

William Foster 1699

Borthwick mf 1792 p466

In the name of God Amen I William Foster of Stainforth under Bargh in the county of York Yeoman being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and being mindful to dispose of and settle the temporal estate with which it has pleased God to bless me withal do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. Revoking and disannulling all other former Wills or Testaments whatsoever made by me. Imprimis and I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker trusting by his mercy and through the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour and Redeemer my sins will be forgiven me and my body to be buried at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named. And as for my temporal and personal estate I give and bequeath and dispose of in manner and form following. Imprimis I give and bequeath unto Thomas Foster of Stainforth aforesaid my younger son all that one close called Coate Close containing by estimation four acres be the same more or less and also three beastgates or cattlegates in one stinted pasture called Sannett Close and likewise three beastgates or cattlegates in upon and throughout all that one close called Cattrigg as the same is now stinted. And to his executors administrators or assigns. Item my will and mind is that Isabell my now wife shall have and enjoy all that my messuage and tenement houses barns buildings stable and cowhouse garths and gardens thereto belonging with their appurtenances and all the closes and parcels of ground called the Goate Yeates with one close on the northside of [it] called Goate side one close called Over Goate Heslay and Intacke Close with one close called Stangs four acres of ground in Moorehead two beastgates or cattlegates in Sannett one close called Tentelands alias Backsmire one parcel of land called Croft Land two parcels of ground called Howbeck land and Ridding Land also several pasture Closes called Goascars and all other my lands whatsoever in Stainforth aforesaid and not herein before disposed of for and during the natural life of the said Isabell my now wife aforesaid. And after the decease of the said Isabell my now wife then my will and mind is that Henry Foster my eldest son and Mary his wife shall have and enjoy the said messuage closes lands and premises during their natural lives and the longer liver of them. And from and after the decease of the longer liver of them then I give and bequeath the said messuage or dwelling house with one workhouse thereto belonging and all other houses edifices laithes or barns stables cowhouse and turfhouse the said garths or gardens and grass garth thereto belonging with their and every of their appurtenances unto William Foster his executors administrators or assigns eldest son of the said Henry Foster. And in case he shall fortune to die before the decease of them the said Henry Foster and Mary his wife or the longer liver of them or before he shall attain the age of twenty and one years that then the said messuage houses garths barns and other the premises shall be and remain unto Richard Foster second son of the said Henry his executors administrators and assigns. And so likewise if the said Richard shall happen to die before he attain the age of twenty and one years or before the decease of the longer liver of the said Henry Foster and Mary his wife then I give and bequeath the same after the decease of the said Henry and Mary to Thomas Foster youngest son of the said Henry Foster his executors administrators or assigns. And so likewise if the said Thomas Foster shall happen to die in like manner then the same to go to Isabell Foster and her assigns daughter of the said Henry. But in case she happen to die as aforesaid then the same to

go to Elizabeth Foster one other daughter of the said Henry Foster and her assigns. And so to Mary Foster youngest daughter of the said Henry in case the said Elizabeth die before she attain the age of 21 years or the decease of the said Henry Foster and Mary his wife. Item I give and bequeath unto them the said William Foster Richard Foster Thomas Isabell Elizabeth and Mary after the death and decease of the longer liver of them all(?) the said Henry Foster and Mary his wife all those the said several closes pieces or parcels of ground beastgates or cattlegates called Goate Yeate Goate Side Over Goate Close Hesley Intack Stangs four acres of ground in Moorehead the said two beastgates or cattlegates in Sannett the said Close called tatelands alias Backsmire Croftlands Howbeck land and Ridding Land with Goascar Closes and all other my lands whatsoever equally to be divided amongst them the said William Richard Thomas Isabell Elizabeth and Mary. But in case any of them shall happen to die before they attain the age of twenty and one years that then his her or their parts so(?) dying shall be equally divided amongst the survivors of them. Lastly I give and bequeath unto my said wife all the rest of my goods debts and credits whatsoever she the said Isabell my said wife paying and discharging my debts and funeral expenses thereout and I likewise appoint and nominate Isabell my said wife sole executrix of this my last will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of December in the eight year of this present majesties reign over England etc. Anno dom 1696

Sealed signed published and declared in the presence of us the same being first stamped according to law

Thomas Preston John Paleye

William Foster of Staynford

Memorandum that I the within named William Foster being at this present sick and weak in body but of perfect memory praised be to God for the same and being very desirous this my will should be duly and truly performed do desire nominate and appoint my loving sons Thomas Foster of Stainforth and John Atkinson of Malham my son in law to be feoffees or friends in trust to see this my last will and testament duly performed hoping they will take that trouble upon them as be aiding and assisting to my executrix and the several legatees within mentioned and I do hereby declare this to be part of my last will and testament. Witness my hand this 20th day of November Anno domini 1698

Christopher Metcalfe John Paleye

William Foster of Stainforth

A true inventory of all the goods credits & cattels of William Foster of Stainforth under Bargh in the county of York late deceased prized by us whose names are under written the 20th of February 1698

	£	s	d
Imps. his purse & apparell	05	00	00
Itm One mare	02	10	00
Itm four cows	10	00	00
Itm one heifer	02	10	00
Itm one steer	02	00	00
Itm two stirks	03	00	00
Itm two calves	00	16	00
Itm a parcell of hay	00	15	00
Itm carts wheels & husbandry gear	01	00	00
Itm hamers hack & gavelack	00	06	08 (hack=pickaxe)
Itm a Fanne	00	00	04
Itm three pair of bed-stocks in the parlour	01	06	08
Itm hangings & bedding	00	10	00
Itm a cup-board	00	13	04
Itm a table & two fourms	00	15	00
Itm two thrown stools	00	03	04
Itm in little loft over milk-house a table	00	06	00
Itm a bed & bedding	01	00	00
Itm a plank & little books	00	01	00
Itm one ark	01	00	00
Itm in work-house loft one pair of bedstocks	00	06	08
Itm one chest	00	06	08
Itm in loft over body-stead three chests	01	00	00
Itm two arks	00	13	04
Itm a spinning wheel	00	01	06
Itm five pitch forks & rakes	00	02	00
Itm weyes & load-stone	00	01	06 (balance or scales)
Itm in wash-house barrels & knopp & all other wood vessel	01	00	00
Itm in body stead one cupboard	00	15	00
two tables	00	15	00
a bed a chest & long settle	00	15	00
Itm pewter	00	12	00
Itm 8 pans & a brass pott two candle-sticks	02	00	00
Itm for beef	00	06	00
Itm for racks, two spits, a dripping-pan	00	10	00
Itm 5 sheets 2 pillow-bears, a dozen napkins	00	15	00 (bere = pillow case)
Itm one caddow one feather bed three bed coverings, a pair of blankets, two chaffe beds, 2 feather bolsters (caddow= rough woollen cover)	02	00	00
Itm briggs & tongs & all other huslement with teams	00	05	00 (irons over fire) (iron chains)
Itm for bills, bonds & other credits	80	00	00
Itm for lease lands	50	00	00
Total sum	175	18	00

Apprizers

Chr. Browne John Atkinson Robt. Foster Chr. Metcalfe

WILL of Christopher Wetherherd of Knight Stainforth 1732

Borthwick

In Dei Nomine Amen the ninth day of September in the year of our Lord God 1732 I Christopher Wetherherd of Knight Stainforth in the parish of Giggleswick in the county of York gent being of perfect memory do make this my last will and testament as follows. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator hoping through the meritorious death and passion of my blessed saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ to inherit life everlasting amongst the blessed and my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my friends and executors and for my temporal and estate after payment of my funeral and just debts (if any such be at my decease) out of my whole estate I give and devise the same as follows. First I give and devise to my son John and his heirs for ever all that my capital messuage and tenement at Knight Stainforth aforesaid with all lands closes pastures hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all that water corn mill thereto also belonging (all which I purchased of Mr Samuel Watson deceased) on condition that my said son pay to my dear and loving wife the yearly sum or annuity of £10 over and above all during her natural life at two equal payments in the year: viz. on the first day of May and the 25th day of December the first thereof to be made and begin on such of the said days as shall first happen next after my decease. Which said annuity or yearly sum with the lands and premises herein after devised to her for her life shall be in full payment and discharge of all the dower claim and title of dower which she shall have or claim to have out of the said messuage lands and premises or out of all or any other my messuages lands or premises whatsoever or wheresoever lying and being by virtue of any jointure or settlement to her for her use made before our intermarriage or otherwise howsoever. And upon this further condition that my said son shall give a general release to my son Thomas of all the right and title which he shall or may have or claim to all or any of the messuages lands or tenements or any part thereof hereby devised to him and my said son Thomas and shall permit and suffer my dear wife to hold and enjoy for her life the kitchen and the chamber over it the little parlour and closet over it part of the said messuage house and the moitie of the garden and orchard and of the turf house to the said messuage belonging. And if any default shall happen to be made in payment of the said annuity or yearly sum of £10 then it shall and may be lawful to and for my said wife and her assigns to enter into my said messuages lands and premises or any part thereof and to hold and enjoy the same till she out of the clear yearly profits thereof be fully paid her said annuity with all arrears and costs about the same. Item I also give and devise to my said son John and his heirs for ever all those my several beastgates sheepgates and cattlegates within the several pastures called Selside and Shaws the Lamb pasture Fell Close Sulbar and Far Moors all in Selside aforesaid and the liberties thereof. Item I give and devise to my son Thomas and his heirs for ever all my messuages lands and premises tenements hereditaments beastgates sheepgates and premises whatsoever thereunto belonging situate lying and being at Ingman Lodge and Gauber within the several parishes of Bentham and Horton in Ribblesdale which descended unto me from my late father deceased and which I purchased of several persons

with clear money (except that messuage and tenements lands and premises which I have already conveyed to my son Christopher and his heirs and also excepted that messuage lands and premises which hereafter I have devised to my wife for her life). Nevertheless my will and mind is that the premises so devised to my son Thomas shall stand charged with the yearly sum of six pounds to my brother William during his natural life to be paid him in two equal payments in the year: viz. at May day and Martinmas the first payment to be made and begin on such of the said days as shall first happen after my decease and also with the sum of two pounds 16 shillings nine pence halfpenny the yearly customary rent to the Lord or Lords of the Manor of Newby. Item I give and bequeath to my said son Thomas all my husbandry gear and implements of husbandry as carts wheels etc. Item I give and devise to my loving wife all that messuage lands and premises beastgates and sheepgates formerly in the occupation of Anthony Greenbank now in the occupation of William Dinsdale and also all those two meadow closes called Gauber and the lands called the Holmes now also in the occupation of the said William Dinsdale to hold and enjoy the same during the term of her natural life and after her decease I give the same to my son Thomas his heirs and assigns for ever charged with the yearly sum of 16 shillings two pence halfpenny customary rent to the Lord of the said Manor whereof the said premises are parcel. Item I give and bequeath to my dear and loving wife the sum of £100 out of my personal estate to be paid by my executor: viz. £10 part thereof within six months next after my decease and £40 more within 18 months next after my decease and the sum of £50 more residue thereof within three years next after my decease. But if she happen to depart this life before the said several payments shall become due then my executors shall not stand charged with payment of such sum and sums of money as not due at her decease. I also give and bequeath to my dear wife one pair of my best bedstocks with the bedding and furniture thereunto belonging and all my linen as sheets table linen etc: as also one silver tankard which was her father's and one chest of drawers standing in the chamber over the bed chamber and one desk and one large box wherein she usually lays her clothes I also give unto her. Item I give to my grand daughter Mary Bateman the sum of £100: viz. The sum of £50 part thereof to be paid to her father within two years next after my decease and £50 more residue thereof within three years next after my decease and the said sum of £100 to be put out at interest and the same with the whole product and interest thereof to be paid to her when she shall attain to her age of 21 years if then living but if deceased then the same shall be paid and divided equally amongst the surviving children of Mr William Bateman born on the body of his now wife share and share alike. Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth his wife one young filly now rising two years old. Item I having already given and settled a competent estate in lands and money upon my son Christopher I now give and bequeath unto him the further sum of £50 to be paid in 12 months time next after my decease. Item my son James being also well preferred and provided for in lands and money I now give and bequeath unto him only the further sum of £50 to be paid to him 18 months next after my decease he giving a general release to my executors of all claims and demands that I may owe and be indebted to him for any rents or profits received for or out of any lands or tenements which I formerly settled on him and his wife lying at Horton in Ribblesdale aforesaid. Item I give to his wife

one guinea in gold and to their son and my grandson William two silver spoons marked with the letters C: W.: item I give to my grandson Thomas Bateman other two silver spoons marked with the letters C: W.:. Item I give to the poor of the parish of Giggleswick 50 shillings and to the poor of the parish of Horton aforesaid 50 shillings to be divided amongst them at Christmas next after my decease at the discretion of my executors and the Minister and overseers for the poor of the several and respective parishes at the time being. Item I give and bequeath unto my son John and to my said sons Christopher and Thomas all my cattle as beasts sheep mares and geldings to be divided equally and amongst them share and share alike and my will is that all my said cattle shall be kept undivided on the lands and premises at Knight Stainforth until mid April next after my decease and that such division be then made by lot at the discretion of some neighbours and immediately afterwards my said sons to enter into and enjoy their respective dividends: and after payment of my just debts (if any such be) legacies and funeral charges out of my personal estate I give the remainder thereof to my said son John and do make him sole executor of this my last will and testament. Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas all those several books called The Taylor's Holy living and dying, The Christian sacrifice by Dr Rabrich (?), The Holy Duty of Man, and the Christian's pattern or a treatise of the imitation of Jesus Christ. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Christopher Wetherherd

Sealed signed and published by the testator to be his last will and testament and then witnessed in his presence by us after the interlineation of the words Christopher and amongst in the seventh line from the end.

John Armitstead John Hargreaves William Harnes (?) Roger Mitton

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Will of Ellin Armitstead of Knight Stainforth parish of Giggleswick spinster
June 1762

To my nephew Thomas Armitstead of Austwick the elder £30.

To Elizabeth Lawson of Settle and Ellen Banks of Austwick £5 each.

To Daniel Armitstead of Hornby £5.

To John Knipe £5. To William Knipe younger £1.

To Mary wife of William Knipe elder £5. To Margaret wife of George Jackson £2 - 10 shillings.

To Margaret, Mary and John Willson of Newby £2 -10 shillings each.

To John Burton £2 10 shillings.

To Jennit Armitstead daughter of the late John Armitstead of Austwick £5.

To my three nieces Margaret, Mary and Anne Brown £26 -13 s - 4d each.

To my nephew James Armitstead £1 with four cattle gates and a half in Gorbeck for life. After the death of James the 4 1/2 cattle gates in Gorbeck (Willis) to my nephew John Armitstead of Knight Stainforth and his heirs -- he sole executor.

Mark 1st of November 1760

witnesses: -- Elizabeth Lister x, Francis Parker x, Richard Clapham

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Modern English

Will of Ellin Armitstead of Stainforth parish of Giggleswick August 1761

widow

To my nephews James Hammond, Isaac Hammond, Richard Oldfield and Thomas Dawson £5 each at the end of 12 months after my decease.

To my brother Joseph Armitstead 40 shillings yearly at the rate of one shilling and sixpence every two weeks for life, and what this falls short of his yearly legacy shall be made up to him at the end of every year.

To my brother Robert Armitstead 20 shillings yearly.

To my nieces Agnes Piell, Ellin Oldfield, Jane Marriner, Mary Armitstead, and Margery Hammond's daughter five shillings each yearly -- the first payment 12 months after my death and then at the end of every succeeding 12 months for life.

I appoint James Armitstead son of my nephew Christopher Armitstead to be sole executor.

I desire my brother James Armitstead to preserve and take care of all my household goods for the use and benefit of my said executor and to transact anything relating to this will to the best of his power and judgement till James Armitstead is 21.

Signed Ellin Armitstead 29th of May 1760

witnesses: -- Robert Twisleton, Sarah Twisleton x, James Sedgwick

**Administration for James Armistead of Stainforth parish of Giggleswick
November 1763**

On 12th of November administration of the goods of James Armistead late of Stainforth was granted to John Armistead his brother and next of kin. No inventory exhibited.

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Modern English

Will of James Armitstead of Stainforth under Bargh (buried Giggleswick)

March the 3rd 1678

Will made 29th of May 1678 (?died)

To be buried at my parish church of Giggleswick.

All debts and funeral expenses out of my whole goods and chattels.

To my son Richard Armitstead all houses, lands, goods and chattels as I have in my own title; one close called Goskar and Little Bottome Lane with the old house and garden and I bought of Leonard Wiglesworth; and the fulling or walker mills -- he to suffer my grandson William Armitstead to full or mill all such pieces of cloth as shall by him or for his use be made freely without pay.

To my grandson James Armitstead 10 shillings when he is 21.

To his brother William Armitstead £20 when he is 21.

To Robert, Alice and Elizabeth Swainson my grandchildren 40 shillings each when they are 21.

To Agnes, Thomas and James Geldard (? blurred) my grandchildren 40 shillings each when they are 21.

To Richard Iveson and Ellen his wife £8 at the end of four years next ensuing the date hereof.

To Anne and Jane daughters of my son Christopher Armitstead deceased 5 shillings each.

All legacies to be paid out to my lands, goods and chattels by my son Richard -- he sole executor.

Witnesses: -- Thomas Armitstead, Richard Iveson, James Armitstead

Tuition James Armitstead of Stainforth parish of Giggleswick August 1761

On the same day the tuition of James Armitstead and minor nephew of Ellen Armitstead late of Stainforth widow was granted to James Armitstead his uncle and next of kin

WILL of John Twisleton of Sherwood House 1723

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Yeoman. All just debts as shall be owing and charges of my funeral and legacies hereinafter mentioned out of my whole estate. To my three daughters Marjorie Ann and Elizabeth Twisleton all that my ancient messuage and tenement of Sherwood House whereon I now dwell with all houses barns and buildings orchards closes meadows woods common of pasture and turbary moors mosses rights and privileges equally for the term of years yet unspent. All my goods and chattels, the malt mill with its appurtenances excepted, to Marjorie Ann and Elizabeth. The malt mill to my brother Robert Twisleton and his assigns for ever. My three daughters are to make a public sale of all my estate both real and personal with all convenient speed after my decease and after debts and funeral expenses are paid the rest is to be distributed as follows. To my daughter Mary Ryley £40 at the end of 12 months. To my son-in-law William Armitstead and his wife 10 shillings apiece at the end of 12 months; to their two daughters Agnes and Margery £10 apiece which is to be paid into the hands of my well beloved friends James Ellison of Litton and John Preston of Arncliffe county York yeomen at the end of 12 months -- the interest is to be paid yearly to William Armitstead and his wife towards the maintenance and education of Agnes and Margery until they are 21 and then the £10 apiece to be paid to Agnes and Margery. If either Agnes or Margery dies before the age of 21 without lawful issue their portion to be shared between the survivor and William Armitstead and his wife -- five pounds to each. Remainder of my estate not disposed of to my three daughters Mary Ann and Elizabeth -- they to be joint executors.

Signed John Twisleton

witnesses Robert Twisleton Richard Foster Christopher Wetherherd

I do hereby certify that on the sixth day of March in the year of our Lord 1845 Anthony Stackhouse of Stainforth in the Parish of Giggleswick in the County of York, Gentleman, and Richard Armistead of the same place, Farmer, Executors named in this the last Will and Testament of Mary Ducket late of Stainforth aforesaid, Spinster, deceased, were sworn well and truly to execute and perform the same; and that the whole of the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, within the Province of York, do not amount in value to the Sum of six hundred pounds.

Witness my hand,
John Howson, Surrogate.

Sworn under £600
Prerogative

Died 26th Febry 1845

Passed 25th April 1845 600

Jno Jackson Solicitor Settle

Mary Ducket 1843 Stainforth

This is the last Will and Testament of me Mary Ducket of Stainforth in the parish of Giggleswick in the County of York Spinster. First I will and direct that all my just debts funeral expenses and the charges of proving this my will be paid by my Executors hereinafter named as soon as conveniently may be after my decease. I give and bequeath unto my Brother in law James Pearson of Studfold in the Parish of Horton in Ribblesdale the sum of Five pounds I give and bequeath unto my Sister in law Ellen Ducket now or late of Rose Street, Preston in the County of Lancaster the interest arising from the principal sum of One hundred pounds for and during the term of her natural life and from and after her decease I give and bequeath the same principal sum unto and equally between my Nephews Charles and John sons of the aforesaid Ellen Ducket provided that if my Nephew Charles cannot be found or heard of within twelve calendar months next after my decease then I give and bequeath his share thereof unto his child or equally between his children if more than one. I give and bequeath unto Pearson Binns of Leeds, Cloth Drawer the sum of Ten pounds and in case of his death then I give and bequeath the same unto and equally between his daughters Elizabeth and Maria Binns. I give and bequeath unto Stainforth School the sum of Five Pounds and I will and direct the same to be applied by my Trustees hereinafter named in whatever way Ellen Brown and Alice Preston of Stainforth and Margaret Ingleby of Lawkland Hall or the survivor or survivors of them may approve of. And I further order and direct that the said Ellen Brown, Alice Preston and Margaret Ingleby or the survivors or survivor of them shall have the ordering and management of my funeral and shall determine what some on money shall be paid to any person or persons who may have occasion to attend me in sickness. I give and bequeath unto Mary Whittaker of Wakefield Widow the sum of Ten pounds and in case of her death then I give and bequeath the same unto her niece Jane Haworth wife of Joseph Haworth of Dewsbury Ironmonger. I give and bequeath unto Martha and Alice Holdsworth daughters of Samuel Holdsworth of Wakefield each the sum of Five pounds I give and bequeath unto Sarah and Ann the daughters of the late Thomas Armistead of Settle Tailor the sum of Five pounds to be equally divided between them and in case of the death of either of them the survivor to take the whole. And I do hereby will and direct that the several legacies hereinbefore mentioned shall be paid unto each of them at the end of six calendar months next after my decease I give and bequeath my Quarto Bible unto Richard Holdsworth son of Samuel Holdsworth of Wakefield I give and bequeath unto Samuel Holdsworth the Younger of Wakefield my Silver Pint, to John son of the said Samuel Holdsworth my silver Sugar Tongs and to Charles son of John Stanfield of Bradford my half dozen silver Spoons All the residue and remainder of my Household goods and furniture monies and personal estate