

**William Armistead of Clapham  
tuition August 1736**

**Modern English**

On 27th of August 1736 tuition of the person and portion of William Armistead a minor, the natural and lawful son of Nathaniel Armistead late of the parish of Clapham county Lancashire and province of York was granted to Ruth Armistead his mother and Nathaniel Armistead his brother, being first sworn before John Audley Doctor of Laws surrogate.

## **Will of Ann Heaton 1637 Butterfield Gap, Clapham**

In the name of God Amen the 20th day of January Anno Domini 1637 Ann Heaton of Butterfield Gap in the parish of Clapham and diocese of Chester being sick in body but in perfect mind and memory did make her last will nuncupative in manner and form following. Brother Thomas how many children have you he answered six then she replied and said my will is that every one of them have 40 shillings apiece. Item my will is that my mother shall have four pounds. Item I give unto my sister Janet 20 shillings. Item I give unto James Karr three shillings. Item I give unto Em Heaton(?) six shillings. And after my funeral expenses being discharged I give the rest of all my goods to my brother Thomas Heaton.

Witnesses hereof James Carr

A true and perfect inventory of all the goods and chattels of Ann Heaton late of Butterfield Gap in the parish of Clapham and diocese of Chester as they were praised by Thomas Heaton and James Carr the last day of May 1638

Imprimis one bond	£21 14s 8d
item her apparel	£1 10s

Debts owing to her

James Proctor of Austwick	£2
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**Will of Ann Howson 1725**  
**Lancashire Record Office**

In the name of God Amen the third day of May 1725 according to the computation of the church of Great Britain I Ann Howson of Orkaber in the parish of Clapham and county of York widow being very sick and weak in body but of a perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

That is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it hoping through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer to receive free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and as for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executor hereafter mentioned nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with all in this present life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form viz.

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my son William Howson the sum of 10 shillings. Item I give and bequeath to my son James Howson the sum of 10 shillings with all my pewter one pair of bedsteads and bedding thereunto belonging. Item I give and bequeath to my grandson Thomas Howson son of William Howson the sum of £20 to be paid when he comes to the full age of 21 years if he live to that age if not to go to the next brother or sister if any be lawfully begotten of the said William Howson but if there be none to go to my other grandson Thomas Howson son of John Howson and if he die before he come to the age of 21 years to be paid to my son James Howson. Item all the rest of my goods household goods ready money bills and bonds I give and bequeath unto my eldest son John Howson whom I nominate and appoint to be my sole executor of this my last will and testament and to pay all my debts and legacies. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and declared by the said Anne Howson to be her last will and testament in the presence of us Elizabeth Yeadon Jane Prockter Robert Leeming.

**Obligation in Latin and English**

**Inventory**

A true and perfect inventory of all the goods cattles and chattels which did belong unto Ann Howson late of Orkaber in the parish of Clapham and county of York widow as they were valued and appraised by us whose names are underwritten viz.

	£	s	d	
Imprimis her purse and apparel	2	00	00	
bedding and bedsteads		15	00	
brass and pewter		12	6	
chests		7	6	
all other huslements		4	0	
one cow	1	10	00	
money owing to her	20	00	00	
pewter and bedding		1	00	00

Total    £26 - 10 - 00

apprised by us James Banks Robert Wilkinson Edward Bradley Robert Leeming

**Lancashire Record Office WRWL**  
**Will of Christopher Foster 1760**

In the name of God Amen I Christopher Foster of Clapham in the county of York yeoman being sick in body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding do make this my last will and Testament in manner following that is to say First my will and mind is that all such debts which I shall justly owe at the time of my decease together with my funeral expenses the charges of proving this my will and legacies by me hereinafter given shall be first paid and satisfied by and out of my personal estate by my executrix hereinafter named and I give and devise unto my dear and loving wife Ann Foster all that my messuage and tenement situate standing lying and being within the Manor of Clapham in the said county of York To hold to her her heirs and assigns for ever And whereas my daughter Catherine Foster owes me upon the bond the sum of £100 my will and mind is and I do hereby forgive and discharge her her heirs executors and administrators from the said debts upon condition -- her heirs executors or administrators or any of them shall and do pay yearly unto my dear and loving wife Ann Foster during her natural life the sum of 10 shillings and unto my granddaughter Alice the daughter of my brother Thomas Foster the sum of £20 within 12 months next after my decease And the further sum of £20 within 12 months next after my said wifes decease which if she or they neglect or refuse to do then my will and mind is that the said sum of £100 shall be fully paid to my executrix hereinafter named her executor and administrators she or they paying the abovementioned legacies to my said granddaughter Alice Foster And whereas my son in law John Fawcet stands indebted unto me in the sum of £15 my will and mind is and I do hereby forgive and discharge him his heirs executors and administrators from the said debt upon condition he his heirs executors or administrators or any of them do pay yearly and every year unto my dear and loving wife Ann Foster for and during the term of her natural life the yearly sum of 10 shillings which if he or they neglect or refuse to do Then my will and mind is and I do by hereby direct and appoint the said sum of £15 shall be fully paid unto my executrix hereinafter named And lastly as to all the rest residue and remainder of all and singular my personal estate whatsoever or of what nature or kind so ever I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving wife Ann Foster and I do hereby nominate and appoint her sole executrix of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former and other will and wills by me heretofore made Declaring this only to be my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty first day of December in the year of our Lord 1760

signed sealed published and declared by the above named testator as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names and as witnesses hereto  
Thomas Ayrton Thomas Ayrton -- Knowles

Inventory and appraisement of the goods and chattels -- -- of Christopher Foster late of Clapham in the county of Yorke Yeoman deceased where in taken this 31st of December in the year of our Lord 1760 by us whose names are hereunto subscribed

	£	s	d
Imprimis purse and apparel	106	5	0
goods in the bodystead	2	0	0
goods in the parlour	0	11	0
bodystead loft	0	2	0

barn hay and turf	1	0	0
husbandry gear	0	8	0
cow	<u>1</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>
	112	1	0

as witness our hands Robert Altham Thomas Ayrton Robert Kidd his mark

**Christopher Coates of Newby, Clapham 1743**

**Lancashire Record Office**

In the name of God Amen the sevent (*sic*) day of November in ye year of our lord god one thousand seven hundred forty three I Christopher Coates of Newby in the parish of Clapham and County of Yorke Yeoman being of perfect mind and memory doe make this my last Will and Testament in maner following first I bequeath my soule in to the merciful hands of Jesus Christ to have pardon and forgiveness of all my sines past and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executor heare after named First I will that my Debts and Funerall Charges be paid and Discharged out of my personall Este and lands and for payment of all my debts I make all my lands subject to the same Item I give to my sisters Margret Taylor Alice Carr Grace Coukin Mary Bankes to each of them tow pownds to be paid with in one year and one day after my deseas and if any of my sisters shall happen to deii before the said Legacies be due it shall return to my Executor hereafter named Item give to Richard Coates my Brother after my debts and funerall Charges be paid three pounds a year During his life one pound ten shillings to be paid ye first day of May after my deseas and one pound ten shillings to be paid at Martinmas after and soe on during his life Item I give to Mary Jackson my Housekeeper the sum of six pounds to be paid within one year and one day after my deseas Item I give to Thomas Carr son of Richard Carr the sum of tow pounds to be paid within one year and one day after my Death Item I give to William Carr son of Richard Carr the sum of five shillings to be paid one year and one day after my Death Item I give to William Coates sone of Richard Coates the sum of one pound to be paid with in one year and one day after my Death All the Rest and Residue of my goods Chatells Lands Teniments whatsoever to me belonging I give to Richard Coates son of Richard Coates my Brother son, to him and his Heirs for ever and nominate and appoint him my sole Executor of this my last will revocking all former wills by me hearetofore made as wittness my hand the day and year above written.

As witness  
Nicholas Grime  
John Armistead  
Thomas Grima

Christopher Coates

January the twenty second Day A.D. 1744 Richard Coates  
The above mentioned Executor appeared personally and was  
sworn upon the holy Evangelists well and truly to execute  
and perform the Will above written and so forth before me

Js. LeTousey  
Surrogate

[Obligation in English]

A true and perfect Inventory and apprisement of all the  
 Goods and Chattles of Christopher Coates late of Newby  
 In the parish of Clapham and County of York  
 Yeoman deceased Taken by us this 21<sup>st</sup> day  
 Of January 1744

	L	s	d
Purse and aparell	10	0	0
Six Cows	24	0	0
Two Oxen	09	0	0
One Heffer & a Stear	06	0	0
Two Twintor Heffers and a Stear	07	0	0
Three Calves	03	0	0
Two Horses	06	0	0
A Swine	01	1	0
Hay & Corn	14	10	0
Husbandry Gears	02	10	0
Meal & Malt	04	0	0
Bodystead	04	0	0
Parler & Shop	03	0	0
Parler Loft	02	0	0
Bodystead & Buttery Loft	01	10	0
Buttery	01	0	0
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Total	98	11	0

