mete, and especiallie upon the pooreste Sorte accordinge to my poore.

Ite[m] I geve and bequethe unto my wiffe, to bringe uppe my cheldren w[i]thall, All my tenemente at Stockedaile howse, w[i]th th'appurtenaunces, the fourthe p[ar]te of the tyeth [tithe of] corne and strowe of Setle, and the tyeth barne, and all my p[ar]te of Setle Mylne, be it more or les, w[i]th all other bargans which I have, either by bill, bounde [bond], leasse or otherways, w[i]th all and ev[er]ie the appurtenances their to in anie wise app[er]teyninge or belonginge,

And also the use and occupac[i]on of all my husbandrie gear, w[i]th all Cupbordes, Arkes, Allmeries, tables, Counters, bedstockes, foroms [forms], chares, stooles, and all woodes, broken or hole, and all such thinges that be neleffeste [nailed fast, fixed],

The whole bargans w[hi]ch I have from my m[aste]r S[ir] Henrie Darcie of the p[ar]sonage of Gargrave, and From Mr Lamberte of the p[ar]sonage of Burnsall, alwayes accepted,

And the p[ro]fites ther of duringe the yeres therin, I geve unto my executors and their assignes, to the onelie usse and p[ro]fite of my cheldren that well be ruled by them and ther assignes, be yt learninge, mariage or otherwisse,

And my will is that my wiffe shall occupie, posses and enioye all the p[re]misses, excepte the foresaid leiste excepcions, to bringe uppe my cheldren upon dewringe her wiadowheade in such Sorte as my said executors thinkes moste mete and conveniente,

Condicionallie that my wiffe shall not sette, lete, Sell or geve anie p[ar]te or p[ar]cell of the p[re]misses w[i]thoute expeciall lycence and consent of my said executors or their assignes.

Also my will is, and I geve and bequethe unto Henrie my Sonne, and to the heirs maile of his bodie lawfullie begotten for ever, the hole com[m]oditie and bequeste appointed for my wiffe as is abowe said, to enter unto emediatlie after the deathe of my wiffe, or end of her wiadowheade, or otherwayes as my said executors or ther assignes shall thincke mete and conveniente,

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Upon condic[i]on that the said Henrie well be rewled by my said executors and ther assignes,

And yf the said Henrie die w[i]thout yssue maile of his bodie lawfullie begotten, then my will is that the p[re]misses shall dissende and come unto Arthur my Sonne and his heirs maile for ever, he agreinge w[i]th his Brother Henrie doughters, yf he have anie, at the Sighte and Judgme[n]te of my executors or ther assignes.

And Further wheras I have bene at grate chargis w[i]th my Sonne Will[ia]m, in bindinge him prentisse at London, whereby I mente he shoulde go forward in learninge, So that I truste he will make smelle [small] accompte of theis poore thinges abowe appointed for his bretherin, therfor my will is th[at] he shall have maide upe his full porc[i]on of my goodes to that goodes that I have payde for him at London, as it dothe appeare by his owne lettre Sente unto me dayted the Sexte daye of Septembre a thousand fyve hundreth Seventie tow, in full recompence of his whole tyle of the p[re]misses.

Also my will is that yf it please God to call Henrie and Arthur my Sonns to his mercie without yssue maile lawfullie begotten, that then my said Sonne Will[ia]m, or his Sonns lawfullie begotten in wedlocke, shall have the p[re]ferment appointed for his bretherin, agreinge with his Brothers doughters which shoulde have had the same yf ther be anie, at the Sighte of my executors or their assignes, and for lacke of them, of some of ther nigheste frendes,

And condicionallie that nether he nor his Sonns shall Set, lette, Sell or geve the same or anie p[ar]te therof to anie p[er]sone or p[er]sons w[i]thout the speciall licence and Consente of my executors or ther assignes, or for lacke of them, to Foure of ther nighest kinsfolk.

And Also my will is that what Sonne soever shall Firste enter unto the com[m]oditie at Stockdelhousse or els where appointed for my wiffe, he shall have no other porc[i]on or childes p[ar]te of my goodes, but onelie such husbandrie geare and huslemente as is abowe mencioned, as almeries, cupbordes, Counters, bordes, bestockes, Arkes, chaires, stooles and foroms, and all such licke thinges w[hi]ch be naillfaste, and all woodes, be yt hole or brocken, as ar appointed for my wiffe to occupie, and he to take them in good p[ar]te, notwithstandinge the wearinge of them, as they be at his entre into the p[re]misses,

And furthermore my will is that yf all my Sonns die w[i]thoute Issue lawfullie begotten, that then the whole com[m]oditie abowsaid shall dissende and come unto one of my doughters, which as my executors or ther assignes, w[i]th th'advyse of my Sup[er]visors, shall thinke moste mete.

She so havinge the same Com[m]oditie shall agre w[i]th hir Sisters, or So manie of them as my executors or ther assignes shall thinke moste mete and nedfull, upon ther discreSSIONS.

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And Further my will is th[a]t yf anie of my cheldren be Impotente and not able to rule ther goodes and them selves, that then they w[hi]ch have the com[m]oditie abowsaid at Stockdellhousse shall kepe them so being Impotente, and shall have ther porc[i]ons of goodes to menteine them w[i]th all in such Sorte as my executors or ther assignes thinkes mete.

Also my will is that my wiffe shall have the com[m]oditie and p[ro]fite of my tenne shillinges land in Settle duringe hir lyffe naturall, Reservinge unto John Lupton and his wiffe thosse thinges w[hi]ch ar appointed in my Indenture of Bargaine and Sale ther of maid unto me by Rychard Chewe, gentleman,

And my will is, and I geve unto Arthur my Sonne and to his heires maile for ever, all the said tenne shillinges lande in Settle, with all th'appurtenances, to enter unto Im[m]ediatlie after the death of my wiffe, or otherwayes at the discession of my executors (John Lupton and his wiffe estait Alwayes reservid).

And lickwisse yf Arthur die w[i]thout Issue maile lawfullie begotten, then my will is that the same tenne shillinges lande in Settle, w[i]th th'appurtena[u]nces, shall remain unto Henrie Somerscale his Brother and his heirs maile for ever,

And for lacke of Henrie and his heirs maile, then I geve the same unto Will[ia]m and to his heirs maile,

And for lacke of Will[ia]m and his heirs maile, then unto his sisters and ther heirs as is abowesaid, who shall possesse and enioye the com[m]oditie at Stockdailehowse and ells where.

Also my will is that yf anie discorde happen to arrise amonghste my wiffe and Chelder, that theye shall alwaies abide the order of my executors or there assignes from tyme to tyme, and yf anie of theme do refusse the same order, then my will is that they shall have no p[ar]te or porc[i]on of my goodes, landes, Cattels or tenementes, so farre furthe as the lawes will suffer.

