

## WILL of William Nicholson of Lawkland 1686

### Lancashire Record Office

In the name of God Amen the 17th day of February in the third year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord King James II over England etc. defender of the faith anno domini 1686 I William Nicholson of Lawkland in the parish of Clapham and county of York being sick in body but of sound and perfect memory praised be god for the same do here make my last will and Testament in manner and form following first and principally I commit my soul to God who gave it hoping that through the meritorious death and passion of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that he will forgive me all my sins and make me an heir in his everlasting kingdom And as for my body to be interred in the parish church yard at the discretion of my wife and children And as for my worldly goods I give and bequeath as follows viz. I give unto my three sons John William and Cuthbert Nicholson sixpence a piece in full lieu and satisfaction of their filial or child's portions Item I give unto my daughters Catherine Jackson Mary Harlin Isabell Jane Allis Elizabeth and Margaret Nicholson 6d apiece in full lieu and satisfaction of their filial or child's portions and I will that my youngest daughter Margaret have my best coat and hat Item I give unto Jennet Nicholson my now wife all the rest of my personal estate movable and immovable and lastly I make Jennet my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament she paying and discharging all my just debts legacies and funeral expenses In witness whereof unto this my last will and testament I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year above written

signed William Nicholson

Witnessed by Richard Clough his mark Cuthbert Nicholson Thomas Dawson

Obligation in Latin and English on Jennet Nicholson

signed Jenett Nicholson her mark  
Richard Clough his mark Thomas Dawson

witnesses Nicho. Waterman Rich. Procter Not. Pub.

The inventory of the goods and chattels of William Nicholson of Lawkland in the parish of Clapham and Diocese of Chester deceased appraised the 26 day of February in Anno 1686 by us Michael Lawson William Wildman Anthony Armistead Thomas Dawson

	£	s	d
Imprimis his purse and apparel	1	0	0
Item 1 cow	2	0	0
Item one old geldin		13	4
Item bedstocks and bedding		10	0
Item brass and pewter		5	0
Item 2 chests		3	4
Item chairs and wooden vessel		5	0
Item Tongs and reckincroke with other huslements		2	0
Item in bonds and bills	13	6	0
	18	4	8

## **WILL of John Yeadon of Lawkland 1688**

### **Lancashire Record Office**

In the name of God Amen the 23rd day of April in the 4th year of the reign of our most gracious sovereign Lord James II King over England etc. defender of the faith anno domini 1688. I John Yeadon of Lawkland in the county of York husbandman being somewhat sickly in body but of sound and perfect memory praised be god for the same do here make my last will and testament in manner and form following. viz. First I commit my soul to God who gave it hoping that through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my saviour and Redeemer to have forgiveness of all my sins and be made an inheritor in his everlasting kingdom. And as for my body to be buried in the parish church yard at the discretion of my executrix hereafter nominated. And as for my worldly goods I do give and bequeath as follows. Item I give unto Thomas Yeadon my eldest 20 shillings in full due and satisfaction of his filial or child's portion. Item I give unto Richard my second son the sum of 20 shillings in full due and satisfaction of his filial or child's portion. Item I give unto Isabel my daughter the sum of six pounds to be paid by my executrix. Item I give unto my youngest son John the sum of five pounds to be paid by my executrix. And lastly I make Mary my wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills and testaments she paying and discharging all my just debts legacies and funeral expenses. In witness whereof unto this my last will and testament I have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

John Yeadon his mark

Witnessed by Nicholas Brigge his mark Thomas Stockdale his mark Thomas Dawson

### **Obligation**

A true and perfect the inventory of all the goods credits cattles and chattels which did belong to John Yeadon of Lakeland within the parish of Clapham at the time of his decease as they were appraised and valued by us whose names are hereunder written the 11th day of December anno domini 1708

Imprimis his purse and apparel	2-0-0
Three kine at	6-0-0
One heifer and two calves	1-13-4
Hay and corn	1-10-0
A mare	0-10-0
Brass and pewter	0-10-0
Bedstocks and bedding	1-10-0
One Ark and one chest	0-10-0
Three chairs two stools and all the rest of the huslement	0-10-0
All the husbandry gear	0-6-0
A pig	0-6-8
Moneys owing upon specialty	62-4-6
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Appraised by us