Apprysed by us

Stephen Knowles  
 Chr: Foster  
 Edward Wilson  
 William Wilkinson



**Lancashire Record office WRWL 1810**  
**Will of Christopher Fawcet 1796**

In the name of God Amen I Christopher Fawcet of Newby in the parish of Clapham and county of York yeoman being of a sound and perfect understanding and memory yet considering the uncertainty of this life and the certainty of death do constitute this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say First it is my will and mind that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid in manner and form following by my sister Margaret Fawcet her heirs or assigns who I do hereby constitute and appoint to be my executrixes And next I give devise and bequeath unto my sister Margaret Fawcet during her natural life the rents or incomes of that estate called or known by the name of Dykehouse situate in the parish of Clapham and county aforesaid she allowing yearly and every year for the term of three years after my decease the sum of £10 of lawful money of Great Britain towards the defraying of my just debts I also give devise and bequeath unto my said sister Margaret Fawcet during her natural life the rents or incomes of that estate called or known by the name of Green Haw in the parish of Tatham and county of Lancaster in trust for the purposes hereafter mentioned that is to say it is my will and mind that my sister Margaret Fawcet take the rents of the said estate called Green Haw and allow them towards the discharging of my debts until all my just debts be paid excepting the sum of £160 which was left to my sister Margaret Fawcet by my late father John Fawcet deceased which sum I am indebted to her and therefore it is my mind that she have the same to dispose of as she thinks proper out of my said estate called Dykehouse then it is my mind after my debts be paid in the aforesaid manner that my sister Margaret Fawcet her heirs or assigns pay to my niece Hannah Marshall her heirs or assigns the sum of £20 of lawful money of Great Britain out of the rents of the said estate called Green Haw then I do hereby order my sister Margaret Fawcet her heirs or assigns to divide the rents or incomes arising from the said estate called Green Haw equally share and share alike among my three sisters viz. Alice the wife of John Howson Ann the wife of Thomas Marshall and Hannah the wife of Joseph Howson during their natural lives and at the decease of any of my said three sisters Alice Ann or Hannah I do hereby order the share or shares of the rents or incomes of her or them so dying to be equally divided share and share alike among the children of her or them so dying and after the death of all my said three sisters Alice Ann and Hannah it is my will and mind that all my said estate called Green Haw be sold and equally divided share and share alike among the children of my sisters Alice Ann and Hannah and provided any of my sister's children be then dead leaving lawful issue it is my will and mind and the share of such so dead be equally divided among his or her child or children And at the decease of my sister Margaret Fawcet I do hereby give my said estate called Dykehouse as follows viz that first reserving the sum of £160 which my sister Margaret has to dispose of as she thinks proper I do hereby give devise and bequeath the rents or incomes arising from my said estate called Dykehouse equally share and share alike among my three sisters Alice Ann and Hannah during their natural lives and at the decease of any of my said sisters Alice Ann or Hannah of her or them so dying to be equally divided share and share alike among the children of her or them so dying and after the death of all my said sisters it is my will and mind that my said estate called Dykehouse be sold and divided exactly in a like manner as before specified concerning my estate called Green Haw And lastly I do hereby declare this to be my last will and testament In witness whereof I the said Christopher Fawcet have hereunto set and subscribed my hand and seal this first day of August in the year of our Lord 1796

Christopher Fawcet

Signed sealed and declared to be the last will and testament of the within named Christopher Fawcet in the presence of us William Mulenau Anthony Mason James Mason



## WILL of Christopher Thornton of Crowsnest pa Clapham 1656

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Christopher Thornton of Crowsnest in the parish of Clapham in the county of York clerk. My body to the earth to be buried where my friends think fit. I give to my sister Mary Nicholson late wife of Richard Nicholson my house at Crowsnest with all other my house and lands in Clapham during her life paying out of it to my kinsman Mr Thomas Fallthorpe £10 yearly and after the decease of the said Mary Nicholson I give all my freehold lands in Clapham to Henry son of Frances Pool (Peele?) Late of Horton in the county of York clerk and to his heirs for ever paying £10 yearly to the said Thomas Fallthorpe during his life my customary lands I give to my said sister and her heirs for ever. After the death of the said Mary Nicholson I give my lease land at Youber to Robert Carr of Middleton Tyas in the county of York and his heirs for ever. I give unto the said Thomas Fallthorpe all my books which are at my brother Hales house at the Hoo, Herts. The wooden cabinet I give to my brother Mr John (*sic*) with all the things in it to whom also I give my clock. I give to my sister Mrs Judith Hale my wrought cabinet. I give to my kinsman Mr Christopher Foster of London my new diaper it being already in his possession. To the poor of Giggleswick one piece of ground lying within the town fields of Giggleswick commonly called the Wythies Close as also all my sheepgates which I desire may be let out and the Lord's rent first discharged the remainder to be distributed to the poor of the parish by the ministers and church officers. I give to the poor of Clapham £40 which I desire may be so employed that 40 shillings may thereby yearly be raised for the use of the poor and distributed by the ministers tithe men and churchwardens. I give to the above named Robert Carr of Middleton Tyas all my books which are at Crowsnest and my best suit of apparel. To my aunt Jennet Stalman five pounds. To my kinsman Mr John Stalman £50. To Jane wife of Stephen Sigewicke of Tatham five pounds. To Jennet wife of John Layton of Lawkland five pounds. To William son of John Layton of Lawkland. 40 shillings. I give to William Hall of Gargrave 40s. To Isabel wife of John Johnson of Austwick 40 shillings. To Jane Michell of Giggleswick 40 shillings. To Agnes wife of Christopher Foster of the Coate 40 shillings. To Alice wife of Matthew Johnson of Austwick 40 shillings. To Isabel late wife of James Clapham 40 shillings to Elizabeth Lawson of the Waters 40 shillings. To Jane late wife of Henry Remington 40 shillings. To Agnes wife of Richard Court of Arklden [?] 40 shillings. To Agnes wife of William Birtwhistle of Remington 40 shillings. To Cuthbert Peele of Howith 40 shillings. To Shaw (*sic*) of Clapham 20 shillings. To my servants John Walker John Lawson Christopher John and Jane Birtwhistle Katherine Lawson 40 shillings apiece. To my cousin John Stalman my bay gelding. To my cousin Thomas Foster of Sledburn one of my young mares which himself shall make choice or five pounds in money. John Stalman and Thomas Fallthorpe to be supervisors. Residue to my sister Mary Nicholson she sole executrix.

8th September 1656

Proved by Mary Nicholson 11th of February 1657

## Cuthbert Nicholson of Clapham 1703

### Lancashire Record Office

Obligation in Latin and English

Condition...bounden Alice Nicholson.....Cuthbert Nicholson her late husband late of Clapham...

signed Alice Nicholson her mark

witnesses John Briggs John Capstack ..... Farnando Yeadon his mark Thomas Bradley

Apprisement made of the debtless goods and chattels of Cuthbert Nicholson of Borrans in the parish of Clapham and in the county of York husbandman lately deceased by us whose name are here subscribed October the 25th anno domini 1703

	p	s	d
Imprimis his purse and apparel	1	0	0
Item 4 kine 5 heifers three stirks and three calves	21	0	0
Item 2 horses	4	0	0
Item 1 hogg		10	0
Item hay and corn	6	0	0
Item carts wheels and coupe		10	0
Item peats		3	4
Item one table two chists four chairs one seat		10	0
Item one bed of cloaths	1	0	0
Item brass and pewter		10	0
and all other utensils huslements and husbandry gear		5	0
Item in money without specialty	1	0	0
Item money upon specialty	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	56	8	4
Owing by the said Cuthbert Nicholson	10	0	0
his funeral expenses amounted to	5	0	0

Farnando Yeaden his mark William Carter John Chapman Thomas Taylor

**Deed Poll Jane Smoorethwaite 27<sup>th</sup> July 1682  
Cumbria Record Office Kendal**

**Modern English**

To all true Christian people to whom this present writing shall come to be seen read or heard Jane Smoorethwaite widow of Orcaber in the County of York sendeth greeting in our Lord god everlasting know ye me the said Jane Smoorethwaite for divers good causes and considerations and hereunto moving but especially for and in consideration of the sum of eleven pounds and ten shillings of lawful money of England to me in hand and contented paid and satisfied before the sealing and delivery hereof by Francis Lupton of Wharfe in ye County aforesaid yeoman ye receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge and confess thereof and of every part and parcel thereof I do release exonerate and discharge him ye said Francis Lupton his heirs executors administrators and assigns and every of them forever by these presents **To have** bargained sold given granted assured assigned and setover and by these presents doth fully and absolutely bargain sell give grant alien assure assign set over and confirm unto him the said Francis Lupton his heirs children and assigns for ever All ye my interest title and customary claim use possession reversion challenge claim and demand whatsoever which of Jane Smoorethwait my heirs executors or administrators ever had now have or in time to come may might or of right ought to have of in unto and upon three roods of arable or meadow ground with one little headland adjoining to ye same be it more or less Lying near ye Millne Brig between ye grounds of Roger Lupton and ye grounds of Charles Ingleby Esq or his assigns together with all and singular ways easements paths and passages hedges fences woods and underwoods water and watercourses and all other profits commodities and advantages now or of right belonging or in any wise appertaining ye same all which said premises are reputed did belong to ye ancient estate of Christopher Spallton of Souertwhaite granted by a deed dated one thousand six hundred fifty one to Mighell Howson of Austweeke Jane Leeming now being Jane Smooretwait having it granted from ye said Mighell her grandfather by deed dated July ye first day anno domi 1667 and released by William Jackson Elizabeth her elder sister to said Jane Leeming ye release dated July ye 20 and third day anno Domi 1674 **To have and to hold** use occupy possess possess (*sic*) and enjoy the said parcels of Arable and meadow ground lying near ye Millne Brig aforesaid with one end of ye same coming down to ye highway being ye south end and all other ye premises with ye appurtenances unto him the said Francis Lupton his heirs executors and assigns to his and their own benefit and advantage forever according to ye custom of ye manor of Austweek aforesaid for and under ye payment of ye yearly rent of sixpence to ye right wo<sup>t</sup>*shipfu*ll Sir Richard Shuttleworth Knight or his assigns and by even and equal portions at ye feast of pentecost and St Martin ye Bishop in winter and all other dues rights and services due and to become due for the same from time to time and of the said Jane Smoorethwait for myself my heirs executors and administrators do covenant promise and grant to and with Francis Lupton his heirs children and assigns and to and with every of them by these presents That is to say That if ye said Jane Smoorethwaite the time of then sealing and delivery hereof am lawful tenant and owner of ye premises above granted and yet I have in myself (for any act or thing done to ye contrary good right full power interest and authority to grant bargain and sell ye same unto him ye said Francis Lupton his heirs children and assigns in manner and form above said so yet by virtue hereof it shall and my be lawful to and for him ye said Francis Lupton his heirs children and assigns from time to time and at all times hereafter peaceably and quietly to enter unto have hold use occupy possess and enjoy the above mentioned and granted premises or parcels of arable or meadow ground with the east side side(*sic*) of that ran betwixt ye said Charles Ingleby Esq ground and her ye said Jane Smooretwait and all other ye premises with ye appurtenances without any lawful let gainsaying or denial of me ye said Jane Smoorethwaite my heirs executors or administrators or any other person or persons whatsoever having or lawfully claiming the same every part thereof by from or under us or any of us in any wise free and discharged or otherwise well and sufficiently saved and kept harmless and indemnified by me ye said Janew Smoorethwaite my heirs executors or administrators or by some of us Of and from all former bargains sales debts estates Mortgages wills lease or leases fines feoffments rents or arrearages or rents and all other troubles and incumbrances whatsoever heretofore had had committed done or suffered or hereafter was to

be had made committed done or suffered by me ye said Jane Smorethwait my heirs executors administrators or by any of us in any wise and further if I ye said Jane Smoorethwaite either in my own person or else by John Leeming William Jackson ye younger of Wharfe Mighell Nellson customary tenants whom I so appoint to be my lawful attorneys and jointly or severally to come into the next Court Baron to be held at Austwicke aforesaid for ye above said Lord and then and there in open court before the steward and tenants surrender and yield up all it my interest and title of tenant right of all ye above mentioned and granted parcels of arable or meadow ground lying in Austwick town field and near ye Millne Brig or Bridge as above said and all other the premises with the appurtenances unto hime ye said Francis Lupton his heirs children and and(*sic*) assigns for ever according to ye custom above written In witness whereof I the said Jane Smoorthwait unto this deed poll have here unto put my hand and seal the twenty seventh day of July in Anno Domi one thousand six hundred eighty two and in .....of King James ye Second over England Scotland etc

