

**Will of Richard Hardacre of Hellifield 1825
Borthwick**

In the name of God Amen I Richard Hardacre of Hellifield in the parish of Long Preston and county of York being of sound mind and memory praised be God for the same do make this my last will and testament that is to say I give and devise to my son Alexander Hardacre all and every my messuage cottages dwelling houses and other buildings lands tenements hereditaments premises with their appurtenances which are situate lying and being within the several parishes of Long Preston and Settle and Bolton near Bowland or elsewhere in the said county of York to have and to hold the same premises unto him my said son Alexander Hardacre his heirs and assigns absolutely for ever but subject nevertheless and charged and chargeable with the payment of the legacies hereinafter mentioned that is to say I hereby give and bequeath unto my daughter Ellin the wife of William Buck the interest of £200 at the rate of four pounds interest for each hundred pounds to (sic) paid to her from the 12th day of May next to support her children during my life to be paid by my said executor I also give unto my daughter Ellin Buck the further interest of £600 the interest only to be paid to her after my decease during her natural life at the rate of four pounds each hundred and the whole £800 after Ellin Buck death then to be divided amongst their children share and share alike as they attain at the age of 21 years except it be agreed upon by my executor and Ellin Buck that she take part of the said sum to put their children to a trade but not to exceed £20 each child and hereby I give and bequeath unto my son William Hardacre the sum of £400 to be paid to him at 12 months after my decease I also give to my daughter Catherine Hardacre £100 at the end of 12 months after my decease and I give devise and dispose of the rest residue and remainder of my goods and chattels ready money money out at interest and securities for money and all others my real and personal estates and effects unto my son Alexander Hardacre and he is to pay the legacies and as well as the interest in lawful English money to the said Ellin Buck the wife of William Buck of Gallaber and that William Hardacre of Colne attorney and Catherine Hardacre of Hellifield whatsoever which shall remain after paying my just debts and funeral expenses and the charges of proving this my will I give unto Alexander Hardacre his heirs executors administrators and assigns absolutely for ever and I do declare this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of December in the year of our Lord 1823.

Signed sealed declared and published by the above named Richard Hardacre the testator 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 other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Henry Brigg William Brigg Henry Brigg

Bond and obligation

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Will nuncupative of Genett Ellis of Hellifield 1600

To be buried in the churchyard of Long Preston. All debts and funeral expenses to be paid and she did confess she was indebted to Anthony Middleton her brother three pounds three shillings in part payment whereof she willed he should have the gray mare and the rest to be paid him of her whole goods. To Anthony Middleton and Alice Ellis all the hemp then in the house. She gave all her apparel to Isabel Ellis her daughter save one gray gown which she bequeathed to Alice Ellis her daughter in law. To Isabel Ellis her daughter one lease of certain ground at Halton granted by Thomas Ineson and the same to be set to her most profit. To John Middleton 12d. To Thomas Middleton 6d. To Alice Hardacre one white coat and an old raile. Her goods into three parts -- 1 part to her son John, one part to her daughter Isabel and the third parte for discharging of other duties -- if any left over to Isabel her daughter. Executors -- Henry Clerke her good neighbour and Anthony Middleton her brother.
Witnesses: Roger Hardacre, Henry Clerke, Anthony Middleton

