

William Carr of Settle 1723

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in or Out of the Respective shares Above Mentioned And I Alsoe Give Unto my Trustees and any of them A guinea for the Extraordinary trouble they will be att or putt to..... on Account of this Trust And Lastlie I make Ordaine constitute Extors to this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have herewith sett my hand and seal This Twenty Third day of September AnoOne Thousand seven hundred And Twenty two Wm Carr sealed signed Published And declared the severall interlineation: in this will being made in the Presences of James Procter John Batty....10 Janry 1722

Adamus Somerskales

Ex[hibitu]m p[er] Blackett

Inquisicio indentata capta apud Skipton in Com[itatu] Ebor[um] p[re]dict[o] decimo quarto die Martii anno regni d[omi]ni n[ost]ri Jacobi dei gr[ati]a Angl[ie] Franc[ie] et Hib[er]nie Regis decimo nono et Scocie quinquagesimo quinto

Coram Thoma Lovell Escaetore d[omi]ni Regis Com[itatu] p[re]dict[o] virtute br[ev]is d[omi]ni Regis p[re]dict[i] de diem cl[aus]it extremu[m] ad inquirend[um] post mortem Adami Somerskales nup[er] de Setle in Com[itatu] p[re]dict[o] yeoman defunct[i] p[er] sacr[amentu]m etc

Qui dicunt sup[er] sacr[amentu]m suu[m] q[uo]d p[re]d[i]c[t]us Adamus Somerskales in vita et ante obitum suu[m] fuit sei[si]t[us] in d[omi]nico suo ut de feodo de et in uno mesuagio et ten[emento] cum p[er]tin[entiis] in Setle uno horreo uno gardino dimid[ia] bovat[a] terre et pastur[e] duab[us] clausur[is] terr[e] in le Newfeild una clausur[a] vocat[a] Aplaredailes una clausur[a] vocat[a] Fowldaies alt[er]a parva clausur[a] vocat[a] Le Ov[er] Garth ac de una alt[er]a clausura vocat[a] le Ridding[es] acetiam dimedietate sive dimid[ia] unius mesuag[i]i sive ten[ementi] cum p[er]tin[entiis] in Setle p[re]dict[o] nup[er] in tenura sive occupac[i]o[n]e Ric[hard]i Payley de Setle p[re]dict[o] nup[er] defunct[i]

Que om[n]ia et singula p[re]missa iacent et existunt in Setle p[re]dict[o] que in toto continet decem acr[as] terr[e] et non supra

Et p[re]d[i]c[t]us Adamus in forma p[re]d[i]c[t]a sei[si]t[us] existens p[er] quoddam scriptum suu[m] indentat[um] sigillo ip[s]ius sigillat[um] ac Jur[atoribus] p[re]dict[is] in evidenc[ia] ostens Vicesimo quarto die Augusti anno regni d[omi]ni n[ost]ri Jacobidei gr[ati]a Anglie Franc[ie] Hib[er]nie Regis fidei defensoris etc undecimo et Scocie quadragesimo septimo

Int[er] p[re]dict[um] Adamu[m] Somerskales ex una parte et Joh[ann]em Kinge nup[er] de Knight Stainfoorth in Com[itatu] p[re]dict[o] defunct[um] et Anthoniu[m] Watson de Hartlington in Com[itatu] p[re]dict[o] gen[erosum] ex alt[er]a parte

In considerac[i]o[n]e unius competen[tis] Junctur[i] inde fiend[is] cuidam Rosamond[e] Walter tunc fil[ie] Anthonii Watson de Knight Stainfoorth p[re]dict[o] quam ip[s]e tunc nupsuras erat et quam postea ip[s]e Adamus duxit in ux[or]em

Acetiam p[ro] stabilac[i]o[n]e p[re]servac[i]o[n]e et continuac[i]o[n]e p[re]missor[um] p[re]d[i]c[t]orum in no[m]i[n]e et sanguine p[re]d[i]c[t]i Adami

Feoffavit p[re]d[i]c[t]u[m] Joh[ann]em Kinge et Anthonium Watson de p[re]dict[o] mesuag[i]o ten[emento] cet[er]isq[ue] p[re]misses cum p[er]tin[entiis] in Setle p[re]dict[o]

H[ab]end[a] et tenend[a] p[re]dict[a] p[re]missa cum p[er]tin[entiis] p[re]dict[is] Joh[ann]i Kinge et Anthonio Watson hered[ibus] et assign[atis] suis imp[er]p[et]uu[m] ad tales usus opus et intenc[i]o[n]es quales in eodem scripto indentat[o] declarant[ur] et sp[ec]ificant[ur] videl[icet] ad opus et usum p[re]dict[orum] Adami et Rosamond[e] hered[um] mascul[um] p[re]dict[i] Adami p[ro]creat[orum] sive procreand[orum] de corpore p[re]dict[e] Rosamund[e]

Et p[ro] def[ec]tu tal[is] exit[us] ad opus et usum p[re]d[i]c[t]i Adami et hered[um] suor[um] imp[er]p[et]uu[m]

Inquisition Post Mortem - Adam Somerskales - 1621/2 cont'd

Virtute cuius scripti et vigore statut[us] de vicesimo septimo Henr[ici] Octavi p[ro] t[ra]nsferend[is] usib[us] in possession[ibus]

Idem Adamus et Rosamond[a] sei[si]t[i] fuer[unt] in d[omi]nico suo ut de lib[er]o ten[ento] p[ro] t[er]mino vitar[um] sua[rum]

Remanere inter hered[es] mascul[es] p[re]d[i]c[t]i Adami p[ro]creat[os] sive p[ro]creand[os] de corpore p[re]d[i]c[t]e Rosamund[e]

Remanere inde p[re]dict[o] Adamo et hered[ibus] suis imp[er]pet[uium]

Et sic inde sei[si]t[us] existens p[re]d[i]c[t]us Adamus et Rosamund[a] h[ab]uer[unt] exit[um] de corporib[us] suis l[egi]time p[ro]creat[um] quendam Adamu[m] Somerskales filiu[m] suu[m] primogenitum

Et Jur[atores] p[re]dict[i] sup[er] sacr[amentu]m suu[m] dicunt q[uo]d p[re]d[i]c[t]us Adamus sic inde sei[si]t[us] existens de p[re]missis obiit sei[si]t[us] vicesimo die Maii ultimo p[re]t[er]ito ante capc[i]o[n]em huius Inquisic[i]o[n]is

Et q[uo]d p[re]d[i]c[t]us Adamus Somerskales est eius filius et p[ro]x[imus] heres et fuit etatis tempore mortis p[re]d[i]c[t]i Adami p[at]ris sui quinque annor[um]

Et q[uo]d p[re]dict[a] Rosamund[a] sup[er]vixit p[re]d[i]c[t]u[m] Adamu[m] et est sei[si]t[a] de p[re]d[i]c[t]is p[re]missis in d[omi]nico suo ut de lib[er]o ten[ento] p[ro] t[er]mino vite sue et modo sup[er]stes est et in plena vita existens apud Setle p[re]dict[um]

Et insup[er] Jur[atores] p[re]dict[i] sup[er] sacr[amentu]m suu[m] dicunt q[uo]d p[re]dict[um] mesuag[ium] sive ten[ementum] cet[er]aq[ue] p[re]d[i]c[t]a p[re]missa cum p[er]tin[entiis] in Setle p[re]dict[o] tenent[ur] et tempore mortis p[re]d[i]c[t]i Adami tenebant[ur] de d[i]c[t]o d[omi]no Rege in Capite p[er] s[er]vicia[m] militare[m]

Et valent p[er] annu[m] in om[n]ib[us] exit[ibus] ult[r]a repris[as] xx s

Et q[uo]d p[re]d[i]c[t]us Adamus die obitus sui non h[ab]uit nec tenuit aliquis alia sive plura terr[as] ten[ementa] sive hereditamen[ta] de d[i]c[t]o d[omi]no Rege sive de aliqua alia p[er]sona sive p[er]sonis in d[omi]nico usu possessione vel rev[er]c[i]o[n]e p[er] aliqua alia s[er]vicia alit[er] q[ue]m ut sup[ra]d[i]c[t]u[m] est p[ro]ut Jur[atores] p[re]dict[i] adhuc p[re]sens constare pot[er]i[n]t

In cuius rei etc

Adam Somerskales

Exhibited by Blackett

Indented Inquisition, taken at Skipton in the County of York aforesaid, on the fourteenth day of March in the nineteenth year of the reign of our Lord James, by the grace of God, of England, France and Ireland, King, and in the fifty fifth year of his reign of Scotland,

Before Thomas Lovell, Escheator of our Lord the King in the County aforesaid, by virtue of a writ of "De Diem Clausit Extremum" [literally, "closing the last day"] of our aforesaid Lord the King to inquire upon the death of Adami Somerskales, late of Settle in the County aforesaid, yeoman, deceased, by the oath etc,

Who say upon their corporal oath that the aforesaid Adam Somerskales was, in his lifetime and before his death, seised in his demesne, as of fee, of and in one messuage and tenement, with the appurtenances, in Settle, one barn, one garden, half a bovat of land and pasture, two closes of land in The Newfield, one close called Aplaredailes, one close called Fowldaies, another small close called The Over Garth, and of another close called The Riddings, and also of the moiety or half of one messuage or tenement, with the appurtenances, in Settle aforesaid, late in the tenure or occupation of Richard Payley of Settle aforesaid, late deceased,

All and singular which premises lie and are in Settle aforesaid, and contain in total ten acres of land and no more,

And the aforesaid Adam, being seised in the form aforesaid, by a certain indented writing of his, sealed with his seal, and shown in evidence to the Jurors aforesaid,

Made on the twenty fourth day of August in the eleventh year of the reign of our Lord James, by the grace of God, King of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc, and in the forty seventh year of his reign of Scotland,

Between the aforesaid Adam Somerskales of the one part, and John Kinge late of Knight Stainforth in the County aforesaid, deceased, and Anthony Watson of Hartlington in the County aforesaid, gentleman, of the other part,

In consideration of a competent jointure to be made in respect thereof to a certain Rosamund Walter, then daughter of Anthony Watson of Knight Stainforth aforesaid, who was then to be married, and whom afterwards the same Adam took to wife,

And also for the stabilisation, preservation and continuation of the aforesaid premises in the name and blood of the aforesaid Adam,

He enfeoffed the aforesaid John Kinge and Anthony Watson of the aforesaid messuage, tenement and other the premises, with the appurtenances, in Settle aforesaid

To have and to hold the aforesaid premises, with the appurtenances, to the aforesaid John Kinge and Anthony Watson, their heirs and assigns for ever, to such uses, purposes and intentions as in the same indented writing are declared and specified, that is to say,

To the use and benefit of the aforesaid Adam and Rosamund, and the heirs male of the aforesaid Adam begotten and to be begotten of the body of the aforesaid Rosamund,

And for default of such issue, to the use and benefit of the aforesaid Adam and his heirs for ever.