Also where as I have a leasse to me graunted by my m[aste]r S[i]r Henrie Dercie, knight, of the p[er]sonage of Gargrave, for certeyne yeres yet endewringe, now beinge of the yerelie rente of Sex Score poundes, my will is that my executors and ther assignes shall have the Full poore and governance of the same duringe the same terme of yeres yett unexpired, and they to enter unto the hole com[m]oditie therof, be it corne, wooll, Rentes or debtes dew or belonging to the same at the daye of my deathe, and they ther with to discharge the yerelie rente and other chargdes in and abowte the same,

And the rest of the com[m]oditie that remeneth therof yerelie, the rentes and other charges payde and dischared, my will is that it shall remaine in the handes of my executors and their assignes untell the laste ende of the said leasse and terme of yeres, wherby I mean they shall be more able to discharge them Selves and my heires of the rentes and other charges whiche is or shall be dewe for the same.

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And my will is that at the yeres endes suche yerelie com[m]odites as remenethe and is encreassed of the same p[ar]sonagde of Gargrave shall be devided emongeste my cheldren w[hi]ch have not received their porc[i]ons, or other wayes as my executors or ther assignes shall thinke moste mete and nedfull, and the yearlie Rente to be devided emongeste my wiffe and cheldren, vid[elicet], one third p[ar]te to my wiffe and the other two p[ar]tes emongeste my cheldren, at the descrescion of my executors or ther assignes,

And Further my will is that whiche soever of my executors shall have the Recepte and kepinge of the com[m]oditie of the said p[ar]sonagde of Gargrave, that he or they shall yerelie be accomptable unto the reste of my executors or ther assignes, beinge ther unto Reasonablelie required,

And yf yt so be that the yerelie Com[m]oditie of the said p[ar]sonagde will not fullie and whollie discharge all maner of rentes, deuties and expences w[hi]ch ar dew and donne in and aboute he same, then my will is that my executors take and paye them Selves Fourthe of the wholle encrease of my goodes, landes and tenementes, to ther owne Contentec[i]ons, accordinge to ther consciences, from tyme to tyme.

And further my will is that Hewght Iresonne shall have his tenemente at Stocke-dailhowse in such licke Sorte and ordre as the tenants of Lancliffe have thers, in two yeres bettershippe yf he be aminded and do dwell upon it him Selfe,

And otherwisse, yf he do not, I refarre the ordre therof whollie to my executors and their assignes, so that he the said Hewghte do not put it awaye From him and his maile.

And Further more, wher as my Brother Gorge and I have hertofore occupied our wayrs meane together, I will that all men knowe that I have, at the Feaste of St Martyne laste paste before the daite here of, clearlie barganed and sould to my said brother Gorge, to his onlie usse for ever,

All thosse my waires and debttes dewe unto me touchinge our said meane occupac[i]on, w[i]th all my hole p[ar]tes and porc[i]ons of the towlebooth in Settle and one throughe booth in Bartholomewfaire in London, to have and to hould to him, the saide Gorge my Brother, and his assignes, to his and their onelie usses for ever,

In consederac[i]on wherof and wherefore my Said Brother haith cov[enau]nted to paye unto me or my assignes the Some of one hundreth poundes of lawfull monie of England in tenne yeres, begeninge at the Firste daye of November now nexte to come for the firste paymente, w[hi]ch is ten[n]e poundes, and so ev[er]ie yere tell the said Some be payde, the Some of tenne poundes in wares or monie, and he to have acquittance for the same of the reste of my executors,

And Further my saide Brother haith cov[enau]nted to me to paye unto Myles Tayler of Wackfelde the Some of £7 which I had of hem, in consederac[i]on wherof the said Myles haith had and occupied the said booth in Bartholomewfaire, and muste do untill he have his Seven poundes payre or tendered, and then the said booth muste remaine unto my Brother and his cheldren by Cov[enau]nt, yf he or his childer be aminded to occupie it them selffes.

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And Further my said brother, in consederac[i]on of the p[re]misses, haith fullie cov[enau]nted to discharge me, my executors and assignes, of all maner of debttes whiche we Joyntlie oughte at London or ells where conserninge our meane occupac[i]on, and further my said brother haith cov[enau]nted that what nessessarie wairs as my wiffe shall nede for the onelie usse of hir howsse and cheldren, that she shall have it Raitablelie by the same price he byethe it For in London or ells wheare, from tyme to tyme duringe hir weadowheade.

And Further my will is that my executors shall Ayde and assyste my said Brother Gorge in the gatheringe uppe of all such debtes as was dew unto us conserninge our mean occupac[i]on,

And yf ther be anie evell debtters which will not or is not able to paye such debtes as they ought unto us concerninge our meane occupieng, then my will is that my saide Brother Gorge shall have recompence for the same Furthe of the said hundrethe pou[n]des at the discession of my executors and sup[er]visors upon my Brothers declarac[i]on therof as he takes it in conscience the losse to be borne meane betwene us,

And Further yf my m[aste]r S[i]r Henrie Darcie do redeme the two tenementes of Stockdell Howsse according to the bargane maide betwen him and me, then my will is that the hundrethe markes which he muste paye for redemption therof shall be equallie divided emongeste my wiffe and cheldren, at the discession of my executors or ther assignes,

Alwayes provided, and my will is, that he that haith the com[m]oditie at Stockdell-howse shall have no p[ar]te therof,

And Furthermore what yerelie comoditie as co[m]meth, Rysethe and growethe of the one p[ar]sonage of Burnsall, the rente and all other charges payd of the hole, my will is that the said com[m]oditie therof shall be sette Forwardes by my executors and ther assignes to the moste profite of my cheldren from tyme to tyme.

Ite[m] my will is and I do geve unto ev[er]ie one of my God cheldren twelve pence.

Ite[m] I geve unto one Jams Iresonne wiffe, now of Lancliffe, duringe hir lyffe, yerelie, one bushell of good barleye and one halffe bushell of good ote meale, to be deliv[er]ed unto hir or hir assignes yerelie betwen Expenmasse [Xpenmas, Christianmas] and Easter, beinge lawfullie demaunded at Stockdell Housse.

Ite[m] I geve unto Gorge Somerscale my Brother one lease which I have of the demisse and graunte of Maister Dogdsone, p[ar]sone of Burnsall, of the tythe corne of Conishton in Kettelwell, to have and to houlde to his moste profite and advantage accordinge to the trew meaninge therof, which said Indenture I have allredie deliv[er]ed unto my said Brother wyth my owne handes,

And Also I geve unto my said Brother George my yonge gresilde nagge, my beste blew cootte [blue coat], my beste sadle, and will hyme to kepe the same Sadle till his age, and yf it be not worne when he dyethe, I will him to leave it to his sonne Roberte Somerscale.

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Ite[m] I geve unto Roberte Creake my beste cloke.

Ite[m] I geve to my Brother Gorg two sonnys, ether of them two yewes and twoe lambes, and to ev[er]ie one of his doughters a gimber [gimmer, female yearling sheep].

Ite[m] I geve unto Rychard Wharffe my servante foure gimber sheppe, to Xpofer [Christopher] Iresone two gimbers, to Jeane Woode tenne gimber sheppe, to Elizabeth the Armytsteade two gimber sheppe, to M[ar]grete Hawsone one gimber, to Thomas Paycocke one gimber, to Henrie Foster eldeste sonne one gimber.