**Will of Henry Hardacre 1618 Hellifield
Borthwick v 35 f 463**

In the name of god Amen the 29th of December anno domini 1618 I Henry Hardacre of Hellifield in the county of York yeoman being sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be almighty god for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows. First I commend myself soul and body into the hands and..... of Almighty god my only maker hoping and constantly believing that by the merits and precious blood shedding of his dearly beloved son Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer that my sins shall be forgiven me and my soul received into joys celestial and my will is that my body shall be buried in the church or churchyard of Long Preston at the discretion of my friends. Item my will is and I do devise give and bequeath unto Richard Hardacre my eldest son all my lands in Long Preston now in the tenure and occupation of Christopher Lawson and his mother with the rents boons and services issuing out of the same during their lease nevertheless my mind and will is that my wife shall have two parts of the rents and half the boons during her life if she keep herself widow. Item my will is and I do give and bequeath unto my aforesaid son Richard my lease of all my tenements in Hellifield with all houses and other commodities standing growing or being in or upon the premises in as large and ample manner as I have the same assigned by the grant of Mr Stephen Hammerton Esq during the time and term therein mentioned and as yet unexpired provided always and my will is that Jennet my wife shall have use occupy possess and quietly enjoy the one half of my aforesaid tenement throughout all during the whole term yet unexpired if she keep herself widow for and towards the maintaining of herself and the educating and bringing up of my youngest children and if it fortune that my wife do marry again then my will is that she shall but possess and enjoy the third part of my aforesaid tenement. Item I do give unto my aforesaid son Richard all my husbandry gear which is usual and necessary for maintaining of husbandry with one pair of new sled sides and one long chest standing or being in the milk house all these I do give him in law and consideration of his childs portion. Conditionally that he shall pay unto two of my youngest children viz. Roger and Stephen Hardacre 40 shillings. Item my will and mind is that my goods be equally divided into three parts and I do give and bequeath them after this manner following first I do give unto my wife one part the second part and I do give unto my four youngest children viz. Michael Roger and Stephen Hardacre my sons and Alice my daughter equally to be divided and for the other third part which is at my own disposing I do give and bequeath it in manner and form as follows first my will is that my debts shall be paid my funeral expenses discharged and the remainder to be equally divided between Michael Hardacre my second son and Alice Hardacre my daughter. Item I give and bequeath unto Roger and Stephen Hardacre my two youngest sons 28 shillings to be paid by my executors for the consideration of one parcel of ground which I have by the grant of Agnes Lunde widow for one year yet to come and properly called the Haye. Also my mind and will is that Richard Hardacre my son shall within six months after my death stand in charge himself or pay and put forward the portions of my two youngest children Roger and Stephen and also the legacy given them after the rate of 20d the pound until such times as they come to lawful years to receive the same and to make him a lawful discharge and my said two children to be relieved and brought up by my wife with meat drink and apparel out of her part or half of my tenement to her assigned And further I do nominate and appoint Jennet my wife and Richard Hardacre my son to be whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament hoping that they will see the same duly performed. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my handmark the day and year above written

Latin text

Will of Henry Hardacre 1681 of Bargh

Borthwick

In the name of God Amen the 16th day of June 1681 according to the computation of the church of England I Henry Hardacre of Bargh in the county of York yeoman being of perfect memory and remembrance praised be God do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker hoping that 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 to be buried in Christian burial at the parish church of Long Preston. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Henry all those houses and lands which I purchased of one Thomas Wilkinson of Hellifield and I do order Richard my eldest son to pay unto my son Henry the sum of four score pounds out of my ancient living at Hellifield which shall be all his full portion he is to have out of that estate unto him the said Henry as soon as he shall attain the age of one and 20 years. Item I give to Alice Burke my daughter in law two gimmer sheep and to Ellin Burke two gimmer sheep. Item I do order Richard my eldest son to keep and maintain my son Henry till he shall attain the age of 21 years. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Richard all the heirlooms and husbandry gear being at Hellifield excepting one chest which I give to my son Henry. Item I give and bequeath after my debts and funeral expenses be discharged all my goods to my wife my son Richard and my son Henry to be equally divided amongst them. Item I give and bequeath unto Richard my heir and eldest son all my houses lands tenements whatsoever belonging my ancient estate at Hellifield and do make him sole executor of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills and testaments. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written. Sealed signed and delivered in the sight and presence of Henry Hardacre