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By virtue of which writing, and by force of the statute of the twenty seventh year of Henry the Eighth for transferring uses in possession,

The same Adam and Rosamund were seised, in their demesne, as of a free tenancy, for the term of their lives,

To remain between the heirs male of the aforesaid Adam, begotten or to be begotten of the body of the aforesaid Rosamund,

To remain therefrom to the aforesaid Adam and his heirs for ever.

And the aforesaid Adam and Rosamund, being thus seised thereof, had issue of their bodies, lawfully begotten; a certain Adam Somerskales, their first born son.

And the jurors aforesaid, upon their corporal oath, say that the aforesaid Adam, being thus seised of the premises, died seised thereof on the twentieth day of May last past before the taking of this Inquisition,

And that the aforesaid Adam Somerskales is his son and next heir, and at the time of the death of the aforesaid Adam his father was of the age of five years,

And that the aforesaid Rosamund survived the aforesaid Adam, and was seised of the aforesaid premises, in her demesne, as of a free tenancy, for the term of her life, and is still surviving and is in full life, at Settle aforesaid.

And above this, the Jurors aforesaid say, upon their corporal oath, that the aforesaid messuage or tenement and other the aforesaid premises, with the appurtenances, in Settle aforesaid, are held, and at the time of the death of the aforesaid Adam were held, of our said Lord the King, in chief, by military service,

And that they are worth, annually, in all issues, over and above reprises, 20s.

And that the aforesaid Adam, on the day of his death, had or held no other or further lands, tenements or hereditaments, of our said Lord the King, or of any other person or persons, in demesne, use, possession or reversion, by any other service other than as is abovesaid, so far as the Jurors aforesaid are able to establish at present.

In witness whereof etc.

WILL of Alice Procter of Cleatop, Settle 1611

Borthwick vol. 32a fol. 292v and r

In the name of God Amen the 22nd day of August in the year of our Lord God 1611 I Alice Procter of Cleatop within the parish of Giggleswick in the county of York widow late wife of Robert Procter gentleman deceased knowing death to be the end of all flesh and most certain but the time and hour of death most uncertain having a desire to make myself ready by all possible means as God shall call for me out of this frail life being often summoned and warned thereunto by sundry infirmities and diseases in my weak body do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul bought and redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ into his hands praying god to be merciful unto me and to forgive my sins for the said Christ his sake hoping that when my soul shall take her leave and remove out of this body it shall be received into the hands of God and rest in peace with the souls of just and perfect men who are already departed hence in the true faith and fear of God. My body I commend to the earth from whence it came to be buried within the parish church of Giggleswick aforesaid or otherwise as God shall dispose of it at the discretion of my executors, desiring that it may be laid so near unto my husband as conveniently may be, being fully assured it shall rise again at the last and general resurrection. And as concerning those goods whereof God has made me steward for the time I do first hereby revoke both in law and in deed all former wills by me thereof made and now my will is thereof as follows. I give and bequeath to the poor people of the parish of Giggleswick aforesaid six pounds 13 shillings and four pence and to the poor people of the parish of Long Preston 40 shillings which sums I will shall be paid to the church wardens of the same parishes and at their discretions distributed amongst the poor people there within three months next after my decease. Also I give to my brother Mr Henry Procter and to his wife either of them 20 shillings and to every of his children 20 shillings and to my brother Alan Procter 20s and to his wife 10 shillings. Also I give to Hester Nuthall wife of Richard Nuthall 40 shillings. Also to Mr Jonas Ratcliffe fellow of University College in Oxford 40 shillings. Also to Mr Samuel Radcliffe fellow of Barsennose (*Brasenose*) College in Oxford 40 shillings. Also to his brothers Joseph Radcliffe and Jonathan Radcliffe either of them 40 shillings. Also to Debora Belfield wife of Mr Belfield 40 shillings. Also Priscilla Radcliffe her sister five pounds. Also I give to Mr George Radcliffe and Elizabeth Radcliffe children to my brother Nicholas Radcliffe of Thornehill either of them ten shillings. Also to Edith Topcliffe wife of John Topcliffe of Snayth 40 shillings. Also to my brother Mr Alexander Radcliffe 20 shillings. Also I give to my sister Ciceley Greenwood wife of Mr James Greenwood £30. Also to Tomasine Gibson wife of Mr Gibson parson of Marton £10. Also to Mr Charles Greenwood 40s and to his sister Margaret Greenwood 20s. Also I do give to Robert Procter the son of my brother in law Alan Procter my farthest bed in the West chamber and all the furniture to it belonging. Also I give to Anthony Procter my brother in law one cupboard in the buttery the sideboard in the hall and the board over it. Also the feather bed and mattress whereupon I now do lie and one chest that was my brother Richard Procter's. Also I give to Calebb Procter son of Allan 20 shillings and to every of the rest of the children of the said Allan besides Roberts and Calebb 10 shillings apiece. Also to Mr Henry Radcliffe and Thomas Radcliffe brothers to Mr Savile Radcliffe either 20 shillings. Also to my godson Henry Claphamson 10 shillings. And to every of the rest of my godchildren one lamb or the value thereof in money. Also I give to Alice

Procter my goddaughter my stand bed in the parlour. And to Tomasine her sister 20 shillings. Also I give to the said Anthony Procter my best horse. Also to Thomas Watson son of Mr Anthony Watson three shillings and 4d. Also I give to William Lawson parish clerk of Giggleswick 5d in money and my best horse or mare next to that which I have given to Anthony Procter. Also I give to the servants that shall be my household servants at the time of my decease the sum of £40 to be distributed amongst them to every one after their dessert in the distribution of the executors hereafter named. Also to Richard Claphamson servant to William Lawson three shillings fourpence. Also my will is that every of my said servants shall have their whole years wages paid them how much so ever the year be unexpired at the time of my decease. Also I give and bequeath to the governors of the free Grammar School of Giggleswick aforesaid £10 to be employed by them at their discretion for the use of the said school and scholars. Also I give to Alice Lawson daughter of Richard Lawson of Langcliffe 10 shillings. Also to John Bankes Robert Moorehouse and Hugh Stackhouse every of them 20 shillings. Also to Margaret Parker daughter to Mr Shutte 20 shillings. Also my request and desire is that in case god call me out of this life at Cleatopp, or elsewhere, so near that Christopher Shutt may conveniently travel to the place of my burial that he will then be pleased to preach and for that his pains and kindness he be well rewarded at the discretion of my executors. Thereof all my goods and cattells not bequeathed my debts and funeral expenses first being discharged I give and bequeath to the said Mr Richard Gibson parson of Marton and to my said brother Anthony Procter equally between them. And I make the said Richard Gibson and Anthony Procter joint executors of this my last will and testament. Willing yet further that if any shall murmur act discontented at this my will or anything herein, then they to have no benefit of any legacy hereby given. And in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand mark the day and year first above written. In the presence of John Bankes Hugh Stackhouse Robert Morehouse and William Lawson

Latin text

Admon Craven Deanery Alice Weatherhead of Settle June 28th 1721

On 28th of June administration of the goods and chattels of Alice Weatherhead of Settle was granted to William Weatherhead *marita prius* (formerly her husband?). Inventory exhibited above £40.

N.B. buried 9th of April 1712

Anthony Prockter of Settle parish of Giggleswick January 1639/40 Modern English
Borthwick Proved 1639/40
Will made 19th of January 1638. Yeoman

Body to be buried in the parish church yard of Giggleswick.

To Tamazin my daughter £5 out of my goods.

To Elsobett my wife the third part of my tenement and lands during her natural life if she keeps unmarried and the third part of my goods.

To Robert Prockter my son all my houses and lands to him and his heirs except my wife's rights; if he dies without lawful issue to Tamazin my daughter.

To my son Robert two parts of my goods.

Joint executors -- my son Robert and my wife Elsobett.

Witnesses: -- Roger Armetstead his mark, William Hall, Michael Foster, Thomas Cockman

WILL of Anthony Procter of Settle 1696 yeoman

Craven Deanery

One parcel of land lying on Threlan (Threaplands?) after my mother's decease shall be sold, and also my barn and the west part of my orchard by the side of the back lathe door, towards paying my just debts. My son Anthony shall have the rest of my houses and lands that remain. My wife whole executrix.

His mark 18th of May 1696

Witnesses John Kidd, John Lucas, Roger Armitstead, William Hall

Elizabeth Procter of Settle relict and sole executrix appeared September the seventh 1696 -- made her mark.