Jane                    O                    Smorethwaite  
Mark

**(Court Baron?)**

27<sup>th</sup> July 1685 By deed poll of this date Jane Smoorthwaite of Orcabar afsd widow in cons'on of £11-10-0 did Give Grant and Assign unto the said Francis Lupton his heirs children and asgn for ever All her Intt title customary claim etc of into and upon

Three roods of arable and meadow ground with one little headland adjoining to the same was the same more or less lying near the Mill Bridge between the Grounds of Roger Lupton and the Grounds of Chas Ingleby Esq. togr with all ways etc all which sd premises were reputed did belong to the antient estate of Chrisr Spalton Granted by deed dated 1657 to Mighele Howson of Austwick Jane Leeming then being Jane Smoorthwiate having it granted from the said Mighele her Grandfather by deed dated 1<sup>st</sup> July 1667 Released by Wm Jackson Elizh her elder sister to Jane Leeming the Rel datd 23 July 1674.

To hold unto the said Francis Lupton his heirs executors and asn to his their own use according to the custom of the Manor of Austwick.

Under the yearly rent of six pence to Sir Richard Shuttleworth Knt by equal portions at the feasts of Pentecost and St Martin the Bishop in winter. Covt promised Jane Smoorthwaite that either in person only Jno Leeming Wm Jackson or Mighele Nelson customary ten'ts whom she having appointed her att'ies at the next Court Baron to be held at Austwick for sd Sr R Shuttleworth in open Court to surrender the said premises unto the said Francis Lupton his heirs children and asgns for ever.

Exted by the said Jane Smoorthwaite ...by 3 witnesses.

2d November 1685 In...ment of ....the last abstracted deed that at the Court Baron held that day for the Manor of Austwick the said John Leeming and Wm Jackson in open court surrendered unto the said Francis Lupton his heirs children and asn for ever All the said premises To hold to him his heirs children and asn for ever according to the custom under the yearly rent of 6d. Whereupon the said Francis Lupton was admitted Ten't accordingly

Signed by Wm Beecroft steward there.

## **WILL of Henry Peele of Clapham 1671**

### **Lancashire Record Office**

In the name of God Amen the 18th day of September in the year of our Lord 1671 I Henry Peele of Crownest within the parish of Clapham and county of York being somewhat sick and craised in body yet nevertheless of good and perfect remembrance praised be God for the same and considering the certainty of death and the great uncertainty of the time and place thereof do demise and put this my testament in writing containing therein my last will in manner and form following. First I commit my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God who gave it me trusting in and through the merits of Jesus Christ my merciful Saviour and Redeemer to have full and free pardon and remission of all my sins. And I also commit my body to a Christian burial within the parish church of Clapham at the discretion of my friends. And as for my temporal estate I dispose of it in manner and form following. First it is my will and mind that George Clough my stepfather and Mary my mother shall have occupy possess and enjoy one dwelling house at the Crownest called the kytchin during their lives or the longer liver of them and also one barn called the Corn laith one garden lying above the garden wall joining upon Marcer close and also one parcel of land called Gurnill pasture and Hodders Acres and also .....dalle and granser close and two acres and also Thornton hill and the little Oakes. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Francis Peele the sum of £120 to bring him up at the University and for and in default of the said sum then I give unto my above said brother all my land lying at Lyngthwaite for and during the time of non-payment of the same. And if it shall please God that my brother Francis shall prove sick or not be fit for the annuity then to have meat and drink and apparel during his life at the proper cost and charges of my brother John Peele. Item I give and bequeath unto my sisters Ann and Ellin to either of them the sum of £40 and the same to be paid by my brother John forth of my lands at Crownest. Item I give unto my half brothers and sister Richard George and Jane Clough to every one of them the sum of £13 six shillings 8d and the same to be paid to each of them within the term of six years and if any of them shall happen to die before six years and be expired then it is (my) will and mind that his or her part so dying go to the survivors of them. Item I give unto James Clough three pounds. Item I give unto John Thomas and Ann Clough to each of them one pound. Item I give unto George Clough the son of John Clough the sum of two pounds. Item I give unto the daughter of Richard Carr of Westdub which I am Godfather unto the sum of 10 shillings. Item I give unto Ellinor Bankes five shillings and I give also unto my kinsman John Walker 40 shillings. Item I give unto John and Ellin Peele children of my uncle Cuthbert to each of them one pound. And lastly I give unto my brother John Peele all my full and whole estate interest and title of in and unto all my houses lands tenements and customary hould lying at the Crownest or within the parish of Clapham or elsewhere he paying and discharging all my just and due debts legacies and funeral expenses. And I do constitute nominate and appoint my said brother John Peele and my stepfather George Clough executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the day and year first above written.

Memorandum that it is my mind that the £20 I promised to my sister Ann at the day of her marriage be part of the £40 I have here above in this Testament given her.

Signed Henry Peele

witnesses hereof Thomas Wilkinson John Walker his mark Thomas Dawson Anthony Wiglesworth

Memorandum that it is my will and mind (for the brotherly love and affection I bear unto my sister Ellin Peele) that my brother John shall keep her at the Crownest during her life with meat drink and apparel except she marry and her portion to go forward to her use and likewise I give unto Henry Peele son of my uncle William Peele the sum of two pounds

witness to these two codicils

Columbus Ingleby Anthony Wiglesworth

The inventory of the goods are of Henry Peel gent of Crow nest deceased gent prized by us Columbus Ingleby gent and Thomas Dawson

	£	s	d
Imprimis in apparel and purse	3	10	0
item a pair of bedstocks and bedding	1	10	0
item 3 chairs and a little table		8	0
item 1 ark	1	0	0
item a pair of bedstocks		3	0
item in books	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	7	11	0

Obligation in Latin and English

**Isabel Carr of Clapham 1603**

**Lancashire Record Office**

Fragment of record repaired 5297

Lonsdall  
Issabell Carre

Inventory Widdowe  
Clapham

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The Inventorie of the goodes and .....  
of Isabell Carr widdow late....  
deceased prised by John Rimingtonne (?)  
John Radclife ... Willm Rimingtonne  
m....undecimo ann domini 1603

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Administration to be Comitted To Janet(?) Ratcliffe daughter to the said Issabel Carr  
diceassed

**Will of James Farrer 30th August 1817, probate November 1820**

**TNA PROB 11/1636**

courtesy K. Pearce

Very difficult to read (10 pages). Brief extract only.

James Farrer of Lincoln's Inn Fields, Esq.

To wife Frances Farrer £500 within one month. All household goods plate linen china books pictures guns glass tonics and liquors horses carriages saddles and harness all furniture (useful or ornamental) and everything in my house in Lincoln's Inn Fields. All the rest and residue of monies securities stock annuities and all goods chattels and personal estate to Thomas Coutts Esq. Sir Edmund Antrobus Baronet and Coutts Trotter Esq. and to Thomas Atkinson my partner in business ... upon trust during the life of Frances to pay an annuity of £1000 yearly to Frances and to my daughter Frances Loxham Farrer (not subject to debts of any husband) £250 annuity.

After death of Wife Frances £5000 upon trust, the interest to daughter Mary Ridley (wife of Rev. Henry Ridley) (not subject to husband's debts). Eventually divide the £5000 equally between her children at 21 years old or be married.

To Thomas and William Loxham Farrer estate monies due of his Royal Highness the Duke's estate in Surrey for two youngest sons Thomas Farrer and William Loxham Farrer as tenants in common. All the surplus to eldest son James William Farrer on trust. Customary hold farm called Stoops in Manor of Austwick (purchased and conveyed to son Oliver) to Thomas and William as tenants in common. House and offices coach house and stables in Lincoln's Inn Fields to William. My chambers in LIF to Oliver. Leasehold property in parish of Clapham to be enjoyed by the parson(?).

House called Clapham Lodge in Austwick and perpetual advowson of the Rectory of Bentham to James (in default to Oliver then third son Thomas then William).

Birks, Borrow ... Bowrelshaw, Cam and Lowsings (part of my late brother's estate) to Thomas then William. Late brother Thomas' books drawings prints furniture to daughter Mary Ridley.

Top mother in law Mary Loxham £200. To Thomas Atkinson £100. To Thomas Coutts, Sir Edmund Antrobus and Coutts Trotter £50. All sons to be joint executors.

Codicil. My daughter Mary Ridley to take her share of her Grandfather William Loxham (1817).

Codicil. Chambers to go to Oliver not James (1820).