Columbus Ingleby William Yeaden Thomas Stockdall his mark William Foster

## **WILL of Mary Yeadon of Lawkland 1712**

### **Lancashire Record Office**

In the name of God Amen. The third day of March in the year of our Lord God according to the computation of the church of England 1712. I Mary Yeadon of Lakeland in the parish of Clapham in the county of York widow being somewhat crazy of body but of sound and perfect and disposing 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 bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator assuredly trusting in and through the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour and Redeemer to be made partaker of eternal glory and my body I commit to the earth from whence it came to be buried in the parish church yard of Clapham aforesaid in such decent and Christian manner as my executors hereafter named shall be thought meet and convenient. And as touching such worldly estate whereas the Lord in his mercy has sent me my will and mind is that the same be employed and bestowed as by this my will hereafter is expressed. And I do hereby revoke disannul and make void all wills by me formerly made and do make and ordain this my last will and testament. Item I give and bequeath to Alice Yeadon relict of my late deceased son Thomas Yeadon two shillings six pence. Item I give and bequeath to my grandson John Yeadon son of my said deceased son Thomas the sum of five pounds. Item I give and bequeath to the four daughters of my said son Thomas 10 shillings apiece. Item I give and bequeath to my son Richard Yeadon the sum of £10. Item I give and bequeath to the three children of my said son Richard Yeadon 20 shillings apiece. And my will and mind is that the said several legacies be paid to the said several legatees their executors administrators and assigns by my executor hereafter named at the end of 12 months next coming after my decease. Item all the rest of my goods leases credits cattles and chattels whatsoever I give and bequeath to my son John Yeadon he paying all my just debts legacies and funeral expenses and do make him sole executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Mary Yeadon have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Mary Yeadon her mark

Sealed signed and published as the last will and testament of the said Mary Yeadon in the hearing and presence of us

*Three indecipherable signatures*

Obligation

A true and perfect inventory of all the goods credits cattles and chattels which did belong to Mary Yeadon of Lakeland in the parish of Clapham and county of York widow and relict of John Yeadon late of Lakeland at the time of her decease as the(y) were appraised and valued by us whose names are hereunder written the 18th day of March anno domini 1712/13 as follows

Imprimis her purse and apparel	2-0-0
Item 1 mare	1-10-0
Item 1 cow one heifer one calf	3-15-0
Item hay	0-5-0
Item bedstocks and bedding	1-10-0
Item brass and pewter one ark and two chests	1-0-0
Item chairs and stools and other huslement	0-10-0
Item all husbandry gear	0-6-0
Moneys owing to the deceased upon specialty	
Item from Lawrence Peacock	10-10-0
Item from James Jackson and Richard Clapham	10-10-0
Item from William Marshall	6-0-0
Item from John Armitstead	6-0-0
Item from Emmanuel King	6-0-0
Item from Thomas Knight	5-5-0
the total	55-1-0

Appraised by us

Hugh Stackhouse William Carter Richard Yeadon Lawrence Peacock

**Borthwick**

**Condition of and obligation concerning Nathaniel Armitstead 1724**

Concerning Ruth Armistead of Lawkland in the parish of Clapham with Richard Proctor of Lawkland and John Maidson (?) of Giggleswick

concerning the administration of the will of Nathaniel Armitstead the husband of Ruth Armistead late of the parish of Clapham

signed by Ruth Armistead her mark, and Richard Proctor

in the presence of John Carr Roger Mitton and John Maidson (?)

**Borthwick**

**Condition and obligation on Ruth Armistead and Nathaniel Armitstead 1736**

executors of the will of the late Nathaniel Armitstead of the parish of Clapham for bringing up and educating William Armistead minor, son of the late Nathaniel Armistead, until the child is 21 years or married.