Ite[m] I geve and bequethe to Thomas and Roberte Cocksonne, either of them one gimber sheppe.

Ite[m] I geve to the poore people of the hamlet of Thorppe Sex shillinges eight pence, to be devided at the discession of Thomas Blande, Anthonie Rychardsone.

Ite[m] I geve to the poore w[i]thin the pa[r]ishe of [?]Rilston Sex shillinges eight pence, to be devided by Sir John Toppen and Xpofer Tempsonne of Bordley.

Ite[m] I geve to Thomas Wilkinsonne ~~Sonne~~ of my servant in consederac[i]on of his service donne, the Some of 40s, and yf my wiffe or my executors nede his service, I will him to serve them before anie other.

The reste of my goodes not bequethed (the provysoes and exceptions before excepted), my debtes and funerall expences payed, I geve the thirde p[ar]te to my wiffe, the Seconde to my cheldren, and the reste whiche is my p[ar]te I geve whollie unto my cheldren at the discession of my execut[or]es and there assignes accordinge to the trew Intente and meaninge therof.

I do make my trustie bretheren and frendes John Beckwethe of Schowghhowsse, Gorge Som[er]scale of Settle, Henrye Knowles of Reddinge, my Joynte executors of this my laste will and testamente,

And I make Will[ia]m Catterall of Newell, esquire, Henrie Pudsaye of Arnefurthe, Rychard Chew of Nelesinge and Henrye Tenante of Chetoppe, gentleman, sup[er]visors of this my will, trustinge they will see the same p[er]formed accordinge to my trew meaninge.

In wytnesse whereof I have cawsed this my will to be written by my frende Roberte Greake and have therunto suscribed my name in the Schoulehouse at Gigleswecke the daye and yere abovesaid.

Witnesses hereof John Stackhowse, Will[ia]m Kyde, Will[ia]m Foster and Roberte Creake, w[i]th others.

Craike or Crayke in Parish Register

Probate of Will of Thomas Somerscale, 1576

Et nono die mensis Maii Anno d[omi]ni mill[es]imo quingentesimo septuagesimo sexto decanus decanatus de Craven certificavit de p[ro]bac[i]one hu[ius]modi testamenti per testes no[m]i[n]atos etc

Com[m]issaq[ue] fuit administratio bonor[um] eiusdem defuncti Johanni Beckwith, Georgio Som[m]erscale et Henrico Knowles Executoribus in d[i]c[t]o testamento nominatis iurat[is] etc

[And on the ninth day of the month of May in the one thousand five hundred and seventy sixth year of our Lord the Dean of the Deanery of Craven certified approval of this will by the witnesses named etc,

And administration of the goods of the same deceased was committed to John Beckwith, George Sommerscale and Henry Knowles, the executors named in the said will, they having been sworn etc.]

Will of Robert Somerscales of Settle, 1553

University of York ref v14 f219

Test[amentu]m Rob[er]ti Somerscales de Settell
[Will of Robert Somerscales of Settle]

In the name of God, Amen, the 29th day of October in the yere of o[u]r Lord God 1553, and in the first yere of the Reigne of Mary o[u]r Quene,

That I, Robert Somerscalles, of Settell in Craven w[i]t[h]in the p[ar]ishe of Gigleswicke and countie of Yorke, foller [fuller], beinge in p[er]fyte mynd and Remembra[u]nce, makithe this my Last will and Testament in manor and forme Following.

Firste I give and bequie the my sowle to almightie God, and to the Holye Virgin o[ur] Ladie Sancte Marie, and to all the Celestiall companie of heaven, and my bodie to be honestli Brought to the churche, and all divine service and suffrages songe or Said for my sowle, and all other things, at the discretion of my Executor.

It[e]m I give and bequethe for my mortuarye and other churche dewes That at right woll.

It[e]m I give and bequethe to the highe alter for forgotten tieth [tithes] Lynnynes cloose [linen clothes] to the valewe of 3s 4d.

It[e]m I will that S[i]r Richard Somerschalles my sonne shall have for his porc[i]on of Goodes £6 13s 4d yf he have not a livinge in the Southe p[ar]tes of £10 or upward, and in the northe p[ar]tes of £4 or upward, and then the said £6 13s 4d to be devided to Margaret my wief and to Thomas and George my sonnes

It[e]m to everie God child that myne is 4d.

It[e]m I give and bequethe to the mendinge of Settell Bridge 3s 4d.

It[e]m I bequethe to Myles Booke my S[er]va[u]nt 6s 8d.

It[e]m to Richard Yveson 12d,

It[e]m to Elisabeth Jackson 12d.

It[e]m to Elisabeth Nico[l]son suche lyke Reward as yt shall please my wief to Reward hir at hir mar[r]iage.

It[e]m I give and bequie the to my brother S[i]r Richard the chamber of the backe syde of my fier howse, w[i]t[h] a sufficient bed and bedd cloois [bed clothes], duringe his Naturall lief, and further the said S[i]r Richerd to have one of my wiefe Serva[u]ntes, so longes as they towe doo agree.

It[e]m I give and bequethe to Thomas Somerschalles my sonne my Newe howse, w[i]t[h] other suche howsses and purten[au]nces as doothe p[er]teyne and belonge to the right honorable Henrie th'Erle of Cumberland, of the yerelie rent of 8s.

It[e]m I will that the said Thomas or his assignes shall occupie the said fier howse and The Garydinge [garden], w[i]t[h] suche oother Esement [easement] as my wief may spare unto him, duringe her lief, and after the decease of my said wief the hole bequethe abovesaid to the said Thomas or his assignes, hollie to reenter and possesse the same.

It[e]m I give to the said Thomas my sonne half of one thorowe shroope in Sancte Barthilmewe fare at London, and half the tolbowed [?toll-booth] in Settell.

Thes 2 half bowes I give unto him after the decease of my wief, savinge the said Thomas shall have the hole bothe in Sancte Barthilmewes unto Suche tyme as my wief and the recordes of my will shall thinke it lefull [lawful] for George Somerschalles my sonne to occupie and Enter to the said half Bothe.

It[e]m I give to George Somerschalles my sonne the howse that I dwell uponne, w[i]t[h] all suche purten[au]nces therto Belonginge, of the yerelie rent of 4s.

Will of Robert Somerscales of Settle, 1553

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It[e]m I give to the said George my sonne all my Tenters w[i]t[h] sheires, and all other thinkes that Belongith to the fuller's Occupac[i]on, after the decesse of my wief,

And yf yt shall please almightie God to call the said George unto his m[er]cy before that he be lawfullie married and at lefull aige, and so to die w[i]t[h]out Lawfull yssewe begotten, Then the said bequeste hollie to Rema[i]ne to Thom[a]s my sonne or his children.

And yf the said George will not be ordered when he shall come to Lawfull aige, and then to be good and fructfull to his mother and to follie her fantasie in all her doinges,

Then I will that the said George shall have his porc[i]on of my goodes at the discretion of my wief and my recorders, and so the said George to seale a generall acquitans at the payment therof for all suche thinkes as I bequethe him.