## Lancashire Record Office WOW

### Will of John Bradley 1606

In the name of God Amen the 27th day of March in the fourth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of God King of England France and Ireland defender of the faith and of Scotland the 39th anno domini 1606 I John Braydlaie of the high grayne within the parish of Clapham and county of York sick in body but nevertheless whole and perfect in mind and memory God be praised do ordain and make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following first and principally I commit my soul into the merciful hands of Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour by whose death and passion I believe faithfully to be saved and my body to the earth from whence it came Item I give and bequeath unto Alexander Wearinge 13 shillings 4d also I give unto -- -- -- which I am grandfather unto 10 shillings also I give unto every one that I am Godfather unto 4d also I give unto the two children of my son Richard 4d also I give unto my brother William my jacket doublet and hose -- to the children of Robart Bartonne my worken day jacket doublet and hose and also I give unto Richard my son my husbandry gear and my boots I give unto every child that I am grandfather unto 4d And I ordain and make Jenite my wife whole and sole executrix of my last will and Testament unto whom I give all the rest of my goods unbequeathed both movable and immovable  
witness -- -- --

Probatum Latin text

The inventory of the goods and chattels of John Bradley late of the high grayne deceased prised by William Howsonne Thomas Carr John Lemying and John Carr April -- 1606

Imprimis two oxen	£3-10s
Item a cow a calf with two heifers	£5
Item four young stirks	8s 4d
Item a mare	30s
Item sheep	46s 8d
Item the -- in the house in the fields	34s 4d
Item household stuff	6s 8d
Item sacks	3s 4d
Item husthellment	2s 6d
Item his apparel	20s
Summa	£17 2s 6d

Debts which he did owe	
Imprimis William Howson	33s
Item Richard Howson	£5 2d
Item to his son Richard	20s
Item William Yeadon	11s 8d
Item to Alexander wearinge	10s
Item to John Carr	41s 8d
Item to John Radcliffe	6s 6d
Item to George Foster	2s 6d
Summa	£11 5s 10d



## **Will of John Johnson of Clapham 1818**

### **Lancashire Record Office**

I John Johnson of Clapham in the county of York Yeoman do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say I give devise and bequeath unto my son John Johnson his heirs and assigns according to the custom of the Manor of Clapham all my messuages lands and tenements situate lying and being within the parish of Clapham aforesaid subject to and charged and chargeable with the payment of the annuity and of the several legacies hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, subject to the payment of one annuity or clear yearly sum of eight pounds per annum unto my daughter Ann Towers for and during the term of her natural life by two equal half yearly payments in every year the first payment to commence and become due at the end of 6 months next after my decease and on the death of my said daughter Ann Towers to the payment of the legacies or sums of £70 apiece to my grandchildren John Johnson Towers and Martha Towers. And also further subject at the end of 12 months after my decease to the payment of the legacy of £140 to my grand daughter Nanny Johnson who now lives with her. I also give and bequeath to my said daughter Ann Towers for the term of her natural life the interest of £120 I have secured to me on mortgage of an estate commonly known by the name of Jacksonhouse situate in the parish of Bentham in the county of York and after her decease I give the said principal sum of £120 unto and equally between my said two grandchildren John Johnson Towers and Martha Towers their respective executors administrators or assigns. And I give unto my said grand daughter Martha Towers the sum of £100 to be paid to her when she shall attain the age of 21 years by my executrix hereinafter named. And I give all the rest and residue of my goods chattels personal estate and effects whatsoever which shall remain after payment of my debts funeral expenses and the aforesaid legacy of £100 given to my said grand daughter Martha Towers unto my said grand daughter Nanny Johnson her executors and administrators. And I nominate and appoint my said grand daughter Nanny Johnson sole executrix of this my will. And it is my will and I do desire that my friend Mr John Armistead of Clapham aforesaid will assist my executrix in the fulfilling of this my will. In witness whereof I the said John Johnson have to each sheet of this my last will and testament contained in two sheets of paper set my hand and to this the second and last sheet thereof my seal also this 22nd day of September in the year of our Lord 1816.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Johnson the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each of us have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses  
Jas. Robinson Jas. Scott Rbt. Remington

John Johnson his mark and seal.

Whereas I John Johnson of Clapham in the county of York yeoman have made and duly executed my last will and testament in writing bearing date the 22nd day of September 1816 now I do hereby declare this present writing to be a codicil to my said will and I do direct the same to be annexed thereto and to be taken as part thereof and it is my will and mind and I do hereby order and direct that unless my son John Johnson without any consideration shall and do when thereunto requested by my granddaughter Nanny Johnson in my said will named convey and release all his estate

right title and interest in and to the several messuages cottages buildings gardens and premises situate in Clapham aforesaid in the occupation of myself William Burton Nanny Thompson and Ann Towers to hold unto her my said grand daughter Nanny Johnson her heirs and assigns for ever; then I further subject and charge my messuages lands and tenements situate in the parish of Clapham aforesaid and bequeathed to my said son John Johnson in my said will to the payment to my granddaughter the said Nanny Johnson with the further sum of £102 in addition to what I have given her in and by my said will and I do hereby ratify and confirm my said will in all the other particulars thereof. In witness whereof I the said John Johnson have to this codicil set my hand and seal the 16th day of April in the year of our Lord 1818.

Signed and sealed published and declared by the said testator John Johnson as and for a codicil to be annexed to his last will and testament and to be taken as part thereof in the presence of us

Rbt. Remington Jas. Scott Jane Scott

**John Nicholson of Clapham 1668**  
**Lancashire Record Office**

Memo. That on or about the 20th day of August anno domini 1667 John Nicholson of Robin Cragg in the parish of Clapham and county of York husbandman being of good and perfect memory praised be God for the same did declare these words or words to the like effect foll. to be his last will and testament That is to say I do give all my whole personal estate unto my son William Nicholson witnesses hereof  
Cuthbert Guy his mark

Obligation in Latin and English

The condition..... Willm Nicholson..... last will of Jon Nicholson late of parish of Clapham....

Witnesses

William Nicholson John Newton George Kellit

The inventory of the goods and chattels of John Nicholson late of Robin Cragg deceased prized and valued by those four honest men Cudbert Guy Christopher Nicholson Ralph Marsden and Henry Bullocke the 24th day of August anno domini 1667

*[very difficult writing]*

	£	s	d
Imprimis his apparel	1	0	0
Item for a stocke ..... and a shackle	0	2	6
Item for two teams and plough length	0	2	6
Item for a tenter and a shock	0	3	0
Item for seckes	0	11	0
Item for a bed	0	2	0
Item for two tables	0	2	0
Item 3 chairs	0	1	0
Item for brass and pewter	0	6	8
Item for a girdell	0	4	0
Item for a spite and a frine pan and pair of tongs	0	1	0
Item for wood vessel	0	3	4
Item for meal	0	10	0
Item for two stone of butter	0	7	4
Item for two kists	0	5	0
Item for two agis	0	0	6
Item for a hog	0	7	0
Item for two pecks of dost	0	0	2
Item for yokes bowes and bands	0	2	0
Item for tooke and a teake crooke	0	1	0
Item for a coupe and a plough	0	1	6
Item for peates	0	5	0
Item for a pair of wheels	0	6	0
Item for one cow	1	6	8

Item for two cows and part of one of ....	3	10	0
Item for hay	1	10	0
Item for corn	3	10	0
Item for five beasts	7	0	0
Twenty two pounds one shilling two pence			

Cudbert Guy Christopher Nicholson Ralph Marsden Henry Bullocke

**Jonas Clapham of Clapham 1690**

**Lancashire Record Office**

Obligation in Latin and English

Inventory

January 13th day 1690 This day a prizment made of the goods of Johnas Clapham of Clapham late desceased by us whose names are subscribed viz.

His purse and Apparell

five pounds

Thomas Jackson (his mark) Witnesse our hands

..... Clapham

William Clapham (his mark)

Nicholas Hannam (?)

## **WILL of Mary Nicholson of Crownest, Clapham 1659**

In the name of God Amen the 11th day of April in the year of our Lord God 1659 I Mary Nicholson of Crow Nest within the parish of Clapham and county of York sick in body but of good and perfect mind and memory praised be God for the same do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following First and principally I commit and commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator etc. And my body I commit to the earth from whence it came the same to be buried within the parish church of Clapham wherein my husband and ancestors have been formery buried as near as it can conveniently be to them And as touching my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me I give and bequeath the same in manner and form following And first I give and bequeath unto my cousin John Stalman son of my uncle Lawrence Stalman late of Austwick in the said county of York all those my customary messuages lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever with their and every of their appurtenances whatsoever and also all that kiln or malthouse situate lying and being on my customary estate on a place called Calgarman (?) and also all other my estate and estates right title and interest challenge claim and demand whatsoever of me the said Mary Nicholson of in or unto all other the messuages lands tenements and hereditaments with their appurtenances situate lying and being within the parish of Clapham or elsewhere within the Commonwealth of England did either come or descend to me by the death of my late brother Mr Christopher Thornton deceased or by the death of my late husband Richard Nicholson or by any other lawful ways or means. Item I give unto the said John Stalman all my annual and yearly rents as are due and payable unto me upon deaths alienations or change of estate of Robert Banks of the Lane end in Lawkland and John Nicholson of ..... andshaw and all fines and other dues due and payable unto me upon deaths alienations change of Lord or tenant or otherwise if the same be due to have and to hold the said message lands tenements kiln and malthouse rents and duties and all and singular other the premises with their and every of their rights members and appurtenances unto the said John Stalman his heirs and assigns for ever under the rents and services therefore due and of right accustomed. Item I give unto my aunt Jennet Stalman £20. Item I give and bequeath unto Ann Hall wife of William Hall the younger late of Gargrave £20. Also I give unto Mr Robert Carr of Middleton Tynes (?) £10. Item I give unto Jane wife of Stephen Sedgwicke of Tatham five pounds. Item I give unto Jennet wife of John Lapton five pounds and to their son William 40 shillings. Also unto Christopher Lawson 40 shillings and to Isabel Johnson wife of John Johnson of Austwick 40 shillings and to Jane Mitchell 40 shillings. Item I give unto Agnes wife of Christopher Forster 40 shillings and unto Alice late wife of Matthew Johnson 40 shillings and to Isabel late wife of James Clapham 40 shillings. Item I give unto Elizabeth the late (*crossed out*) wife of James Mercer 40 shillings and to Alice Lawson late wife of Michael Lawson 40 shillings also to Jane Rymington 40 shillings. Item I give unto Anne wife of Richard Coare 40 shillings to Agnes wife of Richard Birtwistle 40 shillings. Also Cuthbert Peele 40 shillings and to John Shaw of Clapham 40 shillings. Item I give unto my kinsman John Lawson four pounds and unto Jane Birtwistle three pounds. Item I give unto my servant Christopher Johnson five pounds and unto Katherine Lawson three pounds. Also to Christopher Capestake my apprentice 40 shillings and to Thomas Stocdale of Lawkland 40 shillings. Item I give unto Isabel the wife of Stephen Moore 40 shillings and to Lawrence Stalman 40 shillings. Also I give unto every one who I am grandmother unto 20 shillings apiece. Item I give unto Jennet Stalman 40 shillings and unto Robert and Thomas Johnson