witnesses hereof Robert Twisleton John Preston Robert Lakeland

Indenture of Richard Hardacre of Hellifield 1713

WYAS, Leeds Ref. Badgey 1056/577

This Indenture made (the) first day (of) May in the 12th year of the reign of our sovereign lady Anne by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland Queen Defender of the faith Anno Dom. 1713 Between Richard Hardacre of Hellifield in the county of York yeoman and Henry Hardacre his son of the one part And William Hartley of Kirkby in Malhamdale in the said county Mercer of the other part. Witnesses that the said Henry Hardacre of his own free and voluntary will and by the consent of the said Richard Hardacre his father has put himself Apprentice to the said William Hartley by him to be instructed and taught in the trade mistery and occupation of a Mercer which he now uses and practices And after the manner of an apprentice with him to dwell and serve from and after the day of the date hereof for during and unto the full end and term of seven years from thence next following and the same to be fully complete and ended by and during all the said Henry Hardacre the apprentice and the said William Hartley his master well and faithfully shall serve keep close, his commandments lawful and honest every where he shall gladly do, hurt to his said master he shall not do, nor suffer to be done to the value of 12 pence by the year, but shall let if he may or else and immediately admonish his said master thereof. The goods of his said master he shall not waste or thenbody lend; At -- -- nor any -- unlawful games he.....play, whereby his.....hurt; fornication in the house of his said master or.....not contract; taverns he shall not frequent; he shall.....master day nor night. He shall not absent or prolongApprentice shall bear and behave himself towards his said master and mistressAnd the said William Hartley the master to his said apprentice the.....now uses shall teach and inform or cause to be taught and informed the best waycan, after a due manner of chastisement And also shall find to his said apprentice meat drink lodging washing meet and convenient for and during the term aforesaid. And the said Richard Hardacre the father does hereby for himself his heirs executors and administrators covenant and agree to and with the said William Hartley the master his executors administrators and assigns that he the said Richard Hardacre the father his heirs oror some of them shall and will well and sufficiently find and provide for the said apprentice all and all manner of apparelsuitable for such an apprentice during the said term And likewise shall and will pay to the said William Hartley the master his executors administrators or assigns that some of £10 of lawful British money at or upon the 10th day of May which shall be in the year of our Lord God 1716 And also the sum of £10 of like money at or upon first day of next following And the said parties to these presents for the performance of all and singular covenants and agreements herein mentioned to be on their respective parts paid done or performed do bind themselves their heirs executors and administrators either to other their executors administrators and assigns the penalties of £20 of lawful British money. In witness whereof the parties abovesaid to these presents indentures either party to other have interchangeably set their hands and seals dated the day and year first above written
Sealed signed and delivered upon stamped apr. in the presence of us
Robert Hamerton William Shackleton Robert Knight

Will of John Duckett, 1646

In the name of god Amen I John Duckett of Hellyfield In the county of York the 11th day of January 1646 do make this my last will & testament in manner and forme following that is to say first and principally I commend my soule into the hands of my creator and redeemer through whose mercy & passions I hope to be saved commend my body to christian buriall to bee done at the discretion of my friends Frist my will and mynd is that my funerall expences bee payed out of my whole goods Secondly I give and bequeath to my brother in Law William Ward children fourty shillings W^{ch} John Ellot oweth mee

Item I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Thomas children to William Duckett my brother five pound which hee oweth mee Item I give and bequeath to John Harrison's children five pounds w^{ch} Roger Carr Richard Houghton oweth me to bee equally divided amongst them Item I give and bequeath to the children of Robt Batman Seaven pound w^{ch} he oweth mee Item I give and bequeath unto all the children of Mr John Hamerton six pounds to bee had out of the money w^{ch} John Woodworth oweth mee I give to Stephen & Elizabeth Hamton my Bible Item I give to all the servants of Mr John Hamton twelve pence apiece Item I give To Elizabeth Hamerton Four shillings to buy them gloves Item I give and bequeath Mrs Dorothy Hamerton my cloake to make gowns of Item I give to Isabell fleming of the hospitall twenty shillings Item I give to William Hamerton five shillings I sign my will so that all these finall legacies shall bee had out of the sixe pounds w^{ch} Thomas Knowles of the Moorbeck oweth mee Item I give to William Moone beth children of Richard Moone of Long Preston 3d Item I give and bequeath to Robt Batman coverlets and one payer of Blanikets Item I give to John Harrison another coverlet Item I give fourty shillings more to my brother Wards children Item I give my great chist w^{ch} standeth at my brother Batmans to Agnes my sister I give to her more forty shillings with the charge that her husband shall not wth it I give to Anthony Wilkinson my old suit of appell and I give my coat to my brother William Duckett And the rest of all my goods I give to the said Robt Batman And I doo make the said Robt Batman [jurat] to be executor of this my last will & testament