The Residewe and Remanent of all my goodes and debtes, moveable and unmoveable, w[i]t[h] interest, ticle [title] and terme of yeres of my howses and Tenementes, w[i]t[h] all other barga[i]ns dewe unto me at the daye of my death, my debtes and bequest holie paid and discharged, I give holie and Clerelie unto Margaret my wief, whome I make my hole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament, duringe her widowe head,

And yf the said Margaret doo marie, Then she to have her porc[i]on of my Goodes accordinge to the Lawe, and the rest of all my goodes, moveable and unmoveable, shalbe divided betwene Thomas my sonne and George my [word missing].

It[e]m I make Thomas Somershalles my sonne my sup[er]visor of this my Last will and Testament, to p[er]furme the same accordinge to the trewe Entent [intent], purporte and meaninge of the same.

It[e]m my will is that the said Thomas shall helpe, aide and maneteigne [maintain] Margaret my wief in all suche thinges as dothe belonge to this my will, and the said Thomas to be ordered for his paynes at the discretion of my recorders.

In wytnes hereof I, the said Robert Somershalles, haithe setto my hand and my seale the daye and yere w[i]t[h]in wrytin.

The wytynesse, S[i]r Richard Somershalles my brother, Thomas Browne, John Altam, William Taillor, w[i]t[h] others.

Probate of Will of Robert Somerscales of Settle, 1554

Secundo die mens[is] Aprilis anno d[omi]ni mill[es]imo quingen[tesim]o Liii^o decanus decanatus de Craven certificavit se approbasse test[amentu]m d[i]c[t]i def[uncti] virtute Commissionis sibi in ea p[ar]te direct[e] p[er] cap[i]t[u]lem eccl[es]ie metropo[litan]ce Ebor[aci] decano eiusdem in remotis agen[te] ac sede Archiep[iscop]ali ib[ide]m vacan[te]

Commissa fuit admi[ni]strac[i]o om[ni]u[m] bonor[um] d[i]c[t]i def[uncti] Executrici in eod[em] Test[ament]o no[m]i[n]at[e] in forma iuris iurat[e]

Salvo iure Cuiuscumq[ue]

[On the second day of the month of April in the one thousand five hundred and 54th year of our Lord the Dean of the Deanery of Craven certified himself to have approved the will of the said deceased by virtue of the commission in that regard directed to him by the Chapter of the Metropolitan Church of York, the dean of the same working in remote parts, and the Archiepiscopal See in the same place being vacant.

Administration of all the goods of the said deceased was committed to the executrix named in the same will, she having been sworn in form of law,

Saving the right of any person whomsoever.]

Will of Robert Sommerscales of Settle, 1597

University of York Borthwick ref v27 f260

T[estamentum] Som[er]skales
[Will of Somerscales]

In the name of God, Amen, the 27th day of October in the yeare of our lord God one thousand five hundreth nyntie and seaven,

I, Robert Somm[er]skales, of Setle in the Countie of Yorke, Marcer [mercier], weake in bodie but strounge in mynde, doe make and ordayne this my last will and testament in maner and forme following.

First I Comend my soule into the handes of allmightie God, hoping assuredly, through the onely merittes of Jesus Christ my saviour, to be made p[ar]taker of liffe ev[er]lasting.

And whereas I am possessed of certeine Landes in Litle Newton, Longe Preston, Westm[ar]ton, Setle, Malham moore, my will is and I ordayne that one lease which I have alredie made and conveyed over to Henrie Somm[er]skales of Stockdell in the said countie of Yorke, and to Will[ia]m Wilsonn of Kerbie in the Countie of Westm[or]land, gentleman, for the use and considerac[i]ons in the said lease expressed and sett downe, and one other lease made to Henrie Somm[er]skales my sonne, shall stand good and be effectuell according to the true intent and meaning sett downe and specified in the said sev[er]all leases and in this my last will and testamen[t],

And after the expirac[i]on of the said sev[er]all leases my will is, and I apointe, that as well the landes alredie granted in and by the said leases, As allsoe all the rest of my landes, Tenementes and heireditamentes wheresoever to me in any wisse appertayning or belonging, shalbe and Remyne to Robert Scomm[er]skales my sonne, and to the heires of his bodie lawfully to be begotten,

One lease w[hi]ch I have of the grante of Henrie Ten[au]nte excepted, And Allsoe such other landes in this my will hereafter expressed and bequeathed to my wife for the better bringing upp of my children.

And for default of such issues, to Henrie Somm[er]skales my second sonne and to the issue of his bodie lawfully begotten,

And for default of such heires, to the Right heires of me, the said Robert Somm[er]skales forev[er],

P[ro]vided all waies, and it is my will, that yf my said sonne and heire, or such others to whome my said landes shall come, will not p[er]mitt and suffer those p[er]sons to whome I have granted the said leases quietly to enioy according to the said grante, that then and frome thenceforth it shalbe lawfull for them, the said Henrie Somm[er]skales and Will[ia]m Wilsonn, and Henrie Somm[er]skales my sonne, their executors and assignes, to enter into such p[ar]celles of landes of myne in Newton as shall contrivale [equal in value] such and soe much landes as they shalbe debarred of by my said heire, or whome my said landes shall come unto, and the said landes to hold and enioy, to them and their assignes, during so long tyme and termes as in the said leases are expressed and not expirde [expired].

Allsoe I give and bequeath to the Rest of my children, that is to say, Henrie Somm[er]skales, Jane Somm[er]skales, Allice Somm[er]skales, Marrgaret Somm[er]skales, Mayrie Som[er]skales and Agnes Somm[er]skales, ev[er]ie one of them, Twoe hundreth poundes, to be taken out of my said goodes and landes alredie leased to the said Henrie Somm[er]skales and Will[ia]m Willsonn, and out of such goodes as shall Remyne, my debtes being paid and discharged,

And the said two hundreth powndes to be aunswered to ev[er]ie one of my said Children at the sight of the sup[er]visors of this my last will and testament orderly at such tyme as he or she shall accomlishe their full age of twentie and one yeares or otherwise be prefarred,

Provided that my children shalbe ordered and Ruled by my said sup[er]visors, w[hi]ch if they doe Refuse then my will is that they or any of them soe Refusing shall not take any benefitt of this my legacies or bequest.

And Allsoe p[ro]viding that yf it please God to calle any of my children to his merce before he or she come to have their porc[i]ons, that then the porc[i]on or porc[i]ons of such child or children shall dy w[i]th them, that soe my sonne and heir may come the sooner to his landes.

Allsoe my will is and I ordeine that my wife shall have the one half of my landes at Newton, all my landes in Long Preston, and all my landes, messuages and tenementes in Setle afforesaid, in considerac[i]on of her thirdes, and allsoe towards the educac[i]on and bringing up of my children untill they shall be prefarred, or otherwise accomplish their full age of twentie and one yeare,

And after, my will is that my said wife shall have hir dower according to the lawes in such case provided.