Inventory May 26 1696	£	s	d	
His purse and apparel		13	4	
Bodystead of the house -- 1 cupboard		6	8	
two tables		9	0	
two chairs		1	6	
brass and pewter		6	6	
loft -- 1 ark		3	6	
one bed and furniture		5	6	
two chests		5	0	
one mare		6	8	
cart and wheels		9	6	
One slee (sleigh?)*			9	
with other huslements		3	6	
and measures	1	0	0	
	9	1	5	????
	(4	11	5)	

Apprised by William Hall, Joseph Lucas his mark, Robert Towle, Leonard Kidd his mark

*stee? - ladder

Charles Duckett of Settle 1815

I Charles Duckett of Settle 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 and bequeath unto my wife All my household Goods Dinner Plate and Furniture Beef Bacon and Meat in my Dwelling house and also an annuity of fifty Pounds a Year during her life clear of taxes to be paid half yearly by my Executors the first half yearly payment to be made immediately after my death. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary the money which her first husband stood indebted to me at the time of his death I give and bequeath unto my two Daughters Ann and Isabel the Sum of Two hundred pounds each, one half to be paid twelve months after my death and the other half at the death of my wife And I direct that the money which the husband of my daughter Isabel owes to me shall go in part of the said sum of two hundred pounds and be taken as far as the same amounts in part payment of the said last mentioned sum I also give and bequeath to my son William Duckett the Sum of three hundred Pounds to be deducted by my executors out of the money which he stands indebted unto me I give to my son Charles the good will of my farm and I give and bequeath unto my son John and my said son Charles All and every my ready Money Securities for Money stock of cattle Book Debts and all other my substance Estate and Effects whatsoever not hereinbefore disposed of equally between them share and share alike subject to the payment by them of the said Annuity to my Wife and the said legacies to my Daughters my just Debts funeral Expenses and the charges of proving this my will and I direct that the said John Duckett shall not account with his Brother Charles for the price of the parcel of land called Assletree[?] but that he shall account with his said Brother Charles for all other Money which he owes me and which I have advanced for his use, and I direct that my said Son Charles shall be entitled to the Sum of two hundred pounds which I owe him on my Note over and above the one half of the Surplus of my Effects given by this my Wife to him such two hundred pounds being due to him for his services during the time he has assisted me in my Buisiness and I make and appoint my said two Sons John Duckett and Charles Duckett joint Executors of this my will hereby revoking all former Wills by me heretofore I publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament this fifth day of December One Thousand Eight hundred and fifteen.

Signed and sealed by the said Charles Duckett the Testator and by him published and declared as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request have subscribed our names as Witnesses

Thos Robinson
John Peart

his.....
Charles X Duckett
Mark.....

I do hereby certify that on the first day of June 1816 John Duckett of Windhill [?] in the parish of Calverley in the Diocese of York Farmer and Charles Duckett of Settle in the parish of Giggleswick in the said Dioces Farmer Sons and Joint Executors named in this the last Will and Testament of their father Charles Duckett late of Settle aforesaid Yeoman deceased were sworn well and truly to execute and perform the same and that the whole of the personal effects of the said deceased did not amount to the sum of one thousand pounds.

Witness my hand W carr Surrogate
£22 Passed 14th August 1816 und 1000^l

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Modern English

Will of Elizabeth Armitstead of Settle (buried Giggleswick) widow January the 22nd 1665

To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall come, greeting.

To be buried in the church or churchyard of Giggleswick.

After my funeral expenses are discharged I give to Alice Armitstead of Settle widow 20 shillings.

To every one of Alice Armitstead's children -- William, John, Mary and Jane 20 shillings each.

To Agnes Craven 20 shillings.

To Richard Craven and Issabell Windsor all my household goods equally.

Residue to my sole executor Robert Windsor of Settle.

Mark 22nd of January 1665

witnesses: -- Jennet Windsor, William Holmes

Inquisition post mortem: Henry Knowles of Mearbeck, 1622

Ref: PRO Ward 7/66

Ex^m p[er] Blakwell

Henricus Knowles

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Inquisicio indentata capta apud Skipton in Com[itu] Ebor[aci] vicesimo s[e]c[un]do die Octobris Anno regni d[omi]ni n[ost]ri Jacobi dei gr[at]ia Angl[ie] Franc[ie] et Hib[er]nie Regis fidei defensoris &c vicesimo & Scotie quinquagesimo sexto 1622 coram Thoma Lovell ar[m]igero Escaetore d[ic]ti d[omi]ni Regis in Com[itu] p[re]dicto virtute officii sui post mortem Henr[ic]i Knowles nup[er] de Mearbeck infra paroch[i]a Gigleswick in d[ic]to Com[itu] yeoman defunct[i] p[er] sacr[u]m &c **Qui dicunt** sup[er] sacr[u]m suu[m] q[uo]d p[re]dict[us] Henr[icus] Knowles die quo obiit fuit sei[sit]us in d[omi]nico suo ut de feodo de & in uno mesuag[i]o sive ten[emento] cum p[er]tin[entiis] scituat[o] iacent[o] & existen[ti]o apud Mearebeck infra Vi[[l]lenagi]um de Setle in d[ic]to Com[itu] Ac de et in quatuor partib[us] unius clausur[ae] vocat[ae] Mearbeck Parke in undecim partes dividend necnon de & in c[er]tis terr[is] prat[is] pastur' pastur' co[mun]iis & hereditament[iis] apud Mearbeck Lodge & Cleatopp in Setle p[re]dict' eidem mesuag[i]o sive ten[amento] p[er]tin[ent] sive spectan' in toto continen' p[er] estimac[i]o[n]em quindecim acris terr' quinq[ue] acres' prat' & quadragint' acres' pastur' & more Et sic inde sei[sit]us existens obiit sic inde sei[sit]us vicesimo octavo die Maii Anno d[omi]ni mill[es]imo sexcentesimo vicesimo primo Et ult[er]ius dicunt q[uo]d p[re]dict[um] mesuag[ium] sive ten[amentum] cum p[er]tin[entiis] et cet[er]a p[re]missa tenent[ur] & tempore mortis d[ic]ti Henr[ic]i tenebant[ur] de d[ic]to d[omi]no n[ost]ro Rege p[er] s[er]viciu[m] militare in Capite Et valent p[er] Annu[m] in om[n]ib[us] exit[ibus] ult[ra] repris[as] viginti & quinq[ue] solid[os] Et q[uo]d Henr[icus] Knowles nup[er] filius Lawrencii Knowles defunct[i] nup[er] primogenit[i] filii p[re]dicti Henr[ic]i est p[ro]xi[mus] heres p[re]dicti Henr[ic]i Knowles avi sui & fuit etatis tempore mortis p[re]dicti Henr[ic]i avi novem annor[um] trin' mensiu' & quindecim die' Et insup[er] dicunt Jurator[es] q[uo]d p[re]dictus Henr[icus] avus d[ic]to die quo obiit non fuit sei[sit]us de aliquib[us] aliis mesuag' terr' ten' sive hereditamen' in Com[itu] p[re]dicto in d[omi]nico usu possessione seu rev[er]c[i]o[n]e tent' de d[ic]to d[omi]no Rege nec de aliquib[us] aliis p[er]sonis p[ro]ut Jur' p[re]dict' adhuc p[re]sens constare pot[er]it. **In cuius rei,** &c.

Inquisition indented held at Skipton in the County of York on 22 October 1622 in the 20th year of the reign of our lord James, by the grace of God, King of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc., and of Scotland the 56th year, before Thomas Lovell, esquire, the said lord King's Escheator in the aforesaid county, by virtue of his office, after the death of Henry Knowles late of Mearbeck within the parish of Gigleswick in the said county, yeoman, deceased, by the oath of, etc., who say upon their oath that the aforesaid Henry Knowles, on the day on which he died, was seized in his demesne as of fee of and in one messuage or tenement with the appurtenances, situated, lying and being at Mearebeck within the township of Setle in the said county. And of and in four parts of one close called Mearbeck Parke, in eleven parts divided, and also of and in certain lands, meadows, pasture lands, rights of common pasture and hereditaments at Mearbeck Lodge and Cleatopp in Setle aforesaid, pertaining and belonging to the same messuage or tenement, containing in total, by estimation, 15 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow & 40 acres of pasture and moor; and so being seized thereof he died on 28 May 1621; and furthermore, they say that the aforesaid messuage or tenement with the appurtenances and other premises are held and at the time of the death of the said Henry were held of our said lord King by military service in chief, and are worth 25 shillings per annum in all revenues, over and above deductions. And that Henry Knowles, lately the son of Lawrence Knowles deceased, lately the first born son of the aforesaid Henry, is the nearest heir of the aforesaid Henry his grandfather, and was aged at the time of the death of the aforesaid Henry the grandfather, nine years, three months and fifteen days. And moreover, the aforesaid jurors say that the aforesaid Henry the grandfather, on the said day on which he died, was not seized of any other messuages, lands, tenements or heraditaments in the county aforesaid, held of the said lord King in demesne, use, possession or reversion nor of any other persons as far as the aforesaid jurors are able to establish to these presents. In which things, etc.

WILL of Henry Preston of Settle 1674
Admon. Craven Deanery Folio 75 Proved 1674

On 12th of January 1674 administration of the goods and chattels of Henry Preston of Settle who died intestate was granted to William Preston his son. Estate valued at under £40.