sons of John Johnson of Austwick 20 shillings apiece. Item I give unto William Clough and Lawrence Clough sons of Anthony Clough late of Broughton five pounds apiece and to Thomas Wilkinson the elder late of Lawkland 40 shillings and to Isabel his daughter 20 shillings and to his other two daughters either of them ten shillings apiece. Item I give unto Mary Yeaden 20 shillings and unto Fardinando Nicholson 20 shillings. Item I give unto Robert Bankes of the Lane end in Lawkland 40 shillings and to Thomas Lawson of Clapham 50 shillings which is already in his hands and to his sister Elizabeth the wife of John Proctor of Clapham 20 shillings which is in the hands of the said Thomas Lawson. Item whereas there is a bond of £160 due to be paid me or my assigns by Arthur Ingolsby Esq condition for the payment of fourscore pounds immediately after the death of Mrs Marie Ingolsby his mother I give and bequeath the said bond and fourscore pounds and penalty thereof unto Thomas Foster and John Stalman they paying out of it unto the aforementioned two sons of Anthonie Clough when the same is by them received £10 apiece. Item I give unto every one of the children of James Mercer five shillings apiece. And to every one of the children of Alice Johnson five shillings apiece. And unto Alice Clapham and Thomas Clapham the son and daughter of Isabel Clapham five shillings apiece. Item I give unto Elizabeth Walker wife of Robert Walker of Austwick 20 shillings. Item I give unto Edward Capstacke of Ewbanc 40 shillings and to his four children which are now at home with him five shillings apiece. And I also forgive him all such moneys as are owing unto me by him. And I also give to him his heirs and assigns for ever all that yearly rent which I have issuing out of one tenement of his in Austwick and all..... right of common on Dove...anter due to the same. Item I give unto Anne wife of Christopher Easton 20 shillings and to Robert Proctor 20 shillings and unto Thomas Forster one of my mares which himself likes best. Item I give unto Elizabeth wife of Robert.....owson 20 shillings and unto.....en Wharfe 20 shillings and unto Margaret Peacock 20 shillings and unto Margaret the wife of Robert Settle 20 shillings and unto the four children of Anthonie Moore five shillings apiece. Item the rest and residue of my goods and chattels movable and unmovable unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto John Stalman and Thomas Foster whom I make sole executors of this my last will and testament and my will and mind is that they have one years time for the payment of the legacies before by me given by this my will and if any one to whom I have given any legacy shall anyway molest or trouble my said executors nor be contented with his or her legacy then my will and mind is that the same legacy or legacies be null and void. And I give the same to my executors. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first written.

Mary Nicholson her mark  
sealed published and declared in the presence of us  
Francis Layton Hue Armstead his mark

[In the margin] Item I give unto..... Lupton of the coate for..... and to Margaret Forster..... shillings the younger]

## Matthew Clementson of Eldroth 1744

### Borthwick

In the name of God Amen I Matthew Clementson of Eldroth in the parish of Clapham and county of York husbandman being grown aged and under indisposition of body yet of sound and perfect mind and memory praised be therefore given to Almighty God do make and ordain this my present last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits death and passion of my saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. And as touching the disposition of all such temporal estate as it has pleased Almighty god to bestow upon me I give and disposed thereof as follows. First I will that my just debts and funeral charges shall be duly paid in convenient time after my decease. Item I give unto my eldest son John Clementson of Eldroth abovesaid the sum of five shillings to what he has already had and received from me namely the one half of my goods cattle chattels etc but whereas some part of the said cattle etc. remain yet mean between me and him and have not hitherto been divided it is my will and mind that if the said goods and cattle be not divided between us before my decease that my said son John shall have his proper share thereof namely the one half of the aforesaid goods. Item all the rest residue and remainder of my personal estate of what kind or nature soever the same may be of I give and bequeath equally unto my beloved wife Easter Clementson and my son and Richard Clementson whom I do hereby nominate and appoint joint executors of this my last will and testament. And I do hereby revoke disannul and make void all former Wills and Testaments heretofore by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord 1744.

Signed sealed published and declared in the sight and presence of us  
Matthew Clementson (his mark)

Witnesses Anthony Yeadon Roger Ayerton

Obligation in English

November 10th 1744

A true and perfect the inventory of all and singular the goods cattle chattels and the effects which did belong to Matthew Clementson late of Eldroth in the parish of Clapham and county of York husbandman at the time of his decease as they were appraised and valued by us whose names are hereunto subscribed.

Imprimis his horse purse and apparel bridle and saddle	5	0	0
A sale bill of cattle sold in open sale	20	13	3
Four oxen	16	5	0
Four kine	12	0	0

Three heifers	6	10	0
Two ox Stirks and three calves	5	15	0
One mare and foal and one young colt	4	5	0
Sheep	4	0	0
One swine		15	0
Geese		16	6
Hay and corn	31	10	0
Carts wheels and cart gear	1	1	0
Ploughs plough gear harrows etc.	1	0	0
Sacks		9	0
Other small husbandry gear		5	0
Brass and pewter	1	0	0
Ark chests coffers etc.	1	0	0
Bedsteads and bedding		15	0
Tables chairs and wood vessel	1	0	0
Meal malt bacon etc.	2	5	0
Huslement		5	0
Baking stones and other things appertaining thereto		10	0
Frying pan with all other things of iron		5	0
Tot.	117	4	9 ( <i>correct</i> )

John Dixon  
Richard Jackson  
Roger Aerton  
Anthony Yeadon

## **Will of Nathaniel Armitstead 1790 Borthwick should be 1731**

In the name of God Amen the 11th day of March in the fourth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George II by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the faith anno domini 1790(**should be 1731**) I Nathaniel Armitstead vicar of Clapham in the county of York and diocese of Chester being sick and infirm of body but of perfect mind and memory (praised be God for the same) do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say first and principally I commit and commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator and unto Jesus Christ my Redeemer steadfastly hoping and assuredly believing through gods mercies and Christ's merits to be eternally saved and to have a full pardon and free remission of all my sins. And my body I commit to the earth from whence it was taken to be decently buried according to the discretion of my executor hereafter named. And as touching the disposition of such worldly estate as it has pleased the Lord in his mercy to bestow upon me my will and mind is that the same be employed in manner and form following. Imprimis I give devise and bequeath unto Anne Armitstead my loving wife one chest of drawers which stands in the parlour. Item I give unto my son Thomas Green two pair of bedsteads one pair whereof now stands in the back parlour and the other pair in my closet. Conditionally that he allow my said wife Anne Armitstead his mother the use of one pair of them during her life. Item I give unto my niece Elizabeth Armitstead of Austwick the sum of 20 shillings to be paid within 12 months after my decease. Item all the residue of my personal estate whatsoever I give and bequeath to my truly and well beloved friend Thomas Banks of Orcaber upon this special trust and confidence and to this intent and purpose that he will or cause to be sold all my said personal estate (books only excepted) and that after my just debts and funeral expenses be discharged he do yearly pay or cause to be paid unto the above said Anne Armitstead my wife the interest yearly arising out all the said personal estate for and during the term of her natural life and after her decease it is my will and mind that he yield up all my said personal estate and likewise the books unto Thomas Armitstead son of my nephew John Armitstead of Austwick his executors administrators or assigns for ever. Item it is my will and mind that the said Thomas Banks have all reasonable charges yearly allowed him out of the said personal estate which he shall or may be at in the execution of this my will. And I do hereby appoint him the said Thomas Banks executor of this my last will and testament for the trusts and uses above named and to no other use interest or purpose whatsoever. Lastly and I do hereby revoke and make void all Wills by me formerly made. In witness whereof I the said Nathaniel Armitstead have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and published by the testator in our presence and by us subscribed as witnesses in his presence part of the 14th line being raised out before the execution hereof.

J. Jackson, G. Jackson, jurat, Thomas Dickinson his mark, John Mitton?

**Will of Oliver Farrer November 1806 Probate October 1808**

**TNA PROB 11/1486**

Very difficult to read (14 pages). Much abbreviated extract of some interesting points only.

Oliver Farrer of Bedford Square, London.

I give all estate to Thomas Coutts, Edmund Antrobus, Coutts Trotter and Edward Marjoribanks of the Strand and to Thomas Atkinson of Lincoln's Inn Fields upon trust. To my wife £300. To an account at Coutts £2400 pa but only £1000 pa if she remarries. I give her my wine and other liquors ... but not for sale .... and what is not consumed in her lifetime to be divided between two eldest nephews.

House in Great George St.

Set apart £25,000 at compound interest.

To my butler John Martin £20 pa and half a year's wages. Whole £25,000 to Oliver when 31.

Agreed to build some additions to an Old House on Oliver's father's estate at Clapham (costs up to £1500).

## **Will of Richard Jackson of Clapham 1720**

### **Borthwick and Lancashire Record Office**

In the name of God Amen the one and twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord God 1720 ... I Richard Jackson of Clapham in the county of York gentleman being of sound mind and perfect and disposing memory praised be to God for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God steadfastly hoping through the merits death and passion of my saviour Jesus Christ to inherit everlasting life and my body I desire may be decently buried at the discretion of my executors herein hereafter named. And as to the disposing of my temporal affairs (which before I have not disposed on) I give devise and bequeath the same as follows. And first it is my will and mind that all my just debts and funeral expenses be duly paid out of my personal estate. Item I will devise and bequeath unto my oldest son Robert Jackson the yearly sum or rent charge of eight pounds during the term of his natural life to be paid him by my son John Jackson his heirs executors or assigns out of the estate at Wharfe which I lately settled on him the said sum of eight pounds to be paid clear above all taxes whatsoever the first payment thereof to commence at the end of 12 months next after my decease which premises at Wharfe shall be subject for the payment the reason of my leaving him but eight pounds per annum is that my executors will I hope augment the same as they shall see occasion. Item I give devise and bequeath unto my daughter Barbara Lodge the sum of 4 pounds year And during her natural life to be paid her by two half yearly payments by my said son John Jackson out of the estate lying at Wharfe which I have settled on him for such purposes clear above all taxes the first half yearly payment of the same to commence at the end of 12 months next after my decease. Provided always and upon condition that her husband George Lodge nor any claiming by from or under him shall not at any time intermeddle or have any thing to do with the four pounds or any part thereof on any count whatsoever. But if he or any for him or on his account shall at any time after or pretend to intermeddle or any make any claim thereunto or to any part thereof or shall give my said son John his heirs or assigns or my executors any trouble concerning the same that then the said four pounds and every part thereof shall totally cease and become void to all intents and purposes whatsoever. Item I give devise and bequeath all my goods and chattels cattle and personal estate whatsoever unto my loving wife Elizabeth Jackson and unto my said son John Jackson whom I do hereby nominate and appoint joint executors of this my last will and testament. Lastly and I do desire my friends George Jackson of Clapham and Lawrence Peacocke of Lawkland to be assisting to my said executors in seeing this my my last will and testament duly performed. In testimony whereof I the said Richard Jackson the testator have hereunto set my hand and seal and published the same day and year first above written.