Allsoe wheareas I have compownded for a certane lease at the west side houses, my will is that the same shalbe sould toward the payment of my debtes.

Allsoe I give to my father George Somm[er]scales the some of Six powndes thirtene shilling and fouer pence yearly during his life naturall, to be taken out of the lease above menc[i]oned to be made to Henrie Somm[er]scales and Will[ia]m Wilsonne.

Allsoe yf it please God that Jenett Somm[er]scales my mother survive him, then I give unto her the some of five markes yearly, to be paid to her or her assignes during her life naturall, out of the same lease,

Nevertheles under this condic[i]on and provisoe, that they shalbe favorable, ayding and assisting to my wiffe and children, or else not in the dischrestion of my sup[er]visors.

Allsoe I give and bequeath to my said sonne Robert Somm[er]scales all that my house and appurtinaunces in Setle of the Annuelle rente of fower shillings, being p[ar]cell of the p[ar]sonage landes,

To have and to houlde to him and his heires of his bodie lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to Remaine to the said Henrie Somm[er]scales my second sonne and to the heires male of his bodie lawfully to be begotten.

And for default of such issue to Thomas Somm[er]scales, sonne of Henrie Somm[er]scales of Stockdale abovesaid, and to the heires male of his bodie lawfully begotten,

And for default of such issue to Will[ia]m Somm[er]scales my brother, and to the heires male of his bodie lawfully to be begotten,

And for default of such issue to the Right heires of me, the said Robert Somm[er]scales for ev[er].

Allsoe wheras I have granted and made one lease to Will[ia]m Snell of Newton for certeine yeares yet enduring, my will is that he shall have and enioy his tenement to him, his executors and assignes, for fower yeares longer then the same lease w[i]thout my fine or gressome for the same.

Allsoe whearas I have laid twelve powndes tenne shillings upon Armetsteadland in Setle, my will is that the same shall goe towards the payment of my debtes.

Will of Robert Sommerscales of Settle, 1597

University of York ref v27 f260

Allsoe concerning the lease abovenamed to be made to my cosen Henrie Somm[er]scales and Will[ia]m Wilson of trust for the prefarmen[t] of my children, my request is, and my will allsoe, that after my wife and my sonne Robert have takn upon them the execuc[i]on of this my will, that then the said lease shall returne to my said wiffe and sonne to and for such uses and intentes as in the said lease and in this my will ar menc[i]oned, any thinges abovemenc[i]oned not w[i]thstanding.

It[e]m I give and bequeath to Henrie Procter my sonne in lawe three pownd six shillinges 8d.

It[e]m to Richard Procter his brother fortie shillinges.

It[e]m to my brother Will[ia]m Somm[er]scales Tenne poundes.

It[e]m to my brother George Somm[er]scales three poundes six shillinges eight pence.

It[e]m to Robert Somm[er]scales and Robert Shutt my godchildren, ether of them Tenne shillinges.

It[e]m to Thomas Somm[er]scales my cosen Henrie his sonne, my litle black ston[e]d hobbie.

It[e]m I give to my cosen Arthure Somm[er]scales Fortie shillinges, and to everie one of my Sisters children 10s.

And I appoynte and make my said wife and my said sonne John Robert Somm[er]scales executors of this my last will and testament, ioyntly and sev[er]ally.

And I appoynte and make Christofer Shutt, batcheler of divinatie and vicar of the p[ar]ish church of [?]Gigleswic, Stephen Tempeste of Broughton gentleman, Lancelott Marton of Marton gentleman, Thomas Procter of Coop[er]cote gentleman, my cosen Henrie Somm[er]scales of Stockdale abovesaid, my brother in lawe Will[ia]m Wilsonn of Kirbie in Lonsdale, and my cosen Richard Somm[er]scales of Setle, sup[er]visors of the same.

Witnesses hereof Christofer Shutt, Will[ia]m Catterall, Henrie Somm[er]scales, Richard Somm[er]scales and Will[ia]m Lawson.

Probate of Will of Robert Sommerscales of Settle, 1598

Et tertio die mens[is] Maii Anno dom[in]i millesimo Quingentesimo nonagesimo Octavo Magister Topham decanus de Craven certificavit de probatione Huiusmodis testamenti p[er] testes in eodem testamento nominatos iuratos etc

Co[m]missa[ue] fuit administratio bonor[um] eiusdem defuncti Margarete Somm[er]scales vidue Relicte dicti defuncti uni executorum in eodem testamento no[m]inat[orum] iurat[e]

Salvo iure Cuiuscunq[ue]

Reservata potestata consimilem administrationem co[m]mitendi Roberto Somm[er]scales fillio naturali et legitimo eiusdem defuncti

Quo exsecutori in eodem testamento nominat[o] in minori etate existen[ti] cum venerit eandem in forma iuris petitur[a] et in se susceptur[e]

Et quinto die mensis Novembris Anno Dom[in]i millesimo sexcentesimo Octavo comparuit p[er]sonaleter Robertus Somm[er]scales filius naturalis et legitimus dicti defuncti coexecutor in eodem testame[n]to et suscepit in se onus executionis eiusdem testamenti et iuratus est

Salvo iure cuiuscunq[ue]

[And on the third day of the month of May in the one thousand five hundred and ninety eighth year of our Lord Master Topham, the Dean of Craven, certified the probate of this will by the witnesses named in the same will, they being sworn etc,

And administration of the goods of the same deceased was committed to Margaret Sommerscales, widow, the relict of the said deceased, one of the executors named in the same, she having been sworn etc,

Saving the right of any person whomsoever;

Power being reserved of committing similar administration to Robert Sommerscales, the natural and lawful son of the same deceased (which executor is named in the same will, being in minority of age) when he should come seeking the same in form of law, and taking the same upon himself.

And on the fifth day of the month of November in the one thousand six hundred and eighth year of our Lord there appeared personally Robert Sommerscales, the natural and lawful son of the said deceased, the coexecutor [named] in the same will, and took upon himself the burden of execution of the same will, and was sworn.

Saving the right of any person whomsoever.]

University of York Borthwick ref v15(1) f252

Test[amentu]m d[omi]ni Ric[hard]i Som[er]scaill de Gigleswicke Presbiteri
[Will of Sir Richard Somerscaill of Giggleswick, priest]

In the name of God, Amen.

The yeare of our lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth fyftie and seaven, and y^e 30^{tie} daie of March,

I, Ric[hard] Som[er]scall, preest, secke in bodie and of good mynde, thanks be to almightie God, maikes my last will as after folowith.

First I gyve and bequeath my soule to God almightie, to our laidie S[aint] Marie, and to all y^e saintes in heaven, and my bodie to be buried in y^e churche yeard of S[aint] Alkild Virgin att Gigleswicke.

It[em] I gyve and bequeath for my mortuarie y^e att right will [that which is right].

It[em] I bequeath to everie preest sayinge masse for me y^e [that] daie I am buried 4d.

It[em] I gyve and bequeath to Margrett Som[er]scall my brothers wiffe £4, and she to dispose or gyve ytt to whom she please if I die att this tyme.