Hugh Iveson of Stockdale Will 1547
Borthwick 13 f 358

In the name of god amen the yere of our Lorde god a thousande five hundreth fortie seven the xxviii daie of September I Hewe Iveson of Stokdale seke in bodie and hooll of mynde thanks be to god maike my last will as in forme following First I bequeath my soule unto almightie god and my bodie to be buried within the churche yarde of Gigleswike Also I bequeathe to everie prest singinge mass for my soule that daie I am buried iiiis also I bequeathe the title and tennande righte of my farmolde to me my wif duringe her widoweheade to the bringinge up of my children Also after my wif I will that my farmolde shall remayne unto Willm my sone with the licence of the lorde if he wilbe obedient to his mother as he shold be and if he (*unreadable*) I will that my farmolde shall remayne to my sone John or els to one of my other sones Roger or Thomas Also I will that the sone whiche have my farmolde shall agree with his Bretheren at sighte of Hughe Franklande Hughe Newosse Willm Browne and Thomas Browne whiche I leave in trust for my wif and my children Also I bequeathe all my goods to my wif and my children Also I will that at suche tymes as anye of my children shall come to marredge or to honest *?situonce* for to have there pourcions and *?barne* parte of goods at sighte of the saide foure mty of my hooll goods Also I will that the foresaide foure men shall have their costs and charges bourne in what paynes as they shall taik for my wif and my childer Also I will that my detts be paide of my hooll goods also I make Agnes my wif and my children executores of this my last will Witnes herof Hughe Franklande Hughe Newhosse Willm Browne Thomas Browne Thomas Yveson Thoams Foster with other moo

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**Will of James Armistead of Settle parish of Giggleswick March 1763
Yeoman.**

To Richard Foster of Settle Mercer and John Lodge of Bishopdale parish of Aysgarth yeoman my dwelling house in Settle, one close called Peter Close and a parcel of land in the North Field in Settle -- to them and their heirs on trust: -- out of the rents and profits --

To my brother Joseph Armitstead £4 per year in four quarterly payments, the first payment 12 months after my death.

Residue of the profits to my dear wife for life and after her death to the use of such child or children born on the body of my wife within 40 weeks after my decease -- if none in trust for the use of James son of my late nephew Christopher Armistead and his heirs; if he has no heirs then to his brother John Armistead and his heirs; if he has no heirs then to his brother Robert Armistead and his heirs: if no heirs to my own right heirs.

If my wife dies without issue my trustees are to mortgage such part of my estate as will raise £110 and pay the same as follows --

To the above-mentioned John Armistead £20.

To his brother Robert Armistead £20.

To my niece Margaret Armistead £10.

To Robert Foster son of Thomas Foster of Newhouses £5.

To Robert Foster son of James Foster of Newhouses £5.

To William Whaley son of John Whaley of Selside £5.

To Isaac and James Hammond sons of my brother in law Isaac Hammond £5 each.

To Richard and Robert Peele sons of Robert Peele of Lawkland £5 each.

To Richard and Jonathan Woofindale sons of John Woofindale £5 each.

To the two sons of Richard Oldfield £5 each.

To William Marriner son of Benjamin Marriner £5.

To David Dawson son of Thomas Dawson £5.

To my trustees Richard Foster and John Lodge £1-1s each.

To Agnes and Jane Coulthurst daughters are William Coulthurst £5 each when they are 21 and the interest to their use in the meantime.

Residue to my dear wife -- she sole executrix.

Signed 18th of December 1762

witnesses: -- Elizabeth Bailland, Lettice Caley, Christopher Picard

Will of James Armitstead of Aynley parish of Giggleswick April the 12th 1712

Yeoman being somewhat infirm. Will made the 7th of March 1710.

All debts and funeral expenses to be paid.

To my eldest son Robert Armitstead all those closes and inclosures of land called the Riddings with one barn thereon, one parcel of land lying on Thornber, and one little close called the Butt, providing Robert pays to Agnes my wife £5 -10 s a year for life, the first payment to be made within six months and if it is not paid she may enter into the closes. After my wife's death Robert is to pay to my six children James, Joseph, Ellen, Jennett, Elizabeth and Margery £100 within 12 months of their mother's decease -- £10 each to the sons and £20 each to the daughters. If Robert does not pay they may enter into the closes and sell or dispose of the same for their best benefit.

To my son Robert 20 shillings.

To my son James Armitstead and his heirs all that mansion or dwelling house in Settle wherein Thomas Thomlinson dwells with all stables, gardens and appurtenances; one barn standing in Over Settle; one parcel of arable land in the Northfield of one acre; one parcel of land in Goldylands; and one little close called Peter Close at Over Settle -- he paying £10 to my daughter Ellen within 12 months. If he does not pay her she may sell Goldyland and Peter Close.

To my son Joseph Armitstead and his heirs all that mansion or dwelling house in Settle where Henry Haydocke dwells with barns and stable and a close of meadow called the Highbrow also Buttery of one acre.

To my daughters Elizabeth and Margery all that herbage and grassing on Banks, High Scar and Scaleber of the value of 13 s 4d and land on Eddlestone Banke of one acre.

To my daughter Jennett 20 shillings within 12 months.

If any of my children die before their legacy is payable without lawful issue, his or her share equally between the others.

To Agnes my wife, after debts legacies and funeral expenses paid, all my goods chattells cattells debts and credits -- she sole executrix.

Signed in the presence of: -- Agnes Armitstead, Mary Leece ? x , Mar. Richardson?

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Will of James Cookson yeoman of Settle May 1st 1716
Will made 22nd of December 1715

Just debts and funeral expenses out of my personal estate.

To my son John Cookson all my messuage, mansion or dwelling house wherein I now live with all shops, barns, stables, edifices and gardens to the same belonging for all the term of years as yet unspent -- he paying out of the same to my daughter Mary £10 when she is 25.

My wife is to enjoy the mean profits and rents of all premises I shall die possessed of until my son is 21.

After John is 21 she is to have the north end of my dwelling house, that is to say the shop now in my sister Foster's possession and the chamber over the same and the east end of the garden from the higher thorn hedge for her natural life.

To my son John the two closes called Moorbeirs and my right in the open lings within the township of Settle and a certain parcel of ground in the township of Giggleswick called Lenrigg Henn.

To my son John one oak chest standing in the far chamber and to my daughter Mary one oak chest in my sister Foster's shop.

My dear and loving wife sole executrix and the rest of my personal estate to her.

signed James Cookson

witnesses: -- Henry Haydock, T. Lawson

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Will of John Fish gent of Settle parish of Giggleswick 1737

Upon a true statement of my debts and credits lately delivered to my dear and loving wife there appears to be a credit balance of between £700 and £800 not including Coobsons mortgage money or £50 which will be due to me from my brother Baynes for the stored horse I sold him to be paid on the day of his marriage or the day of his death or £30 for a gelding I sold to Mr Nowells of Giggleswick to be paid the day of my death. I do hereby charge my personal estate with payments of my debts and legacies. All freehold and customary messuages and lands and leasehold lands to my daughter Mary Fish and her heirs for ever on condition she lives to the age of 21 and does not marry without the licence or consent of her mother if living in writing in the presence of two or more witnesses. All rents and profits to my wife until Mary is 21 to bring her up and any child she may be enceint with at the time of my death -- if there is any such child it is to receive £1500 when it is 21. If my wife marries again before Mary is 21 then any money to her own use to be null and void and the profits left over after the maintenance of my child or children to Robert Baynes of Mewithhead gent my brother in law Richardson Ferrand of Harden gent Samuel Whaley of St Ives gent and John Foster of Armistead gent my cousins who I appoint my trustees. If my daughter dies in her minority my trustees are to apply all profits to the use of my wife if she is remarried without interference of her husband; if she is not remarried then the profits to be paid to her directly and she is to devise my estate with appurtenances by will to Martha Fish my mother if living my brother Robert or his children my sister Hartley's children as she shall think most deserving by their carriage towards her. If my wife dies without making a will then the estate to my mother if living. If my daughter marries without consent then my trustees are to apply the profits to her maintenance without interference of her husband. My personal estate to my wife if she dies my widow and if not to my child or children. To Adam Carr if my servant at the time of my death five pounds. To Ruth Ringill if my servant at the time of my death 2 pounds -- both legacies within 12 months. Neither the Coppy of Rathmell nor the Coppy of Ridding which I got of John Hall shall ever be let to be ploughed by my executrix except the part of Rathmell called the Brow -- if she does so then the three next year's rents thereof to John Hartley my nephew. Witnesses John Thompson John Barwick William Airton

My wife is to cause a true inventory of all plate linen quick goods implements of household and husbandry gear within one the month by three appraisers of which I order John Foster to be one and five pounds to his own use for the same.