Sealed signed published and declared by the testator in our presence and by us subscribed in his presence

Nathanael Armitstead Oliver Thornton John His mark Roger Mitton

Obligation in Latin and English.

An Inventory of the goods and chattels of Richard Jackson of Lakeland in the parish of Clapham deceased appraised the ninth day of January 1720. by Lawrence Peacock Michael Lawson Wm Nicholson Wm Lawson

	£	s	d	
Imprimis his purse and apparel	1	10	0	
Goods in the house 1 table 1 chest 1 backston 2 chairs 1 churn	1	0	0	
In the wash-house and milk-house goods		5	0	
In the parlour 1 chest 1 desk 2 chairs 1 bed and beding	1	10	0	
In the smithy loft 1 bed and beding 1 chest 1 table		15	0	
Item pewther and pans	1	2	6	
Goods in the house		5	0	
Item cart coops and wheelles		15	0	
Item three wimbles 1 saw		6	8	
1 harrow plow links 1 team and horse gear		6	0	
2 wheele barrows 2 spades 2 ladders		3	0	
1 pair of bedstocks 1 chest in Richard Wilkinsons		10	0	
4 cows £13 1 heifer £3 3 twinter heifers £4-10s	20	10	0	
2 calves £2 1 mare £2	4	0	0	
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	£33	8	2	
Item expenses		2	10	0
Debts owing and arriages of rent	11	15	0	
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	£19	8	2	

## **WILL of Richard Procter of Clapham 1730**

### **Borthwick Prerogative vol. 81 fol. 397**

Will made second of September 1723

Richard Procter of Hellesbeck (?) (Kettlesbeck?) Parish of Clapham yeoman.

To be buried in the parish church of Clapham as near my son Thomas as may be possible. To my loving wife all the goods in the house as they stand except the bedstocks in the parlour, the clock and the fire cocke which after the decease of my wife shall be reputed as heirlooms, with the cupboard, long table and great ark in the other end of the house likewise. To my wife all quick goods except my horse, and to her £20 within 12 months with the profits that may arise out of the house at Giggleswick during her natural life.

Whereas a deed is lodged in a neighbour's hand which I did make to my daughter and her heirs after the decease of me and my wife, I could wish that it never came into the court if she perform and try to pay my wife £10 a year during her natural life besides what money she has in her own keeping, and likewise I would have Procter Holden my daughter's son to have all that estate I purchased on the other side of the water if it fortune he has not a better.

To my three grandsons Richard, George and Procter £10 each and to my three granddaughters five pounds apiece when they are 21 -- if they do not reach that age then to my executors. To my daughter Hannah five pounds within 12 months. All my effects whatsoever to Francis Holden my son-in-law he paying court dues and funeral expenses -- he executor. Witnesses Nathaniel Armit... Lawrence Peacock Oliver Thornton



## **Will of Robert Heaton of Wharfe 1669**

### **Lancashire Record Office R338**

In the name of God Amen I Robert Heaton the elder of Wharfe in the parish of Clapham and county of York being old and infirm of body but of perfect mind and memory praised be God do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz. Imprimis I give bequeath and commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker hoping that through the merits of his dear son Jesus Christ to have everlasting life and glory and my body to be decently buried where it shall best please my friends. And for my temporal estate I dispose of it as follows. First I give and bequeath unto my natural son James Heaton and to my natural daughter Ellen Heaton to them their heirs children and assigns for ever all that my mansion or fire house wherein I now dwell with all houses barns stables gardens courtyards garths tofts and crofts unto the same belonging and also all those three parcels of ground called Causey Ing Close and also that parcel of ground enclosed and adjoining to the highway over against the said close and also all one other close called Wharfe yeates together with the parcel of ground therein contained called Short Butts and also two cattle or beast gates in a pasture close called Hunter Sty with all appurtenances belonging to the premises or any of them they being of the ancient annual rent of one shilling and 3d. Item I give and bequeath unto said son James Heaton and to his heirs children and assigns for ever one cattle or beast gate in a pasture close called Studrigg of the annual rent of 6d. Item I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Ellen Heaton and to her heirs children and assigns for ever one cattle or beast gate in a pasture close called Hunter Sty or sometimes Armetstead. Item I give devise and bequeath unto Isabel my now wife and to her heirs children and assigns all benefit and advantage of the redemption of those two closes called White Stone Close being of the yearly rent of 5d and after the redemption to have and to hold the same closes to her the said Isabel the heirs children and assigns for ever. Item I give unto Agnes Gregson and to the heirs children and assigns for ever one rood of the fourth part of a rood of ground lying on a place called Raisures of the annual or yearly rent of 2d. Item I give and bequeath unto Isabel my now wife a full third part of all my goods credits cattles and chattels movable and unmovable and another third part I give and bequeath unto my son James Heaton and my daughter Ellen Heaton to be equally divided between them. And for the last part of the three parts of my said goods it is my will and mind that my funeral expenses and charges be paid and discharged out of the same and all that shall remain of the last third part I give and bequeath unto my said son and daughter James Heaton and Ellen Heaton they paying unto my son Robert Heaton each of them ten shillings and also unto Ralph Baines Francis Richardson and Thomas Wharfe of Wharfe each of them three shillings and fourpence. Provided still and it is my will and mind that Isabel my now wife (if it shall please God she survive me) shall have and during her natural life the mansion house and premises mentioned in the first bequest of this will to James and Ellen Heaton according to the tenor of a certain deed bearing date the 20th day of February in the 21st year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles II. And I hereby appoint nominate and make Isabel Heaton my now wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament hereby making void all other and former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the said 20th day of February in the year of our Lord God 1668.

Witnesses hereof Robert Remington John Remington Richard Baynes

Obligation in Latin and English

A true and perfect inventory of all the goods credits cattels and chattels of Robert Heaton the elder late of Wharfe in the parish of Clapham and county of York deceased as they were prised by Ralph Baynes Thomas Rimington Roger Lupton and Francis Richardson the 20th day of May Anno Domini 1669

Imprimis his wearing apparel riding furniture and money in his purse	£1 10s 0d
Item brass pewter and pans	£1 6s 8d
Item wooden vessel with a salting tub	6s 8d
Item arks chests and bedstocks	£1
Item meal malt beef and bacon	£1 10s 0d
Item coverlets blankets beds sheets pillows and other linen	£1
Item cart wheels plough and other husbandry gear	£1
Item tables forms chairs stools rackoncrooks and tongs	6s 8d
Item wool hempen yarn spinning wheel and wool cards	10s 0d
Item one mare	£2 3s 4d
Item five kine	£10 0s 0d
Item five stirks	£5
Item nine ewes and lambs and seven other sheep	£4 15s 0d
Item corn now growing on the place called Slanedale and Wharfeyate	15s 0d
Item corn growing on the place called Tofts Whitelands and Coaterood	15s 0d
Item hay and beans with sacks winnowing cloth lanthorn and other old decayed utensils	5s 0d
Total	£32 3s 4d
Item a Bible with other books to be added hereto appraised	5s 0d

## **Will of Thomas Farrer (Farrers of Clapham)**

**11 March 1797 Probate 5 May 1797  
Society of Genealogists, London**

courtesy K. Pearce

I Thomas Farrer of Pall Mall in the parish of Saint James Westminster in the County of Middlesex Esquire make my Will as follows I give to my Housekeeper Constance Legendre during her natural life a clear Annuity of Fifty pounds to be paid by equal quarterly payments from the day of my decease and I give to my Housemaid Mary Barnes Ten pounds To my Groom Stephen Mackney Twenty pounds To my Man Servant John Nichols Twenty pounds with all such wearing apparel as I have had made or have worn since he came to live with me and to my Executors hereinafter appointed One hundred pounds a piece the said Legacies to be paid within One month after my death And I give all my Annuities for lives Stock in the Public Funds Monies Securities for Money and all other my Estate Goods Chattels Property and Effects whatever unto Thomas Coutts of the Strand Esquire Edmund Antrobus of the same place Esquire Alan Chambre of Grays Inn Esquire and Thomas Atkinson of Lincolns Inn Fields Gentleman their Executors Administrators and Assigns Upon Trust to pay the Annuity and Legacies above mentioned And also to pay unto all the Children of my late Sister Mrs Alice Consett One thousand pounds a piece when and as they shall respectively attain the age of twenty one years or be married and in the mean time to pay or apply for or towards the maintenance and education of my said late Sister's Children such yearly Sums of money as shall be equal to the Interest of their respective Legacies at the rate of Five pounds per Cent per Annum and if any one or more of my said late Sister's Children shall die under the age of twenty one years and unmarried then to pay the Legacy or Legacies of her or them so dying unto the Survivors or Survivor of the said Children who shall live to attain twenty one or be married in equal shares if more than one and if there shall be only one such surviving Child who shall live to attain twenty one years or be married Then the whole of the said last mentioned Legacies to such only Child But I direct that if all of my said late Sister's Children die before any of them shall attain twenty one or be married then the said Legacies shall not be raised or paid but shall sink into the residue of my Estate And upon further Trust to pay unto Rebecca Edmonds Spinster Daughter of Mr and Mrs Edmonds of Margate in the County of Kent the Sum of Five hundred pounds when the said Rebecca Edmonds shall attain Twenty one years or be married and in the mean time to pay or apply the yearly sum of twenty five pounds for or towards the maintenance and education of the said Rebecca Edmonds But if the said Rebecca Edmonds die under twenty one years and unmarried Then I direct that the said Five hundred pounds shall not be raised but shall sink into the residue of my Estate and subject to the said Annuity and Legacies hereinbefore given and to the payment of such Interest by way of maintenance as aforesaid Then upon Trust to pay to my Brothers Oliver Farrer and James Farrer or permit them to receive and take the Interest Dividends and Annual proceeds of all the residue of my Estate and Effects unto the Survivor of them my said Brothers (which ever of them shall first die) Then to pay the whole of the Interest Dividends and Annual proceeds of the said residue of my Estate and Effects unto the Survivor of them during his life and after the death of the Survivor of them my said Brothers Oliver and James Then in case anyone or more of my Brother James Farrer's present or after born Sons shall live to attain the age of twenty one years Upon Trust to assign transfer and pay or settle the capital or principal of all the said residue and surplus of my said Estate property and effects unto upon and for the benefit of all and every or such one or more of the Children of my said Brother James (either wholly unto or upon anyone or more of such Children or in such shares or proportions between or among them or