It[em] I gyve and bequeath to George Som[er]scall and to his wiffe 40s.

It[em] I bequeath to everie one of my godchildren 4d.

It[em] I bequeath 6s 8d toward bying of one great bell if the parishe be co[n]tent soo to doo.

It[em] I bequeath to S[ir] James Foster 2s to praie for my soule.

It[em] I bequeath to John [?ie Johann, Joan] Howghton, wiffe of Alexander, 12d.

It[em] I will y^e increase of all my shepe shall goo y^e one halfe to the kepers therof and the other halffe to be devided among y^e pore people soo longe as there be any of them on live.

It[em] I maike Thomas Som[er]scalles my brother sonne sup[er]visor of this my will, my dettes, funerall expenses and bequeathes paid.

The Residew of all mi goodes I gyve and bequeath to Giles Cokeson, to y^e bringyng uppe of his children.

It[em] I maike y^e said Giles Cockeson my wholle Executor of this my last will and Testame[n]t.

Thes witnesses Ric[hard] Coller, Thomas Twisilton and S[ir] Thomas Yeaden, preest, w[i]t[h] others.

Probate of Will of Sir Richard Somerscall

Et vj^{to} die mensis Maii Anno d[omi]ni p[re]d[i]c[t]o decanus de Craven certificavit se app[ro]basse d[i]c[tu]m test[amentu]m etc per duos priores testes no[m]i[n]at[os] iurat[os] etc

Co[m]missa[ue] fuit admi[nistrati]o bonoru[m] Egidio soli Execut[orum] in eodem test[ament]o no[m]i[n]at[o] iurat[o] etc

Salvo Jure cuiuscunq[ue]

[And on the 6th day of the month of May in the year of our Lord aforesaid the Dean of Craven certified himself to have approved the said testament by the first two witnesses named, they being sworn etc,

And administration of the goods was committed to Giles, the sole executor named in the same will, he having been sworn etc.

Saving the right of any person whomsoever.]

Will of Adam Somerschalles, 1569

Borthwick Institute vol. 18 fol. 219 R. Price transcription

In the name of God, Amen, the 25 day of October Anno d[omi]ni 1569,

I, Adam Som[er]schalles, seike in bodie but of good and p[er]fite remembra[u]nce, lovid be almyghtie God, makes this my last will and Testament in man[n]er and forme followinge.

Fyrst I bequithe my soull to almyghtie God and to all the glorious Companye in heaven, and my bodye to be buried in the p[ar]ishe church yerde of Gygleswicke.

Also I gyve and bequithe for my mortuarie and all other churche deuties, all That Right will.

Also I gyve and bequithe to Richard Som[er]schalles my sonne the tytle and Ten[au]nt Right of my Tenament, with the licence of the lorde, after the deceasse of me and Anne my wyf, or after her widdowhed.

Also I will that Richard my sonne shall have and occupie half of my Tenament and Anne my wyf the other half duringe her widdowhed.

Also I will that Richard my sonne and Anne my wyf shall have and occupie all my husbandrie geare together, and after her widdowhed my sonne Richarde to have all the saide husbandry geare.

Also I will that Richarde my sonne, after my wyf, shall have my Awmerye [large cupboard], so that the said Richard shall bye an arke of 10s price or more, That Isabell my doughter may have the said Arke.

Also I will that Anne my wyf and Isabell my doughter shalbe Together yf they can agree.

Also I will that Anne my wyf shall have to my two children whiche are at London so moche as she may spaire, and nott hurt her owne levinge.

Also I gyve to foure children of Will[ia]m Meddoppes foure lambes.

Also my will is that Thomas Som[er]schalles my Cosen shall ayde and assiste my wyf in her Right accordding to this my last will.

The rest of all my goodes, my debttres and funerall expences paid and discharged, I gyve and bequithe to Anne my wyf and Isabell my doughter, and I make Anne my wyf my holle Executrix.

Thes wittnes, Richarde Somerschalles medius [middle], Richarde Cookson medius, Will[ia]m Meddoppe, and Richarde Somerschalles my sonne, withe others.

Probate of Will of Adam Somerschalles, 1570

Et decimo Tertio die mensis Junii Anno d[omi]ni Mill[esi]mo qui[n]gentesimo Septuagesimo decanus de Craven cert[ificavit] de approbac[i]one h[uius]mo[d]i Test[ament]i p[er] Ric[hardu]m Cookson et Will[ielmu]m Meddoppe, Testes sup[ra]no[m]i[n]at[os] iurat[os] etc

Com[m]issaq[ue] fuit admi[ni]strac[i]o bonoru[m] eiusd[em] Anne rel[i]c[t]e d[i]c[t]i defunct[i] soli Execut[rici] in eod[em] test[ament]o no[m]i[n]at[e] iurat[e] etc

Salvo iure cuiuscu[n]q[ue] etc

[And on the thirteenth day of the month of June in the one thousand five hundred and seventieth year of our Lord the Dean of Craven certified approval of this will by Richard Cookson and William Meddoppe, the witnesses abovenamed, they having been sworn etc,

And administration of the goods of the same was committed to Anne the relict of the said deceased, the sole executrix named in the same will, she having been sworn etc,

Saving all right etc.]

Borthwick vol 19 fol 438

Jennet Stachowse 1566

In the name of god amen the xx day of Auguste in the yeare of oure lorde god a thousande fyve hundrethe thre score and sixe I Jennet Stachowse of Lancklif in Craven wthin the countie of Yorke singlewoman beyng of good and pfyct mynd and memorye thanks be gave to allmightie god maykethe and declarethe my testament and last will nuncupative in manner and forme followinge firste I bequythe my soule to allmyghtie god as mayker and Redeemer (and) my bodie to be buried wthin the pish churcheyarde whevr it shall please god to call upon me and I will that suche obsequies and funall services be doone and celebrated at my burial as pray and dothe stande wth the lawes of god and of the churche Also I give and bequythe unto Rowland Crashawe of Kirkebye in mallomdale all my goods and cattelles moveable and unmoveable wch I shall fortune to have at and in the day of my deathe my dettes and funall expences discharged and I ordaine constitute and mayke the same Rowland Crashawe my hole and full executor of testament and last will nuncupative Thes beinge witnesses Roger Kidde John P[ar]kynson....Atkinson Richarde Knowles and John Crashawe of Lancklife aforsaid sone of Roger Crashaye