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Will of John Foster 1664

In the name of God Amen the sixth day of March in the year of our Lord God 1664 I John Foster of Settle in the county of York draper being infirm of body but sound in mind and of perfect memory (I thank God for the same) do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following viz first I commit my soul and body to God And I will my said body shall be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick in such place there as my wife and friends then present shall think convenient Item whereas I have by my deed Indented bearing date the eight and 20th day of February in the year of our Lord God 1664 and now last past made between me of the one party And Anthony Lister of Giggleswick aforesaid clerk Anthony Foster of Rathmell in the said county of York gent Henry Foster of Wakefield in the said county linen draper And Anthony Foster of Wakefield aforesaid Mercer of the other party being lawfully executed granted and conveyed unto the said Anthony Lister Anthony Foster of Rathmell Henry Foster and Anthony Foster of Wakefield and their heirs and the survivors of them and his heirs as feoffees in trust All those several parcels of lands situate in Settle aforesaid called the Crofts the holy acre the holy acre head and the Ealand so much of the stinted pastures moors commons and wastes of Settle aforesaid as ought to be had for and in respect of 3s (?) ancient rent within the Lordship of Settle aforesaid to the uses conditions and limitations in the said deed expressed And whereas I have by the same deed assigned in trust to the said trustees and the survivor and survivors of them and the executors administrators and assigns of the survivor and survivors of them My messuage house wherein I now dwell situate in Settle aforesaid with the buildings gardens backsides crofts appurtenances thereunto belonging And my messuage and tenement with the appurtenances situate at Armitstead within the parish of Giggleswick aforesaid in the said county of York to such intents conditions and limitations as in and by the said deed are also mentioned as by the same reference thereunto being had may appear Now therefore I do by this my last will and Testament confirm the said deed and every grant use condition and limitation therein contained desiring my said trustees faithfully to perform the trust in them reposed and empowering as much as in me lies by this my last will and Testament to execute their said trust And it is my will and mind that my debts be paid and funeral expenses discharged out of my movable goods which being done I will that they be divided into three equal parts One third part whereof I will that Agnes my wife shall have as of right to her belongs Another third part I will that my younger children shall have as of right to them belongs And the other third part and all the remainder of my goods and chattels movable and unmovable real and personal whatsoever I give and bequeath to the said Agnes my wife and I make the said Agnes my wife sole executrix of this my last will and Testament and the said Anthony Foster of Rathmell and William Paley of Staynforth his son in law supervisors of the same whom I entreat to advise my executrix in the performance of her office for the execution thereof In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

John Foster witnesses hereof Anthony Foster Robert Moorehouse William Foster

WILL of John Lister of Settle 1746/7
Borthwick vol. 90 fol. 73

To my daughters Mabella and Mary £15 a year for their maintenance until they are 21 and then £800 each -- if one dies before that age without issue then their portion and to the survivor and my son Thomas equally. Before they receive their portions they are to sign full releases for all sums of money they may claim under the will of Mabella Lister my mother deceased.

To my dear wife all lands and tenements in Langcliffe county Yorks. not comprised in my marriage settlement (except such lands and tenements purchased of Henry Armistead and a parcel of ground called Stony Sty) and the messuage in Settle wherein I now live with the malthouse belonging and the houses late in the occupation of Henry Brown and Anthony Clerk -- to her for life and then to my son Thomas Lister.

My wife is to have the use of my household goods plate and linen for life then to my son and daughters -- half to my son Thomas and half to Mary and Mabella.

To my wife one gelding or mare and two cows to be chosen by her and all provisions in the house at the time of my death. To my son one moitie of the advowson of Giggleswick church.

I charge my lands and tenements in Newsome Horton juxta Gisburn, Pathnell, Rathmell, the lands purchased of Henry Armistead in Langcliffe and a parcel of ground there called Stony Sty with the payment of the legacies to my daughters. To my son Thomas Lister and his heirs all messuages and lands in Eldroth and Settle not herein disposed of. Residue to my son Thomas -- sole executor.

Signed John Lister 22nd of June 1746

witnesses William Peart Alice Shackleton Christopher Picard

Borthwick Administration Folio 166 Craven Deanery
John Preston of Mearebecke October the 2nd 1682

Administration granted to Richard Preston -- no relationship given

WILL of John Stackhouse of Settle 1658

PCC

John Stackhouse of Settle county of York gentleman sick in body. To be buried in parish church of Giggleswick at the discretion of my friends. To John Stackhouse son of my brother Thomas Stackhouse of Thornton Bridge end a rent charge lying at Carlton Woodside within the township of..... of five pounds per annum after the death of Nicholas Haukshead(?). To the said Nicholas the said rent charge at Carlton Woodside for life. To Elizabeth..... my servant 10 shillings. My loving wife Frances executrix. Sixth of August 1658

witnesses George Mitchinson Thomas Carr John Paley Elizabeth Catterall

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Will of Leonard Bolland of Settle, Giggleswick August the 7th 1712

Leonard Bolland apothecary

All debts and funeral expenses to be discharged by my executrix out of my personal estate.

To my eldest son Christopher Bolland and his heirs the several houses, messuages and premises known as the Golden Lyon; the house with the shop and chambers below where I now dwell and the barns and garden; the garden called Cundall Garden and all premises belonging; all the houses and buildings I purchased of John Horsfield, Thomas Squire and Thomas Chamberlaine; also the several closes known as Camocke, Wildman's, Camocke Close, Battyes Camocke Close and Greenriggs--he paying out of the same to my son Leonard £30 with interest from the same to my executrix until Leonard is 21 and £20 to my son Robert with interest from the same to my executrix until Robert is 21. Christopher is to pay £8 annually to my executrix without deductions in two instalments at Martinmas and May Day for a term of 33 years if she shall so long live.

To my son Richard Bolland and his heirs one dwelling house called Cundalls House (the garden given to Christopher) and closes called Newfields which formerly belonged to Richard Preston and William Kidd of Over Settle; the wheat close lying on the west side of the River Ribble; and a full moiety of all the cattle gates, sheep gates and herbage in the pastures called Sidlebeck?, Highill Banskey Scarr and Halstead and also all my houses, right and the title within the township of Giggleswick -- he to pay annually thereout to my executrix £3 10 s in two payments at Martinmas and May Day for 33 years if she shall so long live.

To my son Leonard all those shops and buildings called P---- in sons shops adjoining the Tolbooth; closes called Hadbreaks, Longdales, Atteleads, Batty Close; and the other moiety of my cattle and sheep gates--he paying to my executrix £3 - 10 s for 33 years as above.

To my son Robert Bolland one close called Newfields formerly belonging to Adam Carr if my son Richard does not pay him in lieu thereof £32 when he enters in and the interest thereof to my executrix until Robert is 21 or the £32 is paid. Also to Robert £150 out of my personal estate when he is 21. If there is not enough for my expenses and £150 out of my personal estate then the shortfall is to be made up from the profits of the estate given to my other children.

If Christopher dies before the age of 21 leaving no lawful issue then his share to my son Richard, Richard paying to my sons Leonard and Robert £100 each when they are 21 or if one dies £200 to the survivor.

If both Christopher and Richard die and the estate descends to Leonard he is to pay to Robert £200 when he is 21.

If any of my younger children die before the age of 21 his share to the survivors.

My children are to pay to the Lord of the Manor all such rents as shall become due on their respective premises.

To my man James Berry one guinea.

Lettis my wife to be sole executrix - the tuition of my children and the management of their portions and my estate to her.

Signed Leonard Bolland

witnesses: -- Richard Ellershaw, Thomas Carr, T. Lawson

WILL of Margaret Preston of Mearbeck 1637

YAS vol. 4 1636-1652 Proved April 1638/9 Will date Dec. 5, 1637

Spinster buried Giggleswick.

To be buried within the parish church yard of Giggleswick. Debts and funeral expenses of my whole goods. To Roger Preston my younger brother eight pounds. To Elizabeth Preston my sister 40 shillings. To William Preston and John Preston my brother Richard's son 30 shillings each. To Isabel Preston my aunt a brown savegard which was my mother's best, a pair of bodies, a red waistcoat, two coils which is wrought with silk, a silk belt, an apron and my best neckcloth.

To my brother Richard's wife Anne Preston my best red petticoat which was my mother's, also my best hose and two linen smocks. To Elizabeth Preston my sister two of my best waistcoats, a brown savegard, a red petticoat and my best hat. To my brother Richard the rest and remainder of my goods -- he to be executor.

His mark

Witnesses Isabel Preston her mark, Thomas Knowles

WILL of Matthias Wildman of Settle 1841

Borthwick

This is the last will and testament of me Matthias Wildman of Settle in the county of York Cordwinder made and published this 11th day of January 1841 hereby revoking all former wills codicils and testamentary dispositions by me heretofore made. First I order and direct all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses to be paid by my executor hereinafter named out of my personal estate not hereinafter specifically bequeathed. I also give to my dear wife Elizabeth all such articles of my household furniture as belonged to her at the time of our marriage. I devise all my messuages lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature tenure or kind soever with their and every of their appurtenances and all the residue of my household furniture plate linen and china and all my money securities for money book and other debts and all other my personal estate and effects whatsoever unto my son Matthias Wildman his heirs executors administrators and assigns according to the respective natures and tenures thereof upon the trusts following (that is to say) upon trust to sell such part of my personal estate as shall be of a saleable nature and to collect and get in such part thereof as shall be outstanding and in the next place with or out of the rents profits and produce of the said devised estates or (if deemed necessary or expedient) by selling the same either together or in parcels and either by public auction or private contract or by mortgaging or charging the same or a competent part or parts thereof to raise in aid of my personal estate (if insufficient) so much money as shall be requisite to satisfy my funeral and testamentary expenses and debts with the expenses of executing this trust and to apply the money to be so raised accordingly. And in case my said trustee shall deem it expedient to mortgage the whole or any part of my said real estate and during and so long as any such mortgage shall continue thereon (during the lifetime of my said wife) I direct that my said trustee shall and do pay and apply the rents and profits of my said real estate in paying and keeping down the interest of any such mortgage or mortgages and also in keeping the same premises in good and tenantable order and repair and pay and apply the surplus of such rents and profits into the proper hands of my said wife for her sole use and benefit. And in case he should see fit to sell and dispose of the same upon trust after payment of my debts to invest the surplus of the money to be so raised in the name of the said Matthias Wildman or in the names or name of other the trustees or trustee for the time being of this my will on Government or real securities in the United Kingdom and to pay the annual income thereof unto my said wife and her assigns during her life. And after her decease upon trust to sell such part of my real estate (if any) as shall remain unsold and to collect and get in my invested personal estate and to divide and distribute the monies arising from such sale and getting in of my invested personal estate unto and equally amongst all my children namely Mary Wildman John Wildman himself the said Matthias Wildman Thomas Wildman and Robert Wildman in equal shares and proportion share and share alike. And I direct that the share of my said daughter shall be paid into her own proper hands whether she shall be covert or sole in order that the same may be enjoyed and disposed of as her separate property free from marital control and for which share her receipt shall be a sufficient discharge to my said trustee. And I give to my said trustee authority to let from year to year at the best rent and manage at his discretion the unsold real estate but I declare that from the time of my decease the unsold real estate and invested personal estate shall be alike subject to the trusts hereinbefore declared concerning the

