

WILL OF William YVESON 1544  
Borthwick Vol.11 Folio 770

IN THE NAME OF GODAMEN the year of our lord god 1544 I William Iveson sick in body & of good memory & mind thanks being to God Almighty make my will as after followeth first I give & I bequeath my soul to almighty god & to our lady saint mary & to all the saints in heaven & my bodie to be buried in the church yard of saint alkide (*sic*) virgin of Giggleswick & for my mortuary that at right will Also I bequeath to every priest saying mass for me that day I am buried 4d. Also I bequeath to the high altar for tithes by me negligently forgotten 6d. Also I bequeath to Thomas Iveson 20s. to pray for my soul & other that god would have prayed for Also I bequeath to two of my sons children that I am godfather unto to either of them one ewe & two lambs & to every one of his other children one lamb Item to every one of hugh ivesons children of Stockdale one lamb Item to William Iveson son of Lawrence one ewe & a lamb Item to Ann Brown one ewe & a lamb Item to Ann Bank daughter of John one ewe & a lamb to Richard Catterill one wether Item to John (*sic*) Wilson daughter of Robert Wilson four ewes & four lambs Item to Richard Leming & to his wife four wethers Item mistress Caterall one wether Item to William Preston younger one wether Item to Thomas (procter?) of Cleatop #one wether Item to John Iveson my brother one wether & a jacket cloth Item to William Foster of Settle one wether Item to John Webster one jacket & a dublet Item to hugh watkinson one gray jacket & a dublet Item Richard melling 4 yards & one half of gray cloth Item to Robert Brayshay son of roger one ewe & a lamb Item Sir John my son one horse & to Sir James my son one fillie with my (kist?) & all that is therein Also I make my wife Johanna Sir John & Sir James my sons executors of this my will & they to dispose such of my goods for the health of my soul as they shall think most expedient Item I will that if either Sir john or Sir James remain in the country that then they shall have the governance of their mother with all my goods & if they do not then I desire Sir Thomas Iveson & Sir Thomas Iveson to do their best & to see her goods be not wasted as my trust is in them witnesses James Iveson Thomas Kidd Richard Iveson & Thomas Armitstead.

*3 lines in Latin*

*# A Thomas procter of cleatop mentioned in will of Robt.Stackhouse 1567.*

**Will of Christofer Tennant 1496**

**Borthwick vol. 5 fol 482 mf 915 Admon.**

Comiss in bonis d[omi]ni Christoferi Tenn[an]t nup[er] vic[arii] de Gegleswyke defuncti

Itm xxvj<sup>to</sup> die mensis Augusti Anno d[omi]ni mill[esi]mo ccc<sup>mo</sup> Nonagesimo sexto Comissa fuit admi[ni]stracio omnium bonorum que fuer[un]t d[omi]ni Christoferi Tennant nup[er] vic[arii] de Gegleswik ab intestat[o] defunct[i] Thome Tenn[an]t de Eltam in dioc[esi] Cantuar Administrac' in bonis eiusdem defunct[i] Auct[oritat]e ordinar[is] deputat[i] iurat' in forma iur[is]

Commissioned in goods of Sir Christopher Tennant late vicar of Giggleswick deceased.

Item 26th day of August AD1496 commitment was made of all the goods which were those of Sir Christopher Tennant late vicar of Giggleswick deceased intestate [,] Thomas Tennant of Eltham in the diocese of Canterbury Administration in goods of the same deceased by the authority of the deputed bishop was sworn in legal form

## **WILL OF Henry TOMPSON 1603**

### **Borthwick Ref.vol.29 Fol.341**

In the name of god Amen, the 27th.day of January 1603 I Henry Tompson of Giggleswick in the County of York, Yeoman, sick in body yet nevertheless of good & perfect remembrance to god be praise, do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God, And my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick before the south porch at the discretion of my friends Item whereas I did take a lease of my tenement wherein I dwell of the right honourable (my lord Clifford) the Earle of Cumberland which is redeemable (like) as the leases of other tenements of the same Lordshipp be my will is (if my Lord do not redeem the same) And then I give & bequeath the occupation of my said tenement & all profits thereof to Isabell my wife & her assignes for the term of 20tie years from & immediately after the day of my decease, fully to be complete & ended, for the better bringing up of my younger children & the bettering of their portions And I give the revercon of the same lease to William Thompson my son & his assignes in lieu & full satisfaction of his part & portion of my goods. Also my will is that my debts be paid out of my whole goods And after my debts paid & funerall expenses done & performed. Then my will is that all my goods & that money which is due to me upon redemption by my lord (if the same come) shall be divided into three parts & my wife to have her third part according to the law & custom of the country & another third part to be divided amongst my children viz Adam Thomas & Anne And for the other third part commonly called the dead part I give out of the same 10s. to Margaret Braishaw my wife's daughter & all the rest thereof to Thomas & Anne my youngest children to be divided equally between them And I make & ordain Isabell my said wife & Thomas my son executors of this my last will & testament. These being witnesses William Carr, Thomas Carr, & William Lawson.