Witnesses hereof

Jurat
Richard Tailor
Jurat
An Clarke

To w^{ch} will I have sett
my seale and subscribed
my name
John Duckett

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Will of John Ellis of Hellifield 1598

To be buried in the parish church or church yard of Long Preston. To Jenet my wife the use and occupation of my whole tenement for and towards the maintenance and education of my children until my son John Ellis accomplish his lawful full age if she do keep her my wife. If my son dies without lawful issue then my tenement is to remain to Ellis(?) my daughter and if she so succeeds it is my will that she shall agree with my other children at the sight and discretion of Henry Clark, Roger Randall, Roger Hardecer and Henry Tompsonn my loving neighbours and trusty friends. If my wife dies before my children are of age then the use of my tenement to Henry Clarke until my son John is 21. All my part of goods called the deaths part to Alice my daughter. Jennet my wife and John my son joint executors.

Witnesses: Henry Clarke Roger Rendall Roger Hardecer Henry Tompsonn

Will of Richard Hardacre 1728 of Hellifield

Borthwick

In the name of God Amen the third day of March in the year of our Lord God 1728 I Richard Hardacre of Hellifield in the parish of Long Preston within the diocese and county of York yeoman being something infirm in body but of sound mind and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally recommending my soul to God's mercy in hopes of a full and free pardon of all my sins through Jesus Christ my saviour and committing my body to the earth in hopes of a joyful resurrection to life eternal As touching that temporal estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me I dispose of the same as follows. Imprimis it is my will and mind that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be honestly paid and discharged by my executor hereinafter named out of my whole personal estate. Item I give unto Thomasin my loving wife the use and benefit of the parlour in the east end of my dwelling house in Hellifield aforesaid and the best bed and bedding thereunto at her own election and choice together with the Waine house and the issues and profits of those closes called the Crofts and the Greens during her natural life if she be willing to accept the same in lieu of her dower out of my estates within Hellifield aforesaid. Also I give unto my said wife two cows to be delivered unto her by my executor within a month after my decease. Item I give bequeath and devise unto Henry Hardacre my eldest son all my estate in Lancashire which I had of Alexander Briers subject nevertheless to such annuity as Thomasin may justly claim and demand out of the same during her natural life and also chargeable with such sum or sums of money as I shall hereinafter give out of the same to be paid by my said son Henry Hardacre. Item I give bequeath and devise unto my second son Alexander Hardacre my ancient messuage house in Hellifield aforesaid with the barn stable and other buildings and gardens thereunto belonging the Crofts and the Greens after my wife's decease the closes called Garstarr Scotchiones with the barn therein standing the Crookt Roods Goal Close with the barn therein standing the Moore closes one half part of one meadow or Moss ground called the Pitts adjoining on Cuniston Moore and six cattle gates and the soil and ground thereof on Hellifield Moore to hold unto him the said Alexander Hardacre during his natural life and after his death unto the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten and for default of such issue to his heirs female. Item I give and bequeath and devise unto my youngest son Richard Hardacre one parcel of meadow and arable land called Howbridge with the barn therein standing with the other half part of the meadow or Moss ground called the Pitts adjoining on Cuniston Moore as aforesaid and also four cattle gates and the soil and ground thereof on Hellifield Moore Also I give unto my said son Richard four Ox stirks four twinter steers two cows and one Galloway to be delivered unto him by my executor within a month's time after my decease. And the sum of £60 in money to be paid unto him by my executor at the end of 12 months next coming after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Alice Hardacre the sum of £250 to be paid unto her at the end of 12 months next coming after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto my younger daughter Catherine Hardacre the sum of £100 to be paid unto her at the end of 12 months next coming after my decease and £50 more to be paid unto her by my executor when she shall (*sic*) the age of 14 years. Item I give and bequeath unto my grandson John Hardacre the sum of £100 out of my estate in Lancashire to be paid to him by his father Henry Hardacre when his said son shall attain the age of 14 years.