said net monies and the rents interest and yearly produce thereof shall be deemed annual income for the purposes of such trusts and such real estate shall be transmissible as personal estate and be considered as converted in equity. And in case of any of my said children dying before his or her share shall have become payable leaving lawful issue him or her surviving then I give and bequeath the share of him or her so dying unto between and amongst such issue equally share and share alike to take in loco parentis with benefit of accruer and survivorship to the survivors of such issue in case of any of them dying under the age of 21 years. And in case of the death of any of my children before their said shares shall become payable without leaving lawful issue I give and bequeath the share both original and accruing of him her or them so dying unto his or her surviving brothers and sisters equally share and share alike and the issue of such of them as shall be then dead such issue to stand and take in loco parentis. And I direct and empower any said trustee to make advances to such issue for their maintenance and education during their respective minorities and give to him all the usual powers for effecting these purposes. Provided always that the receipts of my said trustee shall be discharges for all monies to be received by him under the trusts aforesaid and shall exonerate the person or persons paying the same from all liability in respect of the application thereof. I give to the said Matthias Wildman his heirs executors and administrators all the real estates vested in me as trustee or mortgagee in fee or otherwise subject to the trusts and equities affecting the same respectively. Provided also in case of any of the trustees under this my will dying or refusing to execute the trusts of this my will or in case any trustee for the time being shall die or become unable or unwilling to act then I empower the surviving or continuing trustees or trustee of the same class or set of trustees or if there shall be none such then the executors or administrators of the deceased trustee or if there shall be more than one trustee then the executors or administrators of the last surviving of such deceased trustee or the refusing or retiring trustee or trustees (as the case may be) by any deed or writing to appoint any person or persons in the room of such deceased refusing retiring or incompetent trustee or trustees and every trustee so to be appointed shall be fully competent to exercise all the powers and discretions which are reposed in the trustees of the same class or set thereby named. And I declare that my said trustees shall not be answerable for each other's acts and receipts nor for any losses happening without their respective default and shall be at liberty to retain and allow to each other all expenses incident to the execution of the trusts of this my will. And I further declare that the previous clauses so far as they concern my trustee hereinbefore named shall extend and be applied to the trustees or trustee for the time being of my will. And lastly I appoint my said son Mathias executor of this my will. In witness whereof I have to this sheet and the three preceding sheets of paper written on one side set my hand the day and year first above written.

(Signed) Matthias Wildman

Signed by the said Matthias Wildman the testator in the presence of those present at the same time who in his presence and at his request have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

George Dudgeon sol. Settle
Charles William Grant his clerk

Miles Wildman of Settle Will 1553
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In the name of God amen the xvth day of Junii in the yere of oure lorde god 1553 I Miles Wildman of Settle Seke in bodie and of perfytt knowlidge and memorie thanks be to allmightie god doth ordayne and make this my last will and testament in Maner and forme followinge First I bequeath my soull to allmightie god to rest with the holie company of heaven and my bodye to be buried in my parishe churche yeard of Gigglesweke also I bequeath for my mortuarie and other churche dewes all that right will Item I bequeath to John Wildman my son all my tytle and tennt right of my hool farmholde with the licence of the lord Item It is my will by the consent of Agnes my wif for dyverse and sundrie consideracons for ... iiii children that is to say John William Jenett and Agnes that the said Agnes my wif shall have my best bedd and an honest lyvyng with John my sone duringe his life with all things necessarie. And if ther be any contraverse betwixt the said John my sone and Agnes my wiff then I will that Rycharde Clarke of Swynden and John Foster of Wynscale shall taik and maik suche order betwayne them as they shall thinke most meate and convenient by their owne discrecion. and the said John my sone at all times shall give unto Agnes my wiff as muche money in her purse as the said Rycharde Clarke and John Foster shall thinke by ther owne discrecion mighte reason and convenient. Item I will that the said John my sone shall have every weke iiii dayes in my walke mylne And to Willm my sone ii Days in the weke in the said mylne if he will occupie the walker craft and well within this parishe. Item I bequeath to John my sone ii pare of sheyres and vii doss and a half of tenters. And to Willm my sone ii pare of sheyres and vi doss of tenters and if eyther the said John or William give over the walker craft then it is my mynde that he that gyves over the crafte shall leave both the sheyres and tenters with the other. And likwyse the mylne without any coste or charges. And if they both folowe the craft the reparacons of the mylne shalbe borne betwayne them accorde to ther porcons Item I bequeath to William my sone the tytle and tennt right of the tenement that John my sone dwelleth nowe upone whether it be *3awen* or *un3awne* and one *3close* of the tythe corne in Settle and one close of yuggrownde tayken of Oliver Foster of the stubbyng duryng the space and terme of the yeres yet to come. All Husbandrie geare belonginge or beyng at the said house or tenement all bedd stocks and a sheire bord a baye horse that I had of Somerscalles a yonge whit meare xx sheeppe xx twylls Item I will that my sone William shall have ii tres that lyes in the garth And one of the tres that lyes before the dore whiche as he will chose and a bord clogge at Maister Catteralls and all that is mylne tymber to remayne to the mylne betwixte them both. And iiii markes of lawfull ynglyshe money Item I bequeath to Jane my daughter xxv marks and to Anne my daughter other xxv marks And to eyther of them ii bedds of close and to eyther of them a newe brasse pott for there childe porcons. And they to be honestlie applied of ther owne goods above said when so ever they shalbe married And if eyther of them dye before they be married then I will that her parte of goods shalbe devided in thre parts. That is to say one parte to John and a nother parte to William and the third parte to hir that is a lyve. Item I give and bequeath to every godchildren naymed after me a lambe. And to every other god childe iiiiid. Item to Edward *3Cawbeste* my buckskyne coytt Item to James Wyldman my Brother a worsett dublett a pare of hose and my cloke Item to John Wyldman my Brother a pare of hose a dublett and my graye jackett Item to Esabell my Sister my best jackett save one a jerkyne and a pare of *on(3ordinary)* hose Item to William Wynn a nolde violett jackett Item to the *3towne* of Settle one stoned horse Item to James Wyldman my parntt a jackett cloth a meare and a faill. The Residue of my holl goods unbequeath my detts and funeralls discharged I give and bequeath to John Wyldman my sone whom I make my solle executor of this my last will and testament These wytnesses William Senior William Browne John Foster and Rycharde Clerke with other

[Latin]

meer = mare

**Peter Tennant of Settle parish of Giggleswick October 1637 Modern English
Will made 24th of June 1637. Proved 1637/8**

To be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick.

To Peter Watson my godson 20 shillings.

To my executors' brethren Robert, William, Joseph and Christopher Windle £20 each.

To my nephew Roger Garforth £20.

All the legacies to be paid out of my land after my wife's decease yearly as the profits will amount to pay them.

To Margaret Carr daughter of John Carr 10 shillings.

To the children of Thomas Carr 40 shillings.

To my sister Jane one banded chair, one warming pan and one piece of coloured cloth -- all after the death of my wife Jennitt.

Jennit is to have half of my goods after debts and funeral expenses paid and half my lands for life in full satisfaction of her widow's right, and after her death to return to John Windle my executor for the remainder of the term of years.

Residue of my goods to John Windle my nephew -- sole executor.

I desire my well-beloved friends Steven Jackson clerk and Christopher Grandoige(?) clerk to be supervisors.

Signed

witnesses: -- William tenant jurat, James Hall, William Windle, Anthony Bainbrigg jurat.

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Modern English

Will of Richard Armetstead of Settle April 12, 1661 died April 1663

My body to be buried at the discretion of my friends.

To my daughter Margaret £40 which Robert Kidd and John Kidd owe me.

All the rest of my goods movable and unmovable to my wife Elizabeth and my daughter Margaret equally.

To my wife Elizabeth and my daughter Margaret all my houses wherein I now dwell during the longer liver and afterwards to (Richard Armetstead my elder brother son John Armetstead deceased -- thus) to him and his heirs for ever.

My wife and my daughter are to have the ordering of this my last will.

Mark 12th of April 1661

witnesses: -- Richard Craven, Robert Kidd, Thomas Cockman

Will of Robert Somerscales of Settle, 1553

University of York ref v14 f219

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It[e]m to Richard Yveson 12d,

It[e]m to Elisabeth Jackson 12d.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Will of Robert Somerscales of Settle, 1553

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Probate of Will of Robert Somerscales of Settle, 1554

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

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

Salvo iure Cuiuscumq[ue]

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

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

Saving the right of any person whomsoever.]

Will of Robert Sommerscales of Settle, 1597

University of York ref v27 f260

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Will of Robert Sommerscales of Settle, 1597

University of York ref v27 f260

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Probate of Will of Robert Sommerscales of Settle, 1598

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

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

Salvo iure Cuiuscunq[ue]

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

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

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

Salvo iure cuiuscunq[ue]

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

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

Saving the right of any person whomsoever;

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

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

Saving the right of any person whomsoever.]

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Will of Thomas Bullock of Settle April 26, 1722

Thomas Bullock carpenter. Nuncupature will 23rd of February 1721.

At his own dwelling house in the hearing and presence of Henry Haydock and Lawrence Rawsthorne both of Settle he declared it was his will and mind that his goods and personal estate should be sold for the payment of his debts and that his wife Elizabeth should have and enjoy the house wherein he then dwelt with appurtenances during her natural life and after her death it was his will that his son Thomas enjoy the same for such number of years as then unspent.