any of them) and at such age or ages days or times and for such Interest or Interests either absolute or conditional and with such limitations over (such limitations over being for the benefit of some or one of the same Children) and in such manner as the Survivor of them my said Brothers Oliver Farrer and James Farrer after the death of the other of them by any Deed or Deeds or by his last Will and Testament or any Codicil or Codicils thereto (to be made and executed by such Survivor either before or after anyone or more of my said Brother James's Sons shall have attained the age of twenty one years) shall direct or appoint and if the Survivor of them my said Brothers shall make no such direction or appointment as aforesaid or if he shall make any such appointment which shall not amount unto and be a complete appointment of the whole of the said residue of my said Estate property and effects and of the whole and absolute Interest therein then (in case anyone or more of my said Brother James's Sons shall live to attain the age of twenty one years as aforesaid) Upon Trust to assign transfer and pay the said residue of my Estate property and effects or so much thereof concerning which no such direction or apportionment or no such complete and absolute direction or apportionment shall be made as aforesaid unto all the Children of my said Brother James Farrer who being a Son or Sons shall live to attain the age of twenty one years or who being a Daughter or Daughters shall live to attain the age of twenty one years or be married To be equally divided between them share and share alike for their own use and benefit and if only one of my said Brother James's sons shall live to attain the age of twenty one years and none of my said Brother James's Daughters shall live to attain that age or be married Then upon Trust to assign transfer and pay the whole of the said residue of my Estate property and effects unto such only son of my said Brother who shall so live to attain the age of twenty one years as last aforesaid and to his Executors and Administrators absolutely But if all my said Brother James's present and after born Sons shall die before any of them shall attain the age of twenty one years Then upon Trust to assign transfer and pay the said residue of my Estate property and effects unto all and every or such one or more of the Daughters of my said Brother James and all and every or such one or more of the Daughters of my late Sister Alice Consett who shall respectively live to attain the age of twenty one years or be married To be equally divided between and among such respective Daughters share and share alike as tenants in Common and in case only one of the Daughters of my said Brother James or of my said late Sister shall live to attain the age of twenty one years or be married Then upon Trust to assign transfer and pay the whole of the said residue of my Estate property and effects unto such only Daughter her Executors or Administrators for her and their own absolute use and benefit And I appoint the said Thomas Coutts Edmund Antrobus Alan Chambre and Thomas Atkinson joint Executors of this my Will and I direct that if any of my Annuities for lives shall be repurchased or redeemed after my death Then and so often as any such event shall happen my Trustees or Trustee for the time being shall lay out and invest the redemption or purchase money in their or his names or name either in the purchase of other Annuities of the same or the like nature or in the public Works or Funds or at Interest upon Parliamentary or Government Securities or in Exchequer or Navy Bills India Bonds or other temporary Securities Upon the Trusts aforesaid as they or he shall think proper and most beneficial to my Estate and shall from time to time change alter transpose or vary such Annuities Stocks Funds or Securities at their or his Instruction without being accountable to any person or persons whatsoever for so doing or for any loss or misfortune that may happen by such investment or transposition as aforesaid I trusting entirely to the integrity discretion and experience

of my said Trustees for in arranging my affairs to the best advantage And I direct that all receipts and payments whatsoever which shall be made to from or on account of my Estate shall from time to time be made at the Bankinghouse of the said Thomas Coutts and Company in the Strand and that all Securities to be taken for monies laid out by my Trustees or Trustee for the time being in pursuance of this my Will shall be prepared at the Office of my Brothers in Lincolns Inn Fields with the Assistance or under the inspection and advice of the said Alan Chambre and that after such receipts and payments are so made and such Securities are so prepared conformable to the directions aforesaid my Trustees or Trustee for the time being shall be no further accountable for the sufficiency thereof or for any loss misfortune or damage that may happen thereby or therefrom my intention being that my Estate shall stand the risque of all such receipts payments and Securities as aforesaid And I direct that my Trustees and Executors shall be answerable for themselves and for their own respective acts and defaults only and not anyone or more of them for the others or any other of them or for the acts neglects or defaults of the others or any other of them and I revoke all Wills I have heretofore made and declare this only to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have to two parts of this my Will each part contained in one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this eleventh day of March One thousand seven hundred and ninety seven *Thos. Farrer*. This Writing was Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the above named Thomas Farrer Esquire as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other do hereunto subscribe our names as Witnesses *Robt. Brook Wm. Surtees*

This Will was proved at London with a Codicil the fifth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety seven by the Oaths of Thomas Coutts, Edmund Antrobus, Alan Chambre and Thomas Atkinson Esquires, the Executors named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased having been first sworn duly to administer

11 th March 1797

I declare that the Annuity and Legacies given to my Servants shall only be paid to such of them respectively as shall be living with me at my death and I give to each of the Servants who shall be living with me at my death a months wages and Board wages above what shall be due to them respectively at the time of my decease. *Thos. Farrer* Witness *Robt. Brooke Wm. Surtees*

**Lancashire Record Office WRWL**  
**Will of Thomas Foster 1733**

Obligation on Margaret Foster of Dyke house widow in parish of Clapham

Inventory

The true and perfect inventory of the goods and chattels rights and credits late belonging to Thomas Foster of Dyke house in the parish of Clapham and county of York deceased taken and appraised by us whose names are here subscribed the second day of March the year of our Lord 1733

	£	s	d
Purse and apparel	5	0	0
household stuff and husbandry year	10	0	0
meal and oats	4	0	0
four cows at £2-10s	10	0	0
two horses at £1-10s	3	0	0
three calves	2	0	0
one colt	6	0	0
one horse	4	0	0
one filly	3	0	0
35 sheep at 5s	8	15	0
money upon specialty	<u>41</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>6</u>
	97	13	6

Robert Foster William Knipe John Bookear Thomas Banks

## **WILL of Thomas Jackson of Clapham 1832**

**This is the last will and testament** of me Thomas Jackson of Far End in the parish of Clapham in the county of York Yeoman Whereby I dispose of all my real and personal estates in manner following (that is to say) I will that all my just debts funeral expenses and the charges of proving this my will shall be paid by my executors hereinafter named out of my real and personal estates **Whereas** in and by one customary conveyance bearing even date herewith made between me the said Thomas Jackson of the one part and Robert Willis of Clapham aforesaid and Matthew Coar of Little Bank in the parish of Giggleswick in the said county of York yeomen of the other part I the said Thomas Jackson **did** grant bargain sell alien assign surrender and confirm unto the said Robert Willis and Matthew Coar their heirs and assigns **all** those customary messuages lands tenements hereditaments and premises whatsoever now belonging unto me the said Thomas Jackson situate lying and being within and part and parcel of the Manor of Austwick in the said county of York **To hold** the same unto the said Robert Willis and Matthew Coar their heirs and assigns for ever according to the custom of the Manor of Austwick aforesaid by and under payment of the yearly customary rents fines dues duties suits and services thereinafter to become due to the Lord of the Manor of Austwick aforesaid for the time being **In trust nevertheless** to and for the several uses intents and purposes therein and hereinafter mentioned and declared (that is to say) **In trust** to permit and suffer me the said Thomas Jackson and my assigns to have take and receive the rents issues and profits thereof and of every part thereof for and during the term of my natural life and from and immediately after my decease **Then upon further trust** that they the said Robert Willis and Matthew Coar their heirs and assigns should stand seized of the said customary tenements hereditaments and premises and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances **To the use and behoof** of such person or persons and for such estate and estates and to for and upon such uses trusts intents and purposes and under and subject to such powers provisos limitations and agreements with or without power of revocation as I the said Thomas Jackson should by any deed or deeds writing or writings to be by me executed in the presence of two or more credible witnesses or by my last will and testament in writing or any writing or writings in the nature of my last will and testament to be by me executed in the presence of three or more such witnesses direct declare limit or appoint give or devise as in and by the said customary conveyance relation thereunto being had will appear **Now** I the said Thomas Jackson by this my last will and testament duly executed and attested by three credible witnesses give and devise and bequeath all my said customary messuages lands tenements hereditaments and premises situate lying and being within the Manor of Austwick aforesaid and all other my messuages lands tenements hereditaments and premises whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature or tenure soever and also all my personal estate and the effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature kind or quality soever unto my son John Jackson and my daughters Agnes Clark Margaret Jackson and Elizabeth Jackson their heirs executors administrators and assigns as tenants in common and not as joint tenants subject to and charged and chargeable with the payment of the several legacies hereinafter particularly mentioned (that is to say) subject to the payment of the legacy or sum of £100 unto my daughter Mary Wilson at the end of 12 months next after my decease and further subject to the payment of the legacy or sum of £300 unto the said Robert Willis and Matthew Coar at the end of 12 months next after my decease **Upon trust** that they the said Robert Willis and Matthew Coar shall invest and place out the same

at interest in the public funds or on real security and shall and do yearly and every year during the life of my said daughter Mary Wilson pay or cause to be paid all the interest and dividends interest profits and produce thereof as often as the same shall be received into the proper hands of the said Mary Wilson to and for her own sole and separate use and benefit and that her own receipt only shall be a sufficient discharge and from and after the decease of my said daughter Mary Wilson **Then upon trust** to pay and apply or assign and transfer the said sum of £300 unto and amongst all and every the child and children of my said daughter Mary Wilson begotten or to be begotten to be equally divided between them share and share alike and to be a vested interest in such a child or children at their respective ages of 21 years And in case any of the children of my said daughter Mary Wilson should at her death be under the age of 21 years then and in such case **I will and direct** that such of them as shall be so under age shall be entitled to receive interest for his or their maintenance and education of such child or children until their respective shares thereof shall become payable in proportion to their respective shares And in case there shall be no child or children of the body of my said daughter Mary Wilson or there being such and all of them shall depart this life under the age of 21 years **Then upon trust** that my said trustees and the survivor of them and the executors or administrators of such a survivor shall and do pay and apply the said sum of £300 so devised to them as aforesaid or assign and transfer the securities and stock on which the same shall be then invested **Unto and to the use** of and equally between my said son John Jackson and my daughters Agnes Clark Margaret Jackson and Elizabeth Jackson their respective executors administrators or assigns absolutely for ever I constitute make and appoint my said son John Jackson and my daughters Agnes Clark Margaret Jackson and Elizabeth Jackson executor and executrixes of this my last will and testament **In witness** whereof I have to this my last will and testament contained in this and the two preceding sheets of paper hereunto annexed set my hand and seal (to wit) my hand to the bottom of each of the preceding sheets my hand and seal to this last sheet and my seal to the top of the said preceding sheets where all the said sheets are fixed together the 19th day of December in the year of our Lord 1826.