And the residue of the money which I have power to charge out of that estate I remit unto him the said Henry Hardacre upon the condition that he the said Henry Hardacre do or shall within one month next coming after my decease give seal and execute a full perfect and absolute release unto my executor for quitting debarring and extinguishing all the title claim and demand whatsoever which he the said Henry Hardacre can or may claim or pretend to claim of in or unto all my estates within Hellifield aforesaid either in law or equity. But in case my said son Henry Hardacre shall refuse to execute such a release or shall disturb my executor touching this my will or commence any suit against him or any of the rest of my children above named then the said legacy given to my grandson above named shall be utterly void as if the same had never been given. And also the remittance above mentioned unto my said son Henry Hardacre shall be utterly null and void And in such case I give the sum of £200 which I have power to charge out of my estate in Lancashire unto my executor for defraying the charges of such suit or suits as shall be commenced or prosecuted by my said son Henry Hardacre his heirs or assigns against my executor his heirs or assigns. Item I give and bequeath all the remainder of my personal estate undisposed of unto Alexander Hardacre my son whom I nominate constitute and appoint to be sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written

Sealed and confirmed in the presence of Thomas Kitching Robert Hamerton Thomas Geldard

Will of Richard Hardacre 1741 of Hellifield

Borthwick

In the name of God Amen I Richard Hardacre of Hellifield in the parish of Long Preston and county of York yeoman do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First it is my will and mind that my just debts and funeral expenses shall be first paid and discharged out of my personal estate notwithstanding which and I do hereby charge all my real and personal estate whatsoever with the payment thereof and of my legacies hereinafter given and also with such charges loss and expenses as my executors and trustees hereinafter named shall sustain or be put to in and about the execution of this my will or by reason or means of their being my executors and trustees And as for and concerning all my freehold and other lands tenements messuages and premises whatsoever I give and devise the same with the appurtenances unto my daughter Ann Hardacre her heirs executors administrators and assigns for ever or for such of the term or number of years as I have in the same And I do hereby give devise and bequeath unto my dear and loving wife during the term of her natural life the rents and profits of one full moitie of all my lands and tenements whatsoever And also the yearly rent or sum of three pounds out of the other moitie of my lands and the interest arising from my personal estate And also it is my will and mind that my said dear wife shall and may have the necessary and moderate use of all my household goods or such part thereof as she shall think proper for and during the term of her natural life she being accountable for the same or the value thereof to my daughter or to the trustees for her use Out of which said moitie of my estate the rent charge of three pounds a year and use of my household goods as aforesaid. It is my will and mind that my said wife shall bring up educate and maintain my said daughter suitable to her fortune and degree until such time as my said daughter shall attain to the age of 21 years or her marriage which shall first happen. But in case my said wife shall not continue my widow but shall marry again then in such case it is my will and mind and I do hereby expressly order and declare that the said bequests unto her of the said moitie of my lands and tenements the said rent charge or annuity of three pounds a year and the use of my household goods as aforesaid shall from thenceforth cease determine and be utterly void and of no effect and that then and in such case my said wife shall not or may have take receive challenge claim or demand any benefit advantage title or interest of from in or to or out of any part of my real or personal estate or effects whatsoever save so much as she shall be by law entitled unto any thing hereinbefore to the contrary thereof notwithstanding. And as to all my securities for money and personal estate whatsoever I do hereby give and bequeath the same together with the rents of one moitie of my real estate unto my said loving wife to John Serjeantson of Gallaber in the parish of Long Preston and county of York gentleman and my brother Alexander Hardacre and the survivor of them his and her executors and administrators whom I hereby appoint trustees and to whom I hereby give the tuition of my said child upon the special trust and confidence that they my said trustees shall and may as soon after my demise as they conveniently can sell and dispose of all my goods chattels husbandry gear and such of my household goods as my said wife shall not think fit to use for the best prices that can or may be got for the same and the money arising from such sale after payment of my just debts and funeral expenses together with all moneys due to me on securities to be put out to interest in the best manner they can and the interest arising therefrom together with the rents of the said moitie of