Signed Ruth Armistead her mark, Nathaniel Armitstead and Alice Place her mark

in the presence of John (?) Dryden

## **Will of Richard Armitstead 1613 of Lawkland     Modern English**

In the name of God Amen the 16th of April in the year of our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of England 1613 I Richard Armitstead of Bankend in Lawkland in the parish of Clapham and county of York Yeoman being sick in (body) but of perfect memory God be praised therefore do now advisedly (come) in the presence of god make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God assuredly trusting through the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour and redeemer to be made partaker of everlasting life and for my body I commit the same to the earth from whence it came to be buried at the discretion of my friends. Item my will and mind is that my debts shall be discharged out of my whole goods. Also it is my will and mind and I do hereby ordain that my mother shall be well and ....keep with meat and drink and apparel and all other necessities needful and fitting to and for her calling provided nevertheless that if my said mother do mislike of this said.....with meat drink and apparel which she shall have of my son Adam he ....paying her third or widowright according to a covenant made between me the testator and her my mother then my will and mind and I do ordain that my said son Adam shall pay or cause to be paid to my said mother quarterly every quarter (?).....20 shillings which is in the whole four pounds every year and for default of payment of the afore recited sum of money and also for default of aforesaid (?) .....according to covenant made and before herein expressed then my will and mind is that she shall have her widowright to her own use again. Also my will and mind is that my son Adam shall keep with meat drink and apparel and all things necessary my uncle John Armitstead so long as my uncle shall like their use (?) and if he shall mislike then and I give ordain and bequeath unto my said uncle all those grounds and cattlegates with ..... given by him by a deed of gift and also 40 shillings by year to be paid by Adam my son. Also I give and bequeath unto my son John Armitstead his children and assigns according to the custom of Austwick....all those grounds and the winterings thereto belonging granted by Roger Armitstead of the Armitstead unto John Armitstead my uncle and from the said John my uncle unto me by a deed of gift to enter unto the same after the decease of my uncle excepting my wife widowright of in and to the same grounds .....said John Armitstead sealing and delivering ....general acquittance at the request cost and charges of my executors as his child portion or filial part of in and to all my grounds ...also those grounds granted by Jacke alias John Ash unto me the testator by deed as by the same may appear. I give unto my said son John his children and assigns according to the custom of Austwick ....to enter into the said grounds immediately after the decease of my uncle John excepting my wife widowright of in and to the same. Also I give and bequeath unto my son Robert all the interest right and title of in and to one messuage and tenement lying at Ennershaw to me the said testator granted by one deed thereof made by James Armitstead my brother as by the same may more at large appear and also I give and bequeath unto my said son Robert Armitstead with the benefit of all covenants therein contained by the said Robert doing and performing all covenants which on the part and behalf of me the said testator are to be performed. Also I give and bequeath unto William Armitstead my son all those leases which I have or should have of the right Hon the Earl of Cumberland Richard Jackes of Crynnrigg and John Banks of Giggleswick of and upon certain common or pasture ground lying upon Giggleswick Skarr with wintering thereto belonging Paying all rents dues and duties belonging to the same. Also my will and mind is that Adam my son shall pay or cause to be paid the whole

sum of £20 unto my son William £10 thereof at or before St E... day in anno domini 1615 and the other £10 to be paid at such days (and) times as my supervisors shall think fit. Also I give unto my son Adam Armitstead my whole messuage and tenement with the appurtenances thereto belonging .....yearly rent of 16 shillings and all other grounds thereto belonging unto .....he the said Adam ..... performing and paying all such things sums of money .....which by him the said Adam my son by this my last will and Testament is to be truly done performed and paid excepting the widowright of my mother if that my son Adam do not other(wise) keep..... I have ordained in this my will or do not pay unto her such sum or sums of money now by this my will imposed upon him and also executing my wife widowright of and in to the said messuage and tenement with the appurtenances thereto belonging and also her widowright in and throughout all other grounds which I shall authorise upon. Also my will and mind is that my wife shall have the third part of all my goods and tenements movable and immovable. Also I give unto Agnes Tenn[an]te my servant three ewes and lambs to be delivered at the discretion of my supervisors if she do stay(?) with my wife and children. Also my will and mind is that my wife and my son Adam Armitstead shall upon their equal charges educate maintain and keep at school my three childs John Robert and William until they shall at the discretion of my supervisors be thought fitting to be prentices or other ways preferred. And all the rest of my goods movable and the immovable I give and bequeath unto my daughters equally to be divided between them .....Alice and Jane .... all expenses being discharged and my husbandry gear after the decease of my wife excepted. And lastly I do ordain and .....my wife my executor of this my last will and Testament and do request John R.....my brother in law my brother James Armitstead, Thomas Wildman my brother in law, James Foster to be executors of this my will trusting they will see the same executed according to the true meaning thereof upon the reasonable request and charges of my executors. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and sign the day and year first above written. In the presence of us .....

### **Obligation - hand written**

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden Elizabeth Armitstead do well and faithfully etc.

the last will and testament of Richard Armitstead late of Clapham etc.

signed Elizabeth Armitstead her mark, John Radcliffe, James Foster

**An inventory of all such goods and chattels movable and immovable as late were and did belong to Richard Armitstead of the Banke and within the parish of Clapham in the county of York yeoman deceased truly valued and (ap)prised by Robert Thornton Frances Lupton James Foster and William Guy yeomen the 29th day of November in the year of our Lord 1615 in manner as followeth**

**INVENTORY (Modern English)**

	£	s	d
Imprimis his apparel and riding furniture	2	13	4
Item six horse and mare	15	0	0
Item in sheep	10	0	0
Item six oxen	23	0	0
Item four steires	7	0	0
Item eight young cattell	8	0	0
Item thirteen kine	28	0	0
Item nine calves	5	0	0
Item beef and bacon		30	0
Item one swyne		20	0
Item in meal and malt	3	0	0
Item barley and oats	23	0	0
Item in all the hay	10	0	0
Item in timber .....		20	0
Item turves		20	0
Item eleven pair of sheets	2	13	4
Item in linen cloth		16	0
Item seven coverlets and one blanket	2	6	8
Item one feather bed one clusebed (?) one bolster		20	0
Item three stone of wool and a half		15	0
Item four brass pots and eight pans	3	0	0
Item five silver spoons and twenty pieces of pewter		58	4
Item three candlesticks and one chafingdish		6	8
Item twelve forks and one windecloth		20	0
Item one cupboard three arks and five chests	4	0	0
Item four pair of bedstocks		20	0
Item in wooden vessel		33	4
Item in husbandry gear		3	6
Item in other household stuff and hustlement		20	0
Item in pullenn ( <i>chickens</i> )		2	0
Sum .....	166	6	4

Debts which were due and owing to him at the time of his decease

Imprimis Richard King one by a bill	7	0	0
Item John Armitstead of Friar Stainforth one by a bond	35	0	
Item Richard Tennant	6	15	0
Item Richard Foster of Borwaynehouse	11	0	0



Item Richard Ash of Eldroth  
Item John Wildman of Gilbeck

7 6 8  
2 13 4

Sum debtors

36 10 ..

**William Foster 1653**

William Foster the 16th day a commission issued forth unto Alice Foster widow the relict of William Foster late of Armestead in the county of York deceased to administer the goods chattels and debts of the said deceased she being first legally sworn truly to administer

20th of July to 20th of August

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**Will of William Foster of Armitstead, Giggleswick 1709 May.**

Will made 12<sup>th</sup> March 1708. Yeoman.

The interment of my body at the discretion of my loving wife Ann and my executor.

To my eldest son John Foster and his heirs all my houses and lands at Armitstead and in the township of Giggleswick cum Mewith and within the customary manor of Lawkland for ever, he paying to my wife £8 yearly in two equal parts at ye Feast of Pentecost and St Martin the Bishop in winter – this in full of her thirds. If the annuity is not paid she may enter into half my lands and houses until it is.

All my houses, lands and orchards, the Croft, the Holly Acre, the Holly Acre Head; ½ an acre of ground at the bottom of the Holly Acre, and £3 rent of grassing on High Scarr Banks and Scalebur being within Settle, and common called Fosters to my said wife Anne and my broth-in-law Richard Taylor of Kirkhampton, Lincs/Lancs [Kirkham, Lancs] clerk, and to my friend Anthony Foster of Gawthropp near Rathmell and their heirs for ever – to sell for and towards the education of my sons William and Anthony Foster and their sisters Agnes, Mary, Margaret, Alice and Jane, and for raising money for their several portions – equally to be divided amongst them as and when they are 21 – if one dies his or her portion to the survivors.  
I give to my said wife 3 of my best milk kine.

To my said wife and daughters all my linen – half to my wife and half to my daughters.

To my wife the best bed and bedding, a little brass pot, a little brass mortar and pestill, and one new stand shew glasse.

To my son John 8 cattle gates on Giggleswick Scarr, and 16 pence odd rent payable by William Carr of Stackhouse.

William Foster [signed]

All goods not disposed of to my son John – sole executor.

Witnesses: Robert Stackhouse  
William Roiter  
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