Latin text

Elizabeth Stackhouse 1602

Borthwick vol. 28 fol. 810

In the name of god Amen I Elizabeth Stackhouse of Stackhouse Widowe within the parishe of Giglesweeke sicke in body but of good and perfecte remembrance god be prayسد therefore doe make this my laste will and testament the seaventh daie of October in the Foure and fort(ie)th yeare of the Reigne of our Soveraigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god Queene of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. 1602 in manner and forme followinge First I comend my soule into the hands of Allmighty god my maker and Redeemer and my body to be buried in the Churcheyard of the parishe Church of Giglwsweeke whereof I am parishioner at the discretion of my children kinesfolke and freindes Itm I give to James Garnill and to Margaret his wief all the croppe, corne and haye growinge or hathe growne uppon my third parte of this tenement at Stackhouse thes present yeare together with all thinges in the house whatsoever it be one brazen excepted, which I give to Elizabeth daughter of Robart Wilkinson of Feizer Itm I give to my sonne Robart Wilkinson and to James Garnill all my quicke and moveable goodes withall bills bondes and debts whatsoever one blacke stagge (*colt 1 to 3 years old*) excepted which I give to Elizabeth the daughter of James Garnill Also my will is that my quicke and moveable goodes withall bills bondes and debtes whatsoever excepted before excepted, to be divided equallie betwene the said Robart Wilkinson and James Garnill savinge that Robart Wilkinson shall have Fortie shillings more then his equall parte which legaces I doe give to Robart Wilkinson uppon this condicon that he the said Robart Wilkinson shall seale a sufficient acquittance of all manner of matters whatsoever touching (me) Elizabeth Stackhouse to my executors of this my laste will and testament And he the said Robart Wilkinson shall bringe in an acquittance made of old Robart Wilkinson of Lawkland to James Stackhouse And to deliver in that acquittance to myne (executors) if the said Robart Wilkinson doe refuse and denye to performe and fullfill the aforesaid promisses, then my whole will is that all my goodes shall remaine to my executors It(em) whereas my sonne Edmond Ashe oweth unto me the daie and makinge hereof eighte poundes of currante Englishe money due unto me by a legacie given unto me by my sonne Anthony and fower markes which he oweth unto me for a blacke horse and xxiiij s which likewise oweth unto me and xij s which I gave him to paie unto Thomas Brashay All which Indebtes I doe freelie give unto him if the said Edmond will seale a sufficient acquittance of all matters touching me the said testator to myne executors Itm I give to Christopher Stackhouse v s Itm my will is that all my debtes and funerall expences be paid and discharged uppon the whole And I doe appointe James Garnill my whole executor of this my last will and testament In Witnesse whereof I have subscribed my hande in the presence of Robart Carr John Clapham & Thomas Claphamson Clerke

Latin text

Gurnell in Parish Registers. Jacobus Gurnell md Margaret Wilkinson in 1592

Hugh Stackhouse 1579

Borthwick vol 21 fol 361

In the name of God Amen the xxiiijth day of July 1579 I Heughe Stackhouse of Gigleswicke sicke in bodie but whole & pfecte in mynde praised be almightie god, do maik this my last will & testamente in manner and forme folowinge First I commende my soule to almightie god my maker, and to Jesus christe my onely redemer, by faythe in whose blod alone, I beleve to be sayved & my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche yerde of Gigleswicke Also I bequithe for my mortuary, whatsoever righte dothe require Item I geve to the poore manes boxe viijd Item I geve & bequeathe to Isabell my wyfe the occupacon of my tente tackes & leases whatsoever I have duringe her widowheade, & also duringe the noneaige of that childe wherewith she is great at this presente. Yf it please god the sayme childe to lyve. And if it dye Then my will is that my Tente shall returne after my wyfes widowhead to my brother James Stackhouse and to thissue of his bodie lawfully begotten. And for lacke of such issue to Roger Stackhouse my brother and the issue of his bodie lawfully begotten and my will (&s) that my two brethren, James Stackhouse and Roger Stackhouse; shall have paid to either of them xvij li of my whole goodes wch summes I owe unto them at the presente As for the reste of my goods my dettes discharged I geve to my wyfe and to that childe wherewith she is nowe whom I maike ioyntely executors of this my laste will & testamente theis beinge witnesses Thomas Payley willm Craven willm Jakeson wth others...

Latin text

WILL OF Robert STACKHOUSE 1567
Borthwick Vol. 17 Folio 674

In the name of god amen the 24th. day of May 1567 I Robt.Stackhous of Giggleswick sick in body & of good & perfect remembrance loved be almighty god, make this my last will & testament in maner & form following First I give & bequeath my soul to almighty god, & to all the glorious company in heaven, & my body to be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick. Also I give & bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Also I give & bequeath title & tenant right of my house & the tithing unto hewgh stackhous my son according to my leases & after the said lease of my house I give my title & tenant of the garth & house that George Foster dwelles now in unto James stackhous my son with the licence of the lord Also I will that hewgh armitsted my brother in law & Thomas procter of cletopp shall have order & keep my house my three children & their goods to them be it lawful & also the rest of all my goods my debts & all other duties paid & discharged I give unto my three sons hewgh james & oliver & it to be equally divided amongst them & I make & constitute Thomas procter of cletopp hewgh armitsted executors witness hereof John brayshay Richard tailer of Giggleswick John linsey & James foster clarke # further more for the end & help of my children I institute & order other two executors Ric. Newhous & James stackhous these witness Thomas browne of cockhead Willim palay Also I make adam (carr?) of mvyth (mewith?) & John linsey my brother in law supervisors of this my last will & testament & they to see it fulfilled & kept.

5 lines in Latin

clarke – chantry priest

Borthwick Prob Reg 25 fol 1145r
Will of James Stackhowse 27th June 1592

In the name of God Amen the 27th day of June 1592 James Stackhowse of Stackhowse of the parish of Giggleswick within the county of York sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised be god did make his last will and testament nuncupative in manner and form following First he did bequeath his soul to Jesus Christ who he faithfully believed to be his only Saviour and Redeemer and his body to buried In the churchyard of Giggleswick And for his mortuary and Church dues all that of right did appertain it was his will that his wife shall have her widowright of his tenement goods and cattells and his children their portions his debts being first paid of his whole goods. Item he did give to margaret and Ellyn wilkinson to either of them 26s 8d and to Christopher Stackhowse his son 26s 8d and to his son Thomas Stackhowse two shillings the rest of his part of good not bequeathed he did give unto Elizabeth and Sara his daughters equally to be devided between them. And he did appoint Thomas Stackhowse his son his whole executor of this his last will and testament. These witnesses Thomas Wigglesworth Thomas Carr and Willm Carr (*Latin text – 12th January 1592.....*)

Will of William Stalmyn 1412

Archbishop's Register (Consistory Wills) Borthwick vol. 18 fol. 352

Testamentum domini Willelmi Stalmyn vicarij de Gygleswike

In dei nomine amen In die dominica proxima ante festum sancti Thome apostoli anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} duodecimo ego Willelmus Stalmyn vicarius ecclesie parochialis de Gygleswyke eger corpore sed san(n)e mente(is?) condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo beati marie omnibus sanctis & corpus ad sepeliend in dicta ecclesia eadem. Item lego magno altari ecclesie de Horton duos solidos. Item lego domino ade morton capellano quinque libras. Item lego domino Rico hayholme capellano quadraginta solidos. Item lego domino henrico Rauthmell capellano unum [.....] quinque cocliaria argenti & ij libras. Item lego unum ordinale q. legenda sanctorum ecclesie de Gygleswike antedictae. Item lego hospicio de Salley ix cooperteria pro hospitibus suscipiendis. Item lego omnia utensilia domus mee totum granum in orreis & grangiis meis Johi Calnlay & Agneti sorori sue dividendum inter eos per equales port(ion)es. Quem Johem Calnlay & dominum henricum Rauthmell capellanum executores meos ordino facio & confirmo per presentes sic faciant & disponant sicut voluerunt coram summo iudice respondere.