*6 lines in Latin*

**TWISTLETON William 1568**  
**Ref. Borthwick, York. Vol.18 fol. 59**

In the name of God amen the second day of march 1568 I Willim Twisleton of Sherewoodhouse sick in body but of good and perfect memory praised be god make this my last will (*ic*) and in manner and form as followeth First I bequeath my soul to god almighty and my body to be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick nighe where my Elders were buried First my mortuary (withal?) and other church dues all that right will Item I give and bequeath unto gregorie my eldest son my title tenament right and occupation of my tenement at Sheerewoodhouse with the appurtenances that is to say to either child the third part .....Also after my death if it please God to call and....his (powers).....then and after his years be ended at Stayneforth then he shall have two parts and his moeity Then after the third part And after his death he to have the whole Item I give..... unto gregorie my son my whole (flock.....) upon (malhammoor) with all situate leases and mortgages there unto apperteyning to him and his heirs for ever without any cost or charge also the farm, Also I give unto gregorie my son and his heirs one great ark and one great new pann to remain as heirlooms at Sherewoodhouse for ever Item I give unto Gregorie, Anthony and John my sons their whole childe portion of my goods every one in like ..... And I will that upon the receipt of their said childs portion that Anthony and John my sons shall seal and deliver unto my executors their general acquittance for all their childs portions Also I give £17 15s. of gold which is in my wife's keeping, And £6 of gold or money that is in the keeping of gregorie my son to be divided joyntly and equally amongst my wife and my three sons my pte always reserved to discharge my funeral and other things withall Item I give and bequeath unto margaret my daughter James Foster wife, one gowne or other price of such gown as her other sisters had at the day of their (mar)ring and also 13s. 4d. more to be paid to her in penny or penny worth Item I give to Hugh Lupton that married my daughter one good milk cow Item I give to Jane Frankland one whye stirke going on two years old Item I will that John my son shall have ten yewes kept at Sherewoodhouse for 6th. yeares next, to be kept as the dwellers there do keep their own Item I will that if either of my sons Anthony or John do chance to be sick or diseased and have no dwellinghouse, that he so being sick shall have a bedroom, during the end of ten yeares now next to come Item I give to jeffraye benson one gimmer lamb Item I will that my executors shall not take any advantage of James Foster of any writing that he and Willim procter is bounden in unto me, for Willim procter fault or forfeiture Item I bequeath unto janett brown one twynter whye to be given to her at the day of her maring, the rest of my goods not bequeathed my debts and funeral expenses paid I give joyntly among my three sons Gregorie, Anthony and John And I make Emote my wife and gregorie my son my whole and joynt executors of this my last will and testament These witness Robert Twisleton, Christopher Cote hugh Armytsteade and Willim Armytsteade, And also I will that if any (...transe?) do arise amongst my executors and my children, that they shall abide the award and order of the said Robert, Christopher, hugh and Willim for all maner of matters and so this my last will and testament I the said Willim have sett my mark the day and year above written.

*4 lines in Latin*

## Borthwick vol. 18 fol. 172

In the name of God amen the xxix day of December Anno domini 1569 I Emmott Twysselton widow of Sherwood house within the parish of gyleswicke sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance loved be almighty god, makes this my last will and Testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul to almighty god, and my body to be buried in the parish church of gygleswicke also I bequeath for my mortuary and other church dues all that right will, also I give to Jane frankland a bound warke coverlet, and also to Jennet Browne a bound warke coverlet and four yards of white cloth to a kirtle, also I give to alice nerlson (*Anderson, Iveson, Nelson?*) two yards and a half white cloth and she to dwell with George Twissilton my son according to my husband will, also I give to katherine my daughter a gown, and to Margaret Armistede a kirtle, also I give to anthonye Twissilton and John Twyselton my sons my part of the occupation of my tenement according to their father's last will and the crop to occupy it withall Item my will is that anthonye Twysselton and John Twissilton my sons have the occupation of two parts of my farm hold of sherwood house according to the lease, Item I will that my said sons anthonye and John shall deliver unto gregorye my son all writings and my husband's last will which I had in possession at the time of my death, also I give to hughe lupton(?) my son in law a great pan so the said hughe shall bring another pan of xx d (s?) price and then the said hughe to have the great pan, and then I will that anthonye and John my sons shall have other the great pan or else the less pan that hughe shall bring again, also I give to Isabell Twissilton my daughter (*could be daughter in law from Par. Reg.*) my best white petticoat also I give to James Foster wife a red petticoat The rest of my part of goods my debts and funeral expenses paid and discharged I give and bequeath to gregorye Twissilton anthonye Twissilton John Twysselton John Twysselton (*sic*) and James foster to be equally divided among them and I make and constitute gregorye twissilton and anthonye Twissilton my whole executors, These witness Christopher cott Robert Twysselton James armysted Thomas Craven Roger Coykhed and Richard heghlyne with others

Latin text

**WATKINSON Oliver 1599**  
**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 28 fol. 70**

In the name of god amen the one and twentieth day of December 1599 I Oliver Watkinson of Watkinson (*sic*) of Setle in the parish of Gigleswicke sick in body but of perfect remembrance praised to god do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I commend my soul to Jesus Christ my only lord and saviour and my body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church in (Setle) Sworth?) Item I give to Richard Altham my best coat and best (shoes) and to Thomas Watkinson my best gerken and my best stockings and my best breeches all the rest of my goods my debts first discharged funeral expenses paid and other duties done I give to Anne my wife whom I ordain and appoint my sole executor of this my will witnesses hereof Thomas Browne Thomas (Sigsweeke) Richard Wildman with others witnesses also hereof Richard Altham

*3 lines Latin*

**Roger Watkinson 1582 (1581 in YAS)**

**Borthwick vol. 22 fol. 220**

In the name of god amen The iij th day of July in the xxiiij th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of god Queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. I Roger Watkinson of Setle in the county of york husbandman being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be god for it do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows First I bequest my soul to almighty god my maker and redeemer and my (body to be) buried in the parish church yard of Gigleswicke Itm I bequest my wife Katherin Watkinson my whole executor and my eldest son to have my tenement Henry Watkinson by name and if he die and he .... heire then I bequest to my son Thomas Watkinson and if it please god to call them both and neither of them have no children then I bequest it to my eldest daughter Eliz(abeth) watkinson and she to give to her two sisters alice and Jane watkinson either of them five marks moreover I bequest that katherine my wyfe bring up my children to my son henry watkinson be xxi years of age or he enter the tenement unless my wyfe marry or wed my will is that she wed not to my tenement but that she void .... from it if she be so disposed my will is that my debt be paid holye of my goodes Moreover my will is that my brother Oliver Watkinson have a bed room at my house making cost him self and this being as long as he is singleman These witness James Armitstead John Lupton Adam ... William Newhouse

Latin text

**WILL OF Thomas WATKINSON 1558**  
**Borthwick Vol. 15(3) Folio 214**

In the name of god amen the 10th. day of July 1558 I Thomas Watkinson 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 yard of Giggleswick Item I give & bequeath for my mortuary & other charges & all that right will Item I will that Agnes my wife shall order my children & my farmhold during her widowhead & after her widowhead I give my title & tenant right of my tenement of (lodge?) unto John Watkinson my son with the licence of the lord & I give the title & tenant right of a farmhold in heyton which was my fathers unto Christopher Watkinson my son Item my will is that hugh lawson my father in law Oliver Watkinson of Settill shall make suite for the said farmhold in heyton & the goods of Christopher my son shall (bear these) charges & if both my sons die without issue lawfully begotten then I give the title & tenant right of my farmhold of (lodge?) unto Oliver Watkinson of Settill Item I will that if my wife (marry) then shall hugh lawson my father in law Willim Watkinson of Settill Wm.lawson Oliver Watkinson of Rathmell & Rich. Rome order my farmhold & my childer Item I give to the buying of a great bell 3s.4d. It to dowsabell Altham a lamb & to Agnes Armitsted my god daughter a lamb to Elizabeth Rome a ewe lamb to Christopher Wilkinson a lamb to hew lawson a lamb to jane wilkinson a ewe to jenet watkinson a fleece of wool to John Watkinson my son my best jacket to Thomas lawson a violet jacket a dublet & a pair of hose to lawrence townhead a white jacket a cap & 2 shirts to Ric.Rome my best violet jacket to Roger Settill a dublet to jeffrey Settill a jerkin to R<sup>l</sup>(?) Thomas procter ij shirts to John Watkinson my cousin my best jerkin Item I make Agnes my wife my whole executrix the rest of my part of goods my debts & funeral expenses paid I give & bequeath unto my two sons these men being witness hugh lawson Thomas lawson snr. Ric. Rome ..... & Thomas lawson minor with others

*2 lines in Latin*



**William Watkinson 1575**

**Borthwick vol. 22 fol. 220**

In the name of god amen In the year of our lord god one thousand five hundred seventy five and the xxvj th day of October (?) I William Watkinson of Setle within the County of york of good and perfect health and memory praised be god .... do make this my testament containing herein my last will in manner and form following First I commend my soul in the hands of almighty god my maker with full trust and confidence in and by the merits of Jesus Christ that the same shall be saved in the day of the lord and I betake my body to the earth to be buried in the parish churchyard at Giglesweke Also I give and bequeath to my six daughters forty shillings that is to wit to every one of them six shillings eight pence And further my will is that if any of my said daughters die then the said money given as is abovesaid shall remain to their children Also I give to my brother hughe watkinson my best jacket Also I give to henrye watkinson son of henry watkinson of wakefeld all my gear pertaining to husbandry And also all my arks Aumbries boards forms and bedstocks Also I give to margaret knowles two quyes that are with her mother Also I give to every servant I have xij d of good English money Also my debts paid legacies discharged and my funeral expenses satisfied all the rest of my goods Cattells chattells credits debts and also my lands remaining I freely and wholly give and bequeath to henrye watkinson my son whom I make and constitute full executor of this my last will and testament witnesses hereof Wm(?) Taylor John Lupton and James Foster clerk and others many

Latin text proved 1580

**Johan Watkynson of Giggleswick Will 1552 (Joan)  
Borthwick v 13 f 945**

In dei noie amen the xviiiith day of Januarie in the yere of oure lorde god a thousande Five hunderith Fyftie and too. I Johan Watkynson Widow of hoolle mynde and memorie loved be god maike this my last will and testament in manor and Forme Following. First I bequeath my soull to allmightie god and to all the gracious company in heven and my bodie to be buried in the churche yeard of gyglesweke. Item. I bequeath for my mortuarie and other churche dues that at right will. Item to the poore mans Boxe iiiid Item I will that every prest that shalbe at my buriall have iiiid a piece to praye for my soull and all Christen soulles. Item I will that they that shall cm with me to the churche to be buried shall have ii cheises and bread that shalbe of half a bushell of meall with ii of my wedders Item to Thomas Talyor *(ic)* of Gygleswike xiid to John Alan xiid to Richarde Bell xiid. To Richarde Browne xiid to William Watkynson younger xiid. And to his children a yawe to Richarde Robert wif wenches xiid to Heughe Watkynson xiid to Heughe Sandshall xiid to Peter Gelderd xiid. To Thomas Lawson xiid to the wif of Alexander Settill xiid to Lawrence Townsend xiid to the wif of William camexiid to lasthous wif iiiid. To Elsabeth Rome one herden shert pare of comes and viiid to mende them Item to Dowsabell Bradshawe a yaw lambe Item to Sir xpofer Talyor and Sir Thomas Yedon a yawe lambe Item to ii Daughters of Lawrance Sheparde ii lambes. Item to the wif of John Hardacre and her children a bedd of cloise my best gowne a forke and ii lambes. Item to Ranolde Care and his children an olde coverlett. Item to Margaret my Sister my best kyrtil Item to Thomas Carre a harden shyрте Item to John Watkynson my great pane and a yawe. Item I give the tytill and tene.... Ryght of my farmholde with the licence of the lorde to Thomas Watkynson my sone. Item I maike William Watkynson the younger and Thomas Lawson of lowgde supervisors of this my last will The Residue of all my goods my detts and funerall expenses paid I give and bequeath unto Thomas my sone whome I maik my soill executor. Thes men being witnes Sir Thomas Yedon Thomas Lawson William Watkynson younger Heughe Lawson with other moo

[Latin]

*Herden = coarse linen cloth*

## Allan Wharfe 1574

### Borthwick vol. 16 fol. 691

In the name of God Amen the xix th day of April in the year of our lord god a thousand three score and fourteen and in the sixteenth year of the (reign) of our most ..... sovereign lady Elizabeth by the grace of god of England France and Ireland Queen defender of the faith etc I Allan Wharfe of Swynestead in Craven in the county of york being whole of mind and of .... and .... memory praised be given to god therefore, Now calling to mind that my frail and mortal body is subject to death and that nothing is more uncertain than the time thereof, and considering that when the body shall happen to be visited with sickness Then it shall be more needful to apply my mind to the spiritual disposition of the soul than to be troubled with any worldly matters and minding by gods grace to make such perfect disposition of all my lands and hereditaments with the appurtenances and also of all my goods debts chattels as well Real as personal so that after my decease no controversies shall happen through my default in that behalf and first I give and bequeath my soul to almighty god my maker and redeemer through whose merits and mercy and I constantly hope and believe to be one of his elect number, and my body to be buried in the Church or Church yard of gingleswicke and such funeral Costs and expenses especially to the relieving of the poor people to be bestowed and Employed thereupon according to the ecclesiastical laws of this realm as shall be thought meet and convenient by my executors hereafter named, Also I give Dispose bequeath and Devise to my eldest son and heir apparent Richard Wharfe all my messuages houses lands and hereditaments, To have and to hold the same from the time of my decease, During his natural life. The Remainder thereof after his decease to Allan Wharfe son of the said Richard and the heir male of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to every next heir male of the body of the said Richard Wharfe lawfully to be begotten successively and to the heir males of the body of every such next heir male lawfully to be begotten. And for default of such Issue the remainder thereof to every next heir male of me the said Allan Wharfe the testator and to the heir .... males .... .. body of every such next heir male lawfully to be begotten. And for default of such Issue the remainder thereof to every next heir male of me the said Allan Wharfe and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten. And for default of such issue the Remainder to be Right heirs of me the said Allan Wharfe for ever Provided always that if it fortunes any of my said hereditaments before by these presents devised to be sown with any manner of corn or grain at my Cost and Charges at the time of my decease That then my said son Richard and any other person to whom the Remainder of the premises or by these presents devised and given shall permit and suffer my said executor or any other person to whom I shall make any legacy thereof quietly and freely to take away the said corn and grain at their pleasure And also that my said executor shall have xl days for egress and Request after my Decease to remove and carry away my said goods and chattels from my house and tenement at Swynestead aforesaid Provided also that my younger sons John and Lawrance shall have such(?) several tenements and hereditaments as before this time, I have severally reserved unto them according to their estates therein whereof my said sons are now severally possessed So that they pay the old accustomed several Rents for the same to my said son Richard during his life And afterwards to Allan his son and to the heir males of his body lawfully to be begotten And for default of such Issue then to every such other person or persons as

the Remainder aforesaid of my said inheritance be in their part(?) Severally limited and appointed Also I give and bequeath to the said Richard Wharfe my eldest son one Cornwain one pair of wheels and one head yoke to be delivered by my said executor Also I give and bequeath by these presents unto my daughter Elizabeth Lawson widow one good cow or else 26 shillings eight pence in money at the election of my said Executors Also where my said son Richard is behind with me in arrears of one yearly rent of xiiij shillings and iij d by the year for the tenement now in his occupation by the space of xx years last past my will is that the said Richard his executors and assigns shall be acquitted and discharged of the one moitie or half of the arrears of the said rent, So that he pay the other moitie thereof unto my said executor within one year after my decease Also whenever my said son John is behind in payment of his rent of the late sum of xiiij shillings and iij d by the year by the space of ten years now also ..... my will is that the said John his executors and administrators shall be discharged and acquitted by these presents of the one moitie of the said rent. So that he pay the other moitie thereof unto my said executor within one year next after my decease Also(?) I release and quitclaim unto my said son Lawrance all such arrears of rents as shall be due unto me at the time of my decease Also where I the said Allan Wharfe in my lifetime to my great charges have sufficiently preferred and advanced every one of my said sons Richard John and Lawrance in consideration of their filial portion of goods Now my will is that my said sons hold themselves ..... well contented and satisfied and not to claim any parcel or part of my said goods Debts or chattels after my decease other than such as in this my present will is bequeathed and given to any of them And if any of my said sons disagree to accomplish this my present will then every legacy bequeathed to him or them by whom such Disagreement shall be had and made to be void and the same to be and(?) Immediately to vest and come to my said executor, And as touching the disposition of all other my goods debts and chattels I wholly dispose devise bequeath and give the same (to) my son Thomas Wharfe whom I ordain and make by these presents my sole executor because he has been always obedient unto me and is now not preferred to any living and I Charge him to pay my debts and make my funeral Charges according to the ecclesiastical laws of this realm And to execute this my present will according to my true meaning according to the uttermost of his power and ability And I make supervisors hereof William Catterall of the Newhall of Rathmell Esquire and Henry Tennante of Clatoppe gentleman to aid and assist my said executor in the executing of this my last will and testament These bearing witness Brian P[ar]ker of Cliderowe gentleman Thomas Wigglesworth of Foldenn Nicholas Brockdem of Ellingthropp with other men

Latin text

**WHARFFE Edmund 1597**  
**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 27 fol. 181**

In the name of god amen the 14<sup>th</sup>. day of December in the fortieth year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign lady Elizabeth by the grace of god queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith 1597 I Edmund wharfe late of Raithmell within the county of york deceased sick in body but of perfect mind and remembrance praised be almighty god did make and ordain this last will and testament in manner and form following First he did give and bequeath his soul to almighty god and his body to be buried in the parish churchyard of Gigeswicke and for his mortuary and other church duties he did give and bequeath all that right would Item it was his will that his debts should be paid out of his whole goods and for the rest of his goods and chattels moveable and immoveable which should remain when his debts were paid he did give and bequeath the same to Margaret Carr of the aforesaid Rathmell widow late wife of Robert Carr late of the said Rawthmell deceased which said Margaret he did make and ordain sole executrix of this his last will and testament these being witnesses viz. Allan wharfe and Edmund Carr with others

*3 lines Latin*

**WILDEMAN Richard 1575**  
**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 19 fol. 843**

In the name of god amen the 30tie day of May 1575 I Richard Wildeman of Settill within the parish of Giggleswicke sick in body but of good & perfect remembrance make this my last will & testament in manner & form following First I give & bequeath my soul to almighty god my maker & redeemer & my body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswicke Also I bequeath for my mortuary & other church dues all that right will Also I bequeath the title & tenant right of my tenement unto John Wildeman my son with the licence of the lord and I give him my cart & cart gear my plough & plough gear with the iron (teams?) & all other iron gear that pertene to husbandry & all my wayne gear with waynes Also I will that Isabell my wife shall have occupy my tenement & to bring up my children of it and to be best at the house during her widowhead & to have her widowright of my goods Also I will that the brass pot which I bought with the gold that the queens majesty gave me shall be an heirloom at my house & also the great board that stands above the fire & the form in the house shall be heirlooms also and I will that my children shall have their childs portion of my goods according to the law Also I will that John my son shall not have my tenement to he be 21 years of age except his mother be content And if his mother my wife marry again then the recorders of this my will shall both order my children & tenement during their nonages Also I give John wildeman my brother my best jacket Also I have given & delivered a silver spoon to Roger preston my brother in law to the behalf & profit of John wildeman my son Also I have given & delivered a rialle # of gold to James wildeman my kinsman to the behalf of alice wildeman my daughter The rest of part of goods my debts & funeral expenses paid & discharged I give & bequeath to alis my daughter & to the child that my wife is with if she be with one And I make & constitute Isabell my wife my whole executrix These witness William lund my father in law Adam Carr my uncle Roger preston & James wildeman with others

*3 lines Latin*

*# Rialle /Ryal – gold coin first issued by Edward IV in 1465 & worth 10 shillings, 15 shillings under Mary & Elizabeth I.*

*Teams - chain link to plough*

**Miles Wildman of Settle Will 1553**  
**Borthwick v 13 f 1002**

In the name of God amen the xvth day of Junii in the yere of oure lorde god 1553 I Miles Wildman of Settle Seke in bodie and of perfytt knowlidge and memorie thanks be to allmightie god doth ordayne and make this my last will and testament in Maner and forme followinge First I bequeath my soull to allmightie god to rest with the holie company of heaven and my bodye to be buried in my parishe churche yeard of Gigglesweke also I bequeath for my mortuarie and other churche dewes all that right will Item I bequeath to John Wildman my son all my tytle and tennt right of my hool farmholde with the licence of the lord Item It is my will by the consent of Agnes my wif for dyverse and sundrie consideracons for other iiii children that is to say John William Jenett and Agnes that the said Agnes my wif shall have my best bedd and an honest lyvyng with John my sone duringe his life with all things necessarie. And if ther be any contraverse betwixt the said John my sone and Agnes my wiff then I will that Rycharde Clarke of Swynden and John Foster of Wynscale shall taike and maike suche order betwayne them as they shall thinke most meate and convenient by their owne discrecion. and the said John my sone at all times shall give unto Agnes my wiff as muche money in her purse as the said Rycharde Clarke and John Foster shall thinke by ther owne discrecion mighte reason and convenient. Item I will that the said John my sone shall have every weke iiii dayes in my walke mylne And to Willm my sone ii Days in the weke in the said mylne if he will occupie the walker craft and dwell within this parishe. Item I bequeath to John my sone ii pare of sheyres and vii doss and a half of tenters. And to Willm my sone ii pare of sheyres and vi doss of tenters and if eyther the said John or William give over the walker craft then it is my mynde that he that gyves over the craft shall leave both the sheyres and tenters with the other. And likwyse the mylne without any coste or charges. And if they boith folowe the craft the reparacons of the mylne shalbe borne betwayne them accorde to ther porcons Item I bequeath to William my sone the tytle and tennt right of the tenement that John my sone dwelleth nowe upone whether it be sawen or unsawne and one close of the tythe corne in Settle and one close of ynggrownde tayken of Oliver Foster of the stubbyng duryng the space and terme of the yeres yet to come. All Husbandrie geare belonginge or beyng at the said house or tenement all bedd stocks and a sheire bord a baye horse that I had of Somerscalles a yonge whit meare xx sheeppe xx twylls Item I will that my sone William shall have ii tres that lyes in the garth And one of the tres that lyes before the dore whiche as he will chose and a bord clogge at Maister Catteralls and all that is mylne tymber to remayne to the mylne betwixte them boith. And iiii markes of lawfull ynglyshe money Item I bequeath to Jane my daughter xxv marks and to Anne my daughter other xxv marks And to eyther of them ii bedds of close and to eyther of them a newe brasse pott for there childe porcons. And they to be honestlie applied of ther owne goods above said when so ever they shalbe married And if eyther of them dye before they be married then I will that her parte of goods shalbe devided in thre parts. That is to say one parte to John and a nother parte to William and the third parte to hir that is a lyve. Item I give and bequeath to every godchildren naymed after me a lambe. And to every other god childe iiiiid. Item to Edwarde *Cawbeste* my buckskyne coytt Item to James Wyldman my Brother a worsett dublett a pare of hose and my cloke Item to John Wyldman my Brother a pare of hose a dublett and my graye jackett Item to Esabell my Sister my best jackett save one a jerkyne and a pare of .... hose Item to William Wyns a nolde violett jackett Item to the towne of Settle one stoned horse Item to James Wyldman my parennt a jackett cloth a meare and a faill. The Residue of my holl goods unbequeath my detts and funeralls discharged I give and bequeath to John Wyldman my sone whom I make my solle executor of this my last will and testament These wytnesses William Senior William Browne John Foster and Rycharde Clerke with other

[Latin]

*meer = mare*

**James WILSON 1548**

**Ref. Borthwick.York. vol. 13 fol. 411**

In the name of god amen the year of our lord god a thousand five hundred 48<sup>th</sup>. the second day of April I James Wilson sick in body and whole of mind make my last will as after followeth First I bequeath my soul unto almighty god our lady saint marie and all the saints in heaven and my body to be buried within the hallowed mold of Giggleswicke Also I bequeath to the common chest 12d. Also I bequeath to Sibill my wife the third part of my farmhold during her widowhead Also the residue of my farmhold I will it shall remain unto Thomas my son Also I will that after my wife the whole title and tenant right of my whole farmhold to remain to the same Thomas with licence of the lord Also my will is that my wife and my son Thomas occupy my farmhold to the most profit as long as they can agree and if so be that they cannot agree I will that my son Thomas shall (divide?) my farmhold in three parts and my wife shall choose her third and to pay the same therefore also I will that Thomas my son shall give unto Augustine my son after my death for the grant of the title and tenant right of my farmhold 20s. also I bequeath to every one of my childs children 12d. also I will that my son Thomas and my wife occupy all my plough gere and wayne gere together and to remain at the house the residue of my goods and funeral expenses paid I give and bequeath to Sibell my wife whom I make executrix of this my last will witness hereof (Oliver) wharffe William preston smythe Richard wharffe with other moo

*5 lines Latin*



## Raynold Wilson 1570

### Borthwick vol 19 fol 340

In die no(m)i(n)e amen the xjx day of october Anno dom 1570 I Raynold Wilson secke in bodie and of pfecte memorie loved be almyghtie god make this my last will and testamente in manr and forme Folowinge First I give and bequeathe my soull to allmightie god and and (*sic*) my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche yearde of gicleswicke also I give and bequeathe for my mortuarye and other churche dewes all that righte will Also I give and bequeathe the title and tenand right of my tenemente after my wyffe and me to Willm Wilson my sonne also I will that my husbandrie geare shall remaine to the occupacon of my farmhold excepte my carte and carte geare and that shall my wyffe have Also I will that my wyffe have her widowright accordinge to the lawe Also I give to olivr windser my godson iiij d and to Isabell fawthroppe iiij d Also I give to Thomas Wilson my .....to yt that I have geven him and he to have yt for his childes porcon Also.....Willm Wilson my sonne shall have no childes porcon of my goodes because I delivrd him halfe of my Farmhold sawen in the grown. Also I agree to Thomas Fawthroppe ....rest of my parte of goodes my depts and Funralle expenses paid and ...I give ..bequeathe to Alice my wyffe and Raynold Wilson my sonnes sonne whom I make ...executors Thes witnes Richarde pailey thelder Thomas Jude(?) xpofer Cockhead and James foster the curaite ther wt others...

Latin text

## Renold Wilson 1597

### Borthwick vol. 27 fol. 421

In the name of god amen the 10th day of October Anno do. 1597 I Renold Wilson of Giglesweeke singleman being sicke in bodye but of perfect memory praised be almightie god, did make his last will and testament in manner and forme following First he did Comend his soule into the handes of almightie god his heavenlie father believing by the merittes of Jesus Christ to be saved Also he did give and bequeath his tenement (and) tenement right thereto to Christopher Wilson his brothers sonne, and to the issue of his bodye lawfully to be begotten And for default of such issue he did give and bequeath the same to Thomas Wilson his brother and to thissue of his body lawfully to be begotten And for default of such issue he did bequeath his said tenement to Lawrence Lawson Thomas Lawson Ellyn Claphamson and Agnes Newhouse equally amongst them, if the Right ho(nourable) thearle of Cumberland did not redeame the same Also whereas he did owe to the said Earle or his assignes the some of xxij li for the latter payment of his fyne for the said tenement his will was and he appointed that the said xxij li should be made of the ground and tenemente itselfe And if the said Earle or his assignes did redeeme the same, then he bequeathed the money already paid to Christopher Wilson or his assignes And yet nevertheless he willed and ordeyned that if Christopher and Thomas Wilson aforesaid dyed without issue of their bodyes lawfully begotten, that then the money already paid to the said Earle or his assignes should returne from the said Christopher and Thomas Wilson and be equally devided amongst these fower vidz Lawrence Lawson Thomas Lawson Ellyn Claphamson and Agnes Newhouse or their assignes Also his will was and he did give & bequeath to George Lawson his uncle the use occupacon, and government of his said tennement and lease and also the tuition of Christopher Wilson abovesaid until the said Earle or his assignes should redeame or during the nonage of the said xpofer Wilson Also whereas Lawrence Lawsonne aforesaid and John Armitstead of Giglesweeke stand bound to Robt Bancke of Giglesweeke for the payment of twenty pounds for him the said Renold, his will was and he did ordeyne that the said Lawrence and John should have his land in Giglesweeke for their discharge And if it did fortune at any tyme hereafter, that xpofer Wilson did repay the said twenty poundes to Lawrence Lawson and John Armitstead aforesaid or their assignes that he appointed and ordeyned that the said land should discend and remayne to the said xpofer and to the heires of his bodye lawfully to be begotten and for default of such issue to Thomas Wilson and to the heires of his bodye lawfully to be begotten and for default of such issue to Lawrence Lawson and to the heires of his body lawfully begotten for ever Also whereas he acknowledged himselfe indebted to his brother Thomas Wilson and to some others his will was & he ordeyned that his debtes should be paid of his goodes and the remaynder to be to Thomas Wilson his brother for his better mayntenance and in Consideracon of all such debtes as the said Renold did owe unto him whome he willed also to be relieved of his said tenement Also he did ordeyne and appointe Lawrence Lawson & John Armitstead aforesaid to be executors of this his last will and testament willing that aswell George Lawson aforesaid as also his said Executors should be kept harmles Theis being witnesses Chr: Shute George Lawson, Willm Newhouse, Oliver Newhouse Richard Armitstead Thomas dockney with others

Latin text

**Thomas Wilson of Giggleswick Will 1551**  
**Borthwick v 13 f 858**

In dei noie amen the xxvi day of Januarie in the yere of our lord god 1551 I Thomas Wilson of giggleswyke beinge hooll of mynd and seke in bodie do maike this my last will and testament in manor and forme followinge. First I bequeth my soull to allmightie god and to his mercye and my bodie to be buried at the discretion of my Frendes and nebouris and also suche dewties to be paid for my mortuarie and funeralls as custome requireth Item I will that my wif have and occupie my tenement to her owne use and proffit during her widowheade so that she bring up the childrene therwith and if it fortune her to depart to god or ells to marie agayne then I will that Willm Lonnde of Settill my brother in lawe William Preston younger Thomas Brayshawe of giggleswike to have the occupation of my said tenement to the use and education of my said children I will also that Eliz my eldest daughter shall have the right of my tenement being at lawful aige to occupie the same and havynge the lords goodwill excepte it fortune my wif to be nowe conceyved with child and bring forthe a son then I will that that sonne have the tenement. And if they both lacke by dethe or other ways then I will that my younger daughter have and enjoye the said tenement also I bequeth to my wif and children the Reste of my goods equally to be divided among theme my detts and funerall expenses being first discharged therwith Fynallie I make my wif and my children my executors to se this my last will pformed thes being witnes Thomas Brayshawe Thomas Palay William Preston younger Thomas Yedon prest with others

[Latin]

**Thomas Wilson of Giggleswick Will 1576**  
**Borthwick vol 20 fol 141**

In the name of god amen the xxvj daye of September 1576 I Thomas Wilson of Giggleswicke sicke in bodie but of good and pfecte remembrance loved be almightie god makes this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge First I give and bequiethe my soule to almightie god and to all the glorious companie of heaven and my bodie to be buried in the prish church of gigleswicke Also I bequiethe for my mortuarie and other church dues all that right will Also I bequiethe my lease to Eliz'th my wyfe and to leonarde wilson my sone and after my lease be expired I give the tittle and tennant right of my tenement unto leonarde my sone with the licence of the lorde. And I give to Elizabeth my wyfe her widdow righte of my goodes. And I will that my wyfe Elizabeth shall marie to my tenement yf she please, to leonarde my sone be xxj yeares old and yf the said leonarde die without issue lawfullie begotten then I bequiethe the tittle and tennant righte of my said tente with the licence of the lorde to Alice my daughter except my wyfe be with a sone and then I will that he shall have my said tente when he shalbe xxj yeares old and if any of my children (*die*) before they shall come to lawfull aige then I will that his or ther childe porcon of goodes shall remayne to them that be allyve Also I will that leonarde my sone and that childe my wyfe is with shall have ther childe porcon of my goodes And I give to Alice my daughter .....*moneysse*(?) of them for her childe porcon of my goodes Also my will is that all Barganes and promisses maid betwixt Richarde radcliffe his wyfe and me shalbe pformed and kepte. The rest of my pte of goodes my debtes and all other dewties paid I give and bequiethe to Elizabeth my wyfe and to my children equallie betwixt them. And I make and constitute Elizabeth my wyfe and leonarde my sone my whole executors. Also I make Richarde Radcliffe my brother in lawe And Roberte Wilson my brother supervisors of this my will Thes wittnesses Richarde newhouse, Willm Lound, John Brayshay, Hewe Claphamson, Thomas Lawsonand John yette with others

*Latin text*

**Will of John Wodhouse 1438**  
**Borthwick vol. 3, fol 559, mf 913**

Testamentum dominij Johannis Wodhouse vicarij de Gigleswyk

(marginal note) computatum est

In dei nomine Amen xiii<sup>o</sup> die mensis Septembris Anno dominij millesimo cccc mo xxxviiij (1438) Ego Johannes Wodhous vicarius de Gygleswyk compos mentis condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam omnipotenti deo beate marie & omnibus sanctis eius & corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesie parochiali de Gygleswyk. Item lego optimum animal meum nominemortuarii mei. Item lego domino Xroforo Alth(a)m viij marca ad celebrand pro anima mea in ecclesie de Gigleswyk. Item lego Johanni Hermetstede xx s per laboro suo. Item lego Willmo Chippendale xl s. Item lego Margarete filie Rogeri Rider(?) xx s. Item lego Johanni servo meo xx s. Item lego Anabelle sorori mee xj marca. Item ordino & constituto domin Xroforo Alth(a)m Johannem Hermetstede executoribus meos et Ricardum Tempest Armigerum Aspectorem meum. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum do & lego dictis Xroforo & Johanni executoribus et Anabelle sorori mee ut ipsi disponant & ordinent pro anima mea sicut volunt respondere in die Judicij dat die & Anno supradictis

Xvj<sup>o</sup> die mensis Januarij Anno dm predicto probatum fuit presens testamentum & comissa administratio executoribus in eodem nominatis &c.

*In the name of God Amen. The 13th day of September AD 1438 I John Wodhous vicar of Giggleswick in sound mind make my will in this manner. First I bequeath my soul to almighty God the blessed Mary and all his saints and my body to be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick. Item I bequeath my best animal for my mortuary. Item I bequeath to Master Christofer Altham 8 marks to celebrate for my soul in Giggleswick Church. Item I bequeath to John Hermetstede 20s for his work. Item I bequeath to William Chippendale 40s. Item I bequeath to Margaret daughter of Roger Rider 20s. Item I bequeath John my servant 20s. Item I bequeath to Anabelle my sister 11 marks. Item I ordain and constitute Master Christofer Altham and John Hermetstede my executors and Richard Tempest knight my supervisor. However the rest of all my goods I give and bequeath to the said Christofer and John executors and Anabelle my sister that they are to dispose and ordain (them) for my soul just as they wish to answer for on the day of Judgement the day date and year written above.*

*16th day of January AD aforesaid the present will was proved and administration was committed to the same named executors.*

**John Wyldman 1592**

**Borthwick vol 25 fol 997**

In the name of God amen the xvii th daye of Julie in the yeare of our lord god one thousand Fyve hundreth nyntie two (I) John Wyldmann of Caplesidehouse in Rathmell in the countie of york sicke in bodie but of perfect remembrance praised be god do make his last will and testamt in manner and forme following first he did bequeth his soule to Jesus Christe his onelie savyour and redemer and his bodie to be buried in the church yard of gicleswicke And for his mortuarie and other dewes he did appointe and allowe all that wch of right should growe dewe Also he did geve and bequith all his goodes chattels and debts moveable and unmoveable unto Jane his daughter and did appointe that Willm Carr of Lancliffe and Willm Foster of loneheade in Rawthmell should have the government of his said daughter and her goodes and to use yt to her best commodytie and yf she his said daughter did die before lawfull age then he did geve his goods wholie unto his owne two sisters and he did appointe and ordeyne the said Willm Carr and Willm Foster his joint executors These wytnes Henrie Robinsonn Stephen Armitstead and Willm Foster ....

Latin text

**Borthwick vol. 13 fol. 426**

**Lawrence IVESON 1548**

In the name of God amen the yere of oure lorde god a Thnd v (hundred) xlviiij the xviiij daie of Aprile I Lawrence yveson of Lanklif seke in bodie and hooll of mynde maikes my laste will as after followithe First I bequeathe my soule unto almightie god and my bodie to be buried within the churche yarde of Gigleswike Also I bequeath unto katerine my wif duringe her widweheade the title and tennte righte of my farmolde and after my wif I will that my farmolde shall remayne unto John my eldest sone and he to agre withe his children Willm and John for the title and tennte righte of the saide farmolde at sighte of fower frendes that is to saie James Iveson Richard Iveson John Sergant (?) and Symon Iveson the which men I have in truste to order my wif and my children Also I will that my debtes be paid of my hooll goodes Also I bequeath the office of the kepinge of lankliffe mylne to one of my fower whiche of them as can please the farmers the best Also The residue of all my goodes my debts and funerall expenses paide I bequeathe unto katerine my wif and my children that is James Willm and John my sones an Elizabeth and Alice my daughters and if ..... be that my wif at anye tyme marrie Then my will is ..... have her parte of goodes devided owte at sighte of the saide foure frendes and my children for to have their porcions devyded likewise at sighte of the forenayed frendes Also I maike katerine my wif my hooll executerixe of this my laste will witnes herof James Iveson Richarde Iveson withe others

Latin text

.....Johannes Lambert presbiteri .....