my estate after payment of the said annuity of three pounds paid to my wife as aforesaid. It is my will and mind that my said trustees shall put and place the same out to interest on as good securities as can be got for the same for the bettering amending and increase of my said daughter's fortune. And it is my will and mind that as soon as my daughter shall arrive at the age of 21 years or marry which shall first happen that then and in either of the said cases my said trustees shall deliver up into her hands all securities for money whatsoever relating the trust and also account for all moneys by them received on account of the said trust first deducting to themselves all reasonable costs loss expenses and satisfaction for the trouble that attends the same. And whereas my brother Alexander Hardacre stands indebted to me in the sum of £120 on his promissory note it is my will and mind and I hereby order that as soon after my decease as he conveniently can he my said brother Alexander Hardacre shall give his bond for the same with interest to my said wife and John Sergeantson my other trustee for the use of my said child in manner as aforesaid. And it is my will and mind and I hereby order that in case my said wife shall marry again that then and from thenceforth she shall cease to be in anywise concerned about my said child and should account for and pay to the other trustees and the survivor of them his executors and administrators all such sum and sums of money by her received on account of the said trust. If my said daughter Ann happen to die before her attainment to the age of 21 years or marriage then and in such case it is my will and mind and I do hereby will give and devise all my real and personal estate and effects whatsoever unto my brothers Alexander Hardacre and Henry Hardacre share and share alike and to their heirs executors and administrators and assigns for ever. To hold as tenants in common and not as joint tenants charged and chargeable nevertheless with the payment of one full moitie of the profits of all my real estate the sum of three pounds charged upon the rest of my effects as aforesaid and the use of the household goods to be paid leased and enjoyed by my said wife for and during such time term or number of years as she shall live and continue my widow and also in case my said daughter shall happen to die before her attainment to the age of 21 years or her marriage then I charge all my real and personal estate whatsoever with the annuity or rent charge of five pounds a year and I hereby give and bequeath the said annuity or yearly sum of five pounds unto my sister Catherine the wife of Stephen Hammerton during her natural life to be paid to her at two half yearly payments the first payment to be made within six months next after the death of my said daughter but if it so happen that my said daughter die before she arrive at the age of 21 years or marry and in the lifetime of my wife she still continuing my widow then and in such case I order that the annuity or yearly rent of 50 shillings shall be paid to my said sister Catherine in lieu of and in such manner as the said annuity of five pounds is above appointed to be paid. But if my said wife happen to die or marry again that then and from thenceforth the said annuity of 50 shillings so to be paid to my said sister Catherine to be increased to the yearly rent of five pounds to be paid to my said sister Catherine in manner aforesaid. And further I do hereby give and bequeath unto the said John Serjeantson and my brother Alexander Hardacre and to each of them the sum of one guinea to be paid to them by my executrix hereinafter named within six months next after my decease if they shall think fit to act in the said trust. And I hereby further will order and direct that it shall and may be lawful to and for my said trustees in the first place to deduct to themselves out of such sums of money as they shall receive and such sums of money as they shall expend or lay out on account of the trust hereby within reposed and reasonable satisfaction for the trouble that attends the same. And also that they my said trustees nor any of them shall be charged or chargeable with

any sum or sums of money whatsoever but such and so much as shall come to his her or their hands nor accountable for any loss or damage that may happen upon or accrete to the trust premises unless the same be occasioned by their or some of their wilful neglect or default. And lastly I hereby appoint my said loving wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament and I hereby revoke all former and other Wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord 1741.

Signed sealed published and delivered by the testator to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names..... in the sight and presence of the testator and at his request
Stephen Brown William Huddleston John.....

Obligation