Dat apud Gygleswyke die loco & anno domini supradictis.

Et memorand est xvj die mensis Januarij Anno domini supradicto apud Calvord probatum fuit dict testamentum & comissa fuit administratio omnium bonorum ipsius defuncti executoribus in dicto testamento nominatis in forma conform... legati supra hoc edita et supradicta fuit legali in forma.

Testament of William Stalmyn vicar of Giggleswick

In the name of God Amen on Sunday just before the feast of St Thomas the Apostle AD 1412 I William Stalmyn vicar of the parish church of Giggleswick sick in body but of sound mind make my testament in this manner. First I bequeath my soul to God, blessed Mary and all the saints and my body to be buried in the said same church. Item I leave to the high altar of Horton Church two shillings. Item I leave to dom. Adam Morton chaplain five pounds. Item I leave to dom. Richard Hayholme forty shillings. Item I leave to dom. Henry Rauthmell chaplain a [.....] five silver spoons and two pounds. Item I leave an ordinal to be read in the sanctorum of Giggleswick Church aforesaid. Item I leave to the Hospital of Salley nine coverlets to be received by the inmates. Item I leave all my domestic utensils and all the grain in the tithe barn and my grange to John Calnlay and his sister Agnes to be divided between them in equal portions. The said John Calnlay and dom. Henry Rauthmell chaplain I ordain make and confirm to be my executors by these presents thus making and disposing as if they wished to be answerable to the highest judge.

Given at Giggleswick the place and year above written.

Memorandum the 16th day of January in the year above written at Calvod (Cawood) the said will was proved and administration was committed for all the goods of the deceased to the executors named in the said will in form confirming to the legatees abovementioned ordained and abovesaid in lawful format.

Will of Robert of Staynford 1390

Borthwick vol 1 fol 57

main part only since second part of a few lines only is illegible mf 911

the second page is to be found as folio 25

In dei no[mi]ne ame[n] xvj die mensis maij anno d[omi]ni mill[es]imo ccc^{mo}
nonagesimo Ego Rob[er]tus de staynford in bona memoria existens ordino fac[i]o
(co[e]ii?) condo test[amentu]m meu[m] in hunc mod[um] In p[ri]mis lego &
co[m]mendo an[im]am meam deo & beate marie & o[mn]ibus sa[n]ctis suis
corpusque meum ad sepeliend[um] in eccl[es]ia de Gygellyswyk Itm lego
opti[m]um a[n]i[m]al no[m]i[n]e mortuar[i]i mei Itm lego xl li[bras] cere ad
comburend[um] circa corpus meu[m] die Sepult[ur]e mee Itm lego c m[a]rc[a]s ad
expendend[um] circa corpus meum die Sepult[ur]e mee um omnibus expens[is]
Itm lego paup[er]ibus et illis quibus feci Iniuria[m] ad distribuend int[er] eod[em] c
m[a]rc[a]s Itm lego c m[a]rc[a]s ad distribuend int[er] amicos meos & servientes
meos & eorum in per ordinac[i]o[n]em executoru[m] meorum Itm lego
margarete et agneti filiabus meis o[mn]ia a[n]i[m]alia scilicet boves vaccas
bouvicul[as] Iuven[culi] & stor[ia]e & o[mn]ia utensilia domorum in domum
dicti Robti Itm lego filie ric[ard]i Tempest c m[a]rc[a]s ad maritag[iu]m suu[m]
Si contingat eam cum marito maritari Sin autem filiabus d[ic]ti Ric[ard]i Tempest
et filiis eiusd[em] Itm lego Elisabeth filie Rob[er]ti de stanford Junioris xx
m[a]rc[a]s Itm lego fabrice eccl[es]ie de Gygeleswyk tanta[m] sum[m]a[m] argenti
quanta potest pred[ic]tam fabricam q[uo]d pred[ic]tus Rob[er]t[us] iunioris
Itm lego q[uat]tuor ordinibus fratr[ibus] me[n]dica[n]tiu[m] xxxij s per eq[ua]les
porc[i]o[n]es int[er] eos dividend[um] Itm lego mariote sorori mee vj m[a]rc[a]s
durante sua vitia ona ord[i]nand pro executores meos Itm lego per par[o]chia[l]is
de {name deleted} horton o[mn]is mer[enn]ium meum q[uo]d iacet ap[u]d nisi
faciam ponte[m] de eod in fra istum annum Itm lego resid[uum] om[n]ium
bono[rum] meo[rum] no[n] legato[rum] ricardo Tempest militi et abbas de sallay ut
ordinet & dispone[n]t pro a[n]i[m]a mea si[cut] rat[i]o est Itm fac[i]o et ordino Ric
Tempest Johan

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Johan[n]e de stackden

Johnis Walker & thome forster

ordinet & disponet pro

In the name of god amen the 16th of May AD 1390 I Robert de Staynford being of good memory ordain make assemble (?) compose my testament in the following manner. First I leave and commend my soul to god and blessed Mary and all their saints, and my body to be buried in the church of Giggleswick. Item I leave my best animal in the name of my mortuary. Item I leave forty pounds of wax [*candles*] to burn around my body on the day of my burial Item I leave 100 marks to be spent around my body on the day of my burial for all expenses Item I leave to the poor and to those to whom I have done injustice to be distributed amongst them 100 marks Item I leave 100 marks to be distributed amongst my friends and servants by ordinance of my executors Item I leave Margaret and Agnes my daughters all my animals namely bulls, cows, heifers, bullocks and straw and all household utensils in house of the said Robert Item I leave to the daughter of Richard Tempest 100 marks for her marriage dowry if it comes to pass to her that she marry a husband But if on the contrary to the daughter of this Richard Tempest and his son Item I leave to Elizabeth daughter of Robert of Stanford junior 20 marks. Item I leave to the building of the church of Giggleswick so much amount of money as to enable the said building ... the said Robert junior Item I leave to the four orders of the mendicant brothers 32 s in equal portions to be divided between them Item I leave to Mariote my sister 6 marks during her by ordinance of my executor Item I leave for the parish of Horton all my timber which lies at unless a bridge is made of it in ... year Item I leave the residue of all my goods not bequeathed to Richard Tempest knight and the Abbot of Sallay to ordain and dispose for the good of my soul just as the account is I make and ordain Richard Tempest

Notes

Arthur Darcy was the younger son of Thomas Lord Darcy and was born at Aston in Yorkshire and knighted in 1522/3 in Scotland. He died at Brimham and is buried at St Botolph's without Aldgate, London, with the Darcy family. His mother was Dowsabel Tempest who in turn was descended from Robert de Stainford who died in 1390 and who was buried at Giggleswick - so the Darcy's were linked with Craven *Brayshaw & Robinson, 1932*).