(Signed) Thomas Jackson

The writing contained in this and the two preceding sheets of paper hereto annexed was signed and sealed by the said Thomas Jackson testator and by him published and declared as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who as witnesses thereto have hereunto subscribed our names in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other

Robert Ingleby Thomas Holgate R? Leeming?

Whereas I Thomas Jackson late of Far End in the parish of Clapham in the county of York but now of Wigglesworth in the parish of Long Preston in the said county yeoman have made and duly executed my last will and testament bearing date on or about the 19th day of December 1826 Now I do hereby declare this present writing to be a codicil to my said will and I direct the same to be annexed thereto and taken as part thereof Whereas I have by my said will given devised and bequeathed all my customary messuages lands tenements hereditaments and premises situate lying and being within the Manor of Austwick in the said county of York and all other my messuages lands tenements hereditaments ad premises whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature or tenure soever and also all my personal estate and effects



whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature kind or quality soever unto my son John Jackson and my daughters Agnes Clark Margaret Jackson and Elizabeth Jackson their heirs executors administrators and assigns as tenants in common and not as joint tenants subject to and charged and chargeable (amongst other payments) with the payment of the legacy or sum of £100 unto my daughter Mary Wilson at the end of 12 months next after my decease and upon the trusts as therein mentioned And whereas I have already advanced or paid on the account of my said daughter Mary Wilson the sum of £140 and whereas my daughter Margaret Jackson sometime ago intermarried with one John Barns and shortly afterwards departed this life without issue Now I do hereby give devise and bequeath the part share and interest of and in all my messuages lands hereditaments and premises personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature kind or quality soever so given devised and bequeathed to my said daughter Margaret as aforesaid unto my son John Jackson and my daughters Agnes Clark and Elizabeth Goosey their heirs executors administrators and assigns as tenants in common and not as joint tenants subject along with the residue of my hereditaments and premises to the payment of the legacy or sum of £300 as expressed in my said will and upon the trusts therein contained And I do hereby revoke the said legacy or sum of £100 so charged on my messuages lands hereditaments and premises personal estate and the effects as aforesaid and I give and bequeath the same unto between and equally amongst my said son John and my said daughters Agnes and Elizabeth their respective executors administrators and assigns And and I do hereby ratify and confirm my said will in every respect except where the same is hereby revoked and altered as aforesaid In witness whereof I the said Thomas Jackson have to this codicil written upon two sheets of paper to the first sheet thereof set my hand and to the second and last sheet thereof set my hand and seal this 29th day of September 1832  
(signed) Thomas Jackson

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Thomas Jackson as and for a codicil to his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses  
Robert King John King John Jackson

I do hereby certify that on the eighth day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 John Jackson of Rotherhithe in the county of Surrey surgeon (*son*) Agnes Abbotson (late Clark) (*the wife of John Abbotson*) of Wigglesworth in the parish of Long Preston in the county of York and Elizabeth Goosey (late Jackson) (*the wife of William Goosey*) of Stamford in the county of Lincoln (*the surviving*) executors named in the last will and testament (with the codicil thereto) of Thomas Jackson formerly of Far End in the parish of Clapham in the county of York and late of Wigglesworth in the parish of Long Preston aforesaid yeoman deceased were sworn well and truly to execute and perform the same and that the whole of the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased within the province of York do not amount in value to the sum of £300  
Witness my hand John Howson Surrogate  
sworn under £300 Prerogative  
Deceased 23rd of November 1832

## William Clapham of Clapham 1717

### Lancashire Record Office

In the name of God Amen 16th day of January in the year of our Lord God 1717 I William Clapham of Clapham in the county of York yeoman being infirm in body but of sound mind and disposing memory praised be God for the same do hereby make and ordain this my present last will and Testament in manner and form following. First and principally I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker assuredly trusting through the merits death and passion of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to inherit everlasting life and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. And as touching the disposal of that estate wherewith it has pleased God in his mercy to bestow upon me I give devise and bequeath the same as follows. First it is my will and mind that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid and discharged out of all my personal estate by my executors hereafter named. Item I give unto my son Jonas Clapham and to his heirs and assigns for ever all my lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever and all my right and title to the same. Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Guy my maid servant the sum of £10 of lawful British money to be paid to her by my executors hereafter named within 12 months next after my decease. Item I give and bequeath all my goods and chattels and personal estate whatsoever unto my loving wife Isabell Clapham and to my said son Jonas Clapham and I do hereby make them joint executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former and other Wills by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and published the same the day and year first above written.

Sealed signed published and declared by the testator in our presence and by us subscribed in his presence

William Clapham

Wm Skirrow  
Nicholas Hannam  
Rich. Jackson

### Obligation in Latin and English

A true and perfect Inventory and Aprizement of the goods and Chattels rights and creditts which did belong unto William Clapham of Clapham in the County of Yorke yeoman Deceased made and apraized by us whose names are hereunder written the 27th day of January Anno Domini 1717

	li	s	d
Impr			
His purse and apparel	6	0	0
His mare bridle and sadle	5	0	0
One mare and foale	3	0	0
One yearling colt	1	0	0

Goods at Crynehaw bottom

Four steers	8	0	0
Four heifers	10	0	0
Five calves and two why stirks	7	0	0
Sixty sheep	15	0	0
Hay and corn in the barne at Crynehaw bottom	3	0	0

Goods at Lawhous Barne

Four oxen	16	0	0
Hay in the said barne	1	10	0

Goods in the great barne at home

Six cows	18	0	0
Oates Shrafh..(?) and in the Sheafe	5	10	0
Barley Shrafh.. (?) and in the Sheafe	4	0	0
Beanes	1	0	0
Hay in the said Barne	5	0	0
One Swine	1	5	0
Carts wheels, Plowgeare and all other Husbandry geare	2	0	0
Goods in the Bodystead of the House	2	0	0
Goods in the Parlour with one bed and bedding thereon	1	0	0
Goods in the Parlour Chamber	2	0	0
Goods in the body stead chamber being three Arkes, two pair of bedstocks with the bedding thereupon	2	10	0
Goods in the Chamber over the Buttery One bedd and bedding		13	4
Goods in the Chamber over the Porch One bedd and bedding		13	4
Meale Malt beefe and bacon	2	10	0
Brass Pewter Panns Potts Linnen and all other the household goods	5	0	0
Money owing to the deceased	20	0	0

Sum total 148 11 8 (*correct*)

Apraized by us whose names are hereunder subscribed the day and yeare above written

Willm Jackson  
Richard Guy  
Wm Skirrow  
Rich. Jackson

## **WILL of William Nicholson of Clapham 1617**

### **Lancashire Record Office**

In the name of God Amen the .... of November in the ..... year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James by the grace of God King of England France and Ireland and defender of the faith etc. anno domini 1617 I William Nicholson of Lankshaw in the..... sick of body but of whole and perfect memory I give God thanks thereof..... my last will and testament in manner and form following..... unto

..... from whence it came and the..... to be buried at the discretion of my friends ..... and mind that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my whole goods..... my will and mind that my wife have her widow right of all my whole goods..... my debts and funeral expenses being paid And also that she shall have the full use possession and occupation of my whole goods lands and..... my eldest son John Nicholson shall accomplish the age of 20 and four years she honestly..... my six children during the aforesaid term with meat drink and apparel and all things necessary and fitting for their calling at the sight of discretion of my supervisors And as for the rest of my goods unbequeathed my debts being paid and my wife have..... it is my will and mind that my eldest son shall have my husbandry gear.....unto Isabell Johnson daughter to Robert Johnson eight shillings And the rest of my goods..... five younger children viz. Isabel [Christopher] Fardinando Maude and Thomas equally divided amongst them provided that Isabel's portion be.... at the discretion of my..... Also it is my will and mind and hereby I ordain that my eldest son John or..... lands and tenements shall descend or come truly pay or cause to be paid unto my younger children the full sum of five pounds of current English money And my will and mind is that he to whom the lands or tenements shall come shall have no use of my said lands or tenements until he have either paid or given good security for the true payment thereof to my younger children at the discretion of my supervisors And then the said eldest son to whom the lands or tenements shall come quietly enter to the same And lastly I do hereby make and ordain my wife my whole and sole executrix of this my will and Testament and I do hereby earnestly entreat Thomas Ingleby Esq Gyles More John.....this my last will and Testament giving and hereby..... to my said supervisors..... to set down order and amend any thing herein omitted or miswritten Witnesses hereof John..... Gyles More..... Atkinson James Johnson and Robert Remington

### Obligation in Latin and English

Condition ... bounden Elizabeth Nicholson .....William Nicholson late of Lankshaw ...parish of Clapham...

children John Christopher Fardinando Thomas Isabell

signed Elizabeth Nicholson Anthony Bradley Robert Bradley

The inventory of the goods and chattels of William Nicholson late of Lanckshay deceased prized by John Radcliffe Robeart Bradlay William Marsden and John Carr the 13th of December anno domini 1617

*(not easy to read)*

Imprimis his apparel	20s
Item two oxen	£8
Item corn and hay	£17 ?
Item four oxen	£17 ?
Item 3 kine	£6
Item a horse and a mare	£5 6s 8d
Item two swine	26s 8d ?
Item husbandry gear	30s ?
Item a borde	5s
Item 2 arks	13s 4d
Item 5 coverlets	15s
Item 7 sheets	12s
Item 7 sacks	10s
Item bedstocks	11s
Item fire vessel	13s 4d
Item pewter	18d
Item wood vessel	13s
Item chairs	6s
Item hemp and yarn	3s
Item pullan	8d
Item meal and grotes	20s
Item all huslements	2s

Sum £80 15s 8d (???)*seems wrong*)

Debts due to him

Imprimis Anthonie Kellit	6s
Item Richard Hargrave	£9
Item Henry Backrofte of the flasks	53s 4d
Item James Lucas	11s

Sum £12 10s 4d

Debts which he does owe

Imprimis to Richard Nicholson	£9 15s
Item to John Radcliffe	£9 2s
Item to William Howson	£8
Item to Richard Howson	£3 4s
Item to Thomas Knipe	8 ?
Item to James Johnson	£13
Item to William Kendel	40s
Item to Giles More	11s
Item to John Jackson	11s
Item to William Marsden	8s
Item to Richard Emondson	13s 6d ?

Sum £56 5s

Sum declare £20 ??s

Sum declare (crossed out) £37 12s ?