Wife Elizabeth Bullock to be executrix.

Witnesses: -- Henry Haydock, Lawrence Rosthorn x

Will of Thomas Knowles 1682 of Mearbeck, Settle

Borthwick v 59 f 310

In the name of God Amen the last day of May in the year of our Lord according to the computation of the church of England 1682 I Thomas Knowles of Mearbeck in the parish of Giggleswick within the county of York yeoman sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be Almighty God purposing the peace of my children after my decease therefore I do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath my soul into the merciful hands of Almighty God my maker and redeemer trusting in God's mercy and through the merits of Jesus Christ my only saviour to have free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins And I do give my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in Christian manner within the church or churchyard of Giggleswick at the discretion of my friends And as touching my worldly goods I give and bequeath as follows First I give to my son Anthony Knowles all my goods and chattels whatsoever movable and immovable provided and on condition that after my debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged to pay these legacies hereafter mentioned viz. To my son in law John Preston his daughter 20 shillings Item to John, Richard and Thomas Sargentson my grandsons to every one of them three pounds apiece Item to the children of my daughter An Clarke John Clarke Alice Clarke John and Ann Clarke to every one of them three pounds apiece Item to the children of my youngest daughter Jane Hardacre Frances Burke Alice Burke and Ellin Burke to every one of them 40 shillings apiece provided that they the said children of the said Jane pay the sum of 10 shillings to Richard Hardacre of Hellifield yearly during the life of the said Jane if the said Jane Hardacre do not pay it herself Item to the two daughters of my said son Anthony 40 shillings apiece Item to Margaret of daughter of Thomas Sargentson 20 shillings and to the son of Lawrence Knowles 20 shillings and to Elizabeth the daughter of Richard Duckett 20 shillings when they shall fully accomplish the age of 21 years Item my will and mind is that my executor undernamed shall pay the several sums of money as is hereafter expressed viz. to Richard Sergeantson his within one year after my decease and to Alice Clarke the second year and the third year to Mary Clarke and the fourth year to An Clarke and the fifth year to John Clarke and the sixth year to John Sargentson and the seventh to Thomas Sargentson And to the children of Jane Hardacre next in order provided that the 10 shillings wherewith the said legacies are charged be discharged and to the daughter of John Preston and Anthony Knowles when they shall attain the age of 21 years Item I do nominate and appoint my son Anthony Knowles to be sole executor of this my last will and testament In witness hereof I have hereto set my hand and seal

Thomas Knowles

Witnesses hereof Richard Preston John Preston Elizabeth Preston

Memorandum that the abovenamed Thomas Sargentson has received one pound 10 shillings which is intended to be a moitie of the legacy before mentioned

Will of Margaret Armitstead of Settle spinster about January the 16th 1665

On or about the 16th of January 1665 Margaret Armitstead of Settle spinster did declare in words

I do give and bequeath to Elizabeth Windsor £10.

To Richard Craven and and his wife each five pounds.

To Margaret Lowcock two pounds.

To John Lowcock children when of age 3 pounds equally between them.

To Margaret Leyland 20 shillings.

Remainder of my goods to Robert Windsor -- he sole executor

Mark

witness: -- Issabell Windsor x

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Modern English

Will of William Hargraves of Settle September 1782

Sadler.

To William Birkbeck of Settle merchant, William Lawson of Giggleswick gent and William Holgate the younger of Long Preston yeoman all my freehold, customary hold and leasehold estate on trust: -- the property to be sold and the money in the first instance to pay my debts. Then to my sister Catherine Hargraves of Settle £200.

To my two nephews John Dickinson and William Dickinson £100 each.

To my three nieces Elizabeth, Ellen and Mary Dickinson £20 each.

To my sister Mary wife of Robert Dickinson £50.

The legacies within 12 months for those of age; if under age to be put out at interest until they are 21 and the interest to be used for their education and maintenance; if there is any shortfall in money the legacies are to be abated accordingly; if there is any overplus they are to receive extra.

My personal estate to William Birkbeck, William Lawson and William Holgate to pay funeral expenses and debts as far as it will extend.

Whereas William Metcalfe of Settle now stands indebted to me in the sum of £30 and upwards -- he is not to be called upon for payment of the same until the end of two years.

Joint executors -- William Birkbeck, William Lawson and William Holgate -- they to have their costs.

Signed 26th of June 1782

witnesses: -- Abraham Sutcliff, William Carr, Thomas Heysham clerk to Mr Carr

WILL of William Preston of Mearbeck 1631 yeoman

Borthwick vol. 41 fol. 661

To be buried in the churchyard of Giggleswick. Debts and funeral expenses of my whole goods. To Isabell my now wife for a further augmentation of her winter four pounds yearly out of my lands in Settle during her pure widowhood, and if the said lands do not amount to four pounds then the shortfall out of my personal estate. If my lands in Settle yield more than four pounds per year then the surplus to my nephew Richard Preston. The said four pounds is over and above such estate as I have made for my wife since our intermarriage of a parcel of ground called Coate Garth in Settle. To my niece Margaret Preston my brother John Preston's daughter £10. To my niece Elizabeth Preston £10. To my nephew Roger Preston two kine. To the said Margaret and Elizabeth my nieces either of them one brass pot. One half of all the rest of my goods and half of all my credits to my wife Isabell in full satisfaction of all her third part. The other half of my said goods and the other half of my credits to Richard Preston my nephew and to him and his heirs all my lands and inheritances, houses, barns and buildings situated at Mearbeck Settle or elsewhere. To the said Margaret Preston one chest which I bought in the west. To the said Elizabeth my niece one chest which did belong to Margaret Preston my late deceased wife. Immediately after my decease my said nephew Richard Preston shall give unto Isabell my now wife meat, drink, lodging, washings and bedding in my now dwelling house at Mearbeck if they can agree and no longer in lieu of the said four pounds. My nephew Richard and my wife Isabell to be joint executors. To my niece Margaret Cookson one cow which is at Long Preston. To the children of Richard Hynes two lambs at Midsummer. To the children of John Midleton one lamb at Midsummer. If Richard Preston default in paying four pounds per annum to my wife Isabell then the legacies to him are utterly void because I have already estated my lands at Settle to the said Richard. I desire Anthony Knowles my brother in law Thomas Brown supervisors. All my cattle immediately after my decease shall be kept at Mearbeck until the first of May next with such further hay, straw and grass as is now provided without any charges of my said wife.

Witnesses Anthonie Knowles William Preston Thomas Browne

WILL of William Procter of Settle 1695
Craven Deanery

Bachelor. To my executors full power to sell all my estate right and title in the parish of Hunsingore. My debts and funeral expenses of my whole estate. To Thomas Preston my godson five pounds. To Dorothy Serjeantson my goddaughter 5 pounds -- to them both when 21 and during their nonage 12d per pound per annum towards their education. To Thomas Batty my master one young filly. To Alice Batty and Mary Batty 10 shillings each. Residue of my estate between the six children I am uncle to - - Elizabeth, Mary and Isabel Sharpnea daughters of my brother in law Stephen Sharpnea and Mary his wife, Edward Hicke son to my brother in law Edward Hicke deceased and Isabel his wife, and to the two children of my brother in law William Beilby and Jennet his wife whose names I know not -- when they are 21 and 12d per pound per annum in their nonage to their education -- first payment at the end of 12 months.

Richard Preston and Thomas Serjeantson joint executors.

Signed (*very shakily*) 10th of May 1695

witnesses Richard Riley Margaret Mariner her mark

Richard Preston of Helliwell husbandman and Thomas Serjeantson of Helliwell husbandman appeared 17th of May 1695

Inventory May the 15th 1695

	£	s	d
Purse and apparel	1	0	0
one bedstead		10	0
one ark		10	0
loose wood and huslement in the house		5	0
house, land and lease	60	0	0
one young filly	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	63	5	0
Debts owing by the deceased			
to Robert Overend	10	16	0
to William Beilby	3	13	0
to William Moore	2	5	10
to Thomas Batty	1	7	0
to Richard Preston	1	10	0
to Thomas Serjeantson		15	0
to John Camm		6	0
to Dr Robinson		7	7
to Richard Paley		7	0
to William Pailford		1	9
to Elizabeth Sidgwick		1	0
to William Armistead		6	0
to funeral expenses	5	6	5
to Stephen Sharpnea		7	0

apprised by Stephen Hamerton, Richard Armistead, Thomas Clark his mark, James Wilson

William Watkinson of Settle, will made October the 26th 1575, died 3rd May 1582

To be buried in parish churchyard of Giggleswick.

To my six daughters 40 shillings, that is 6 shillings and 8d each -- if any die -- to their children.

To my brother Hugh Watkinson my best jacket.

To Henry Watkinson son of Henry Watkinson of Wakefield all my gear pertaining to husbandry and also all my arks, boards, forms and bedstocks.

To Margaret Knowles two quyes that are with her mother.

To every servant I have 12d of good English money.

After all debts and legacies and expenses paid the residue to Henry Watkinson my son -- he to be full executor.

Witnesses -- William Tayler, John Lupton and James Foster clerk

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John Carr of Settle, buried Giggleswick, grocer

Will made 10th of May 1666

Modern English

Whereas by indenture dated 20th of February 1656 I confirmed to William Carr and Thomas Paley both of Langcliffe county of York all my messuage in Settle of the ancient yearly rent of four shillings which I purchased of Henry Somerscales late of Glusburn, to have and to hold as feoffees Monroe one and friends in trust for ever on the trusts confirmed in the indenture, I now ratify this indenture.

Whereas an award by writing indented was made by William Carr of Langcliffe and Anthony Foster of Rawthmell between me and Richard Wright of Settle on behalf of Jane Carr my grandchild - I now confirm Jane is to have all the estate mentioned therein. Also to Jane £30 out of my personal estate - £10 on 2nd of February 12 months next after my decease; £10 on 2nd of February 12 months after that and £10 on 2nd of February one year after that - she is to deliver up to them an absolute release after the first payment.

My wife Isabell as long as she is my widow is to enjoy my house, stable and garden in Settle near the Kirkgate Yate now in the occupation of John Camm; and my shop in the possession of William Holgate for which William Holgate is to pay 35 shillings on 1st of May every year for 13 years - she may bequeath these to my son John Carr or any of his children, or to my son-in-law John Wildman and Elizabeth his wife or any of their children for the rest of the lease of 6000 years which was granted to me by the late right Hon George Earl of Cumberland.

My wife Isabell is to have the profits of that close called Highbrow and Nuba Hill at Moale bank for life.

Debts and funeral expenses of my personal estate and rest into three parts - one third to my wife Isabel; the other two thirds to John Burke my son-in-law, John Carr my natural son and Elizabeth Wildman my natural daughter equally - John Burke is to divide his part equally amongst his children Matthew, Christopher, Jane and John Burke.

To my son John Carr my messuage at Moulbanke with ancient yearly rent of 23 s 11 1/2 d and common of pasture upon Scalebur, the Bankes and Scarr for 8 s 2d annual rent which I bought of Thomas Armistead; common of pasture upon Scalbur, the Bankes and Scar for 12 s ancient rent; and the third part of Carlill close otherwise Ewes close in Lordship of Langcliffe bought of Rosamund Somerscales -one all held by several long leases. All other leaseholds to John excepted the messuage and shop left to my wife Isabell.

To Leonard Carr 10 shillings

To John Paley 10 shillings

To Margaret Wildman my grandchild 40 shillings

John Carr my son sole executor

signed

witnesses;- John Paley, Leonard Carr, Brian Cookson

In the name of God Amen the last day of July 1579 Anno Regni Elizabeth dei gracia year anglie Regine etc. I Roger Carre of Settle in the county of York sick in body but of good and perfect remembrance praised be God makes this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows First I give and bequeath my soul to God Almighty my maker and saviour and my body to be buried in the churchyard at Giggleswick Item I bequeath for my mortuary and other dues all that right will Item I give and bequeath the title and tenantright of my tenement unto Thomas my eldest son to enter unto when he shall accomplish the full age of 21 years by the licence of the Lord and if he die before he come the said age leaving no lawful issue of his body begotten then living Then my will is and I do bequeath the same unto my next son and so from one child to another and to their lawful issue by licence of the Lord And my will is that Helene my wife shall have the occupation of my house and tenement and of all taken grounds for years until my son Thomas do accomplish the age of 21 years so long as the residue of my executors shall think convenient the keeping and bringing up of my children honestly during the time of her occupation thereof Also my will is that the said Helene my wife shall have her widowright of all my goods and tenements And likewise my will is that my children shall have their equal portions of my goods so only he that shall have the house and tenement And my will is that he shall have all such Tools and work looms as do belong unto the Smythes occupation and all such timber oakwood as I have either at home in the wood or elsewhere And the same to be unto him in full satisfaction of his child's portion Item my will is that my mother-in-law shall be the best at the house during her life And she to be honestly kept with meat drink and clothing and all other things necessary during her life And also my will is that Agnes my sister in law shall have a bedroom at the house during her life she being unmarried and in such convenient place as my executors thinks most meet for her Item my will is that my sons shall be kept at school until they be 12 years of age and longer as my executors thinks most meet And if any of my sons be apt to learning my will is that their child's portions shall be bestowed upon them at the discretion of my executors And furthermore my will is that my wife shall have the occupation of my children's portions towards their bringing up so long as the residue of my executors thinks meet so as she enter into good hands with good sureties for the repayment thereof when the residue of my executors shall appoint And if she do refuse the same Then my will is that the rest of my executors shall have the occupation of my tenement and of all taken grounds and of my children's portions And they to provide for the bringing up of my children And if any of my children do refuse to be ordered by my executors Then they to have no portions of my goods Item I give and bequeath unto twenty of the most needful poor folk in this parish of Giggleswick 3 s 4 d to be divided amongst them at the discretion of my executors Item my will is that my debts be paid of my whole goods before any division be made thereof and my mortuary and other church dues and ordinary fees of my part and also all legacies and bequests The residue of my part of goods not bequeathed I give and bequeath to my children to be equally divided amongst them always excepting that he that hath the tenement and other the premises to him appointed he to have no part thereof Item my will is that if any of my children die before they come to lawful age or marriage That then their portion shall be divided amongst the rest of my children Item I order and make Helene my wife Allan Carr my father Thomas Carre my brother

and Henry Payteson executors of this my will desiring them for God's cause to be good unto my children and to see them brought up in the fear of God and true labour These being witnesses of this my will

Thomas Hanson Robert Crake and the abovesaid Alan Carr Thomas Carre and Henry Payteson

Latin text

Will of Thomas Carr of Settle 1727

C. Ellis, Langcliffe

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Carr of Settle in the county of York being sick in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory praised be God for the same and considering the uncertainty of life and certainty of death do this present 16th day of December in the first year of King George II's reign over Great Britain etc anno domini 1727 make publish and declare this my last will and testament and first I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator hoping through the death of Jesus Christ my Redeemer my sins will be forgiven and as for my body I commit the same to the earth there to expect the resurrection of the righteous and to be buried in decent manner at the discretion of my mother hereafter named And as for my worldly estate which it has pleased God to bestow upon me after payment of my just debts and funeral expenses out thereof I give devise and bequeath unto my dear and well beloved mother Mary Carr my lease and freehold whatsoever within the township of Settle aforesaid her executors administrators and assigns for and during all such number of years I have therein subject nevertheless to the several legacies and payments hereinafter mentioned. Item I give and bequeath unto my uncle Thomas Foxcroft the sum of two pounds two shillings likewise unto my cousin Allen Carr the sum of one pound one shilling which said legacies or sums of money I will and require my mother Mary Carr whom I make executrix shall well and truly pay to the respective legatees or persons above named in 12 months time after the date of these presents. Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved George Thompson all my apparel as coats etc for his own proper use. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the said 16th day of December anno domini 1727 Thomas Carr sealed signed published and declared by the testator to be his last will and testament in the presence of John Battye Thomas Williams.

WILL OF WILLIAM CARR OF SETTLE 1723

In the Name of God Amen I William Carr jun of Settle in the County of York Mercer being Mindfull to settle and dispose of that Temporall Estate which God in this life hath been pleased to bless me with doe make this my last will And testament in Manner and form following that is to say.....I Give And devise Unto my Eldest Son Thomas Carr and to his heirs And Assigns for Ever All that my Messuage or dwelling House which I now live in And all the Buildings Barns Stables Orchards Gardens hereditaments and Appertences whatsoever to the same belonging Item I Give And bequeath Unto Allen Carr my Nephew William Tatham my Uncle and Mr Richard Chamberlayne and to the survivors of them and Extors and Adms of such survivor All and Every my Goods Wares and Merchandises of what sort kind or nature soever the same are of which are standing lyeing And being in or About the shop which I trade in and use standing in Settle aforesaid And Alsoe all And Every the Book debts or Money due to me for Goods sold And Alsoe I Give And devise Unto the sd Allen Carr William Tatham and Richard Chamberlayne and to the survivors of them And to the Extors and Adms of such survivor All those my two closes of Arrable and Meadow Ground situate lying and being in the township of the said Settle Called Sawwiths (?) Als Southwells with A Paneck (?) Adjoining Called Mill Paneck in all cont seven Acres or thereabouts In trust And to And for the Uses Intents and Purposes hereinafter mentioned and soe for no Other Use Intent or Purpose whatsoever (that is to say) that they the sd Allen Carr William Tatham and Richard Chamberlayne And the survivors And survivor of them And the Extors And Amns of such survivor shall with all Convenient speed After my decease make Absolute sale and Dispose of All and Every the shop Goods Lands and Wares (?) Above Mentioned to such person or persons as will Give Most Money for the same And it is my will And Mind And I doe hereby Order And direct that All my Just debts And funerall Expences shall be first Paid And satisfied out of the Money Ariseing from such sale And After Payment of which debts that the Remainder of the Money so to be Raised shall be Equally divided Amongst my four Children Thomas Ann Agnes and William Share and Alike And to be Paid to them as they shall severally Attaine to or Arrive att their Respective Ages of One And twenty And as long as they continue to live with their Mother the Interes of their Respective shares And proportions shall be paid to her for and towards their Maintenance Apparell And Education Item I Give and bequeath Unto the said Allen Carr Willm Tatham and Richard Chamberlayne And the survivors and survivor of them And to the Extors and Adms of such survivor All my Hay Horses Husbandry Geer and Cows in trust for the same Uses and to be sold divided and Paid in the same Manner And proportions as the Money for the shop Goods And Lands Above Mentioned are directed to be Item I Give And bequeath Unto the said Allen Carr William Tatham And Richard Chamberlayne and to the survivors And survivor of them and to the Extors and Adms of such survivor All and Every my Household Goods furnitures Moveables And Utensills whatsoever which are standing And being in the House which I now live in Trust that They or the survivor or survivors of them shall make Absolute sale of the same And divide the Money Arise from such sale Equally Amongst Mary my now wife Thomas Ann Agnes and William my Children share and share Alike the part hereby Ordered to be Paid my wife shall be so paid at the day whereon the sale Money shall become due Else other shares at such times and in such Manner as the Money for the shop Goods and Lands are directed to be Item I doe hereby Order And Direct that whatsoever Money my Trustees shall Expend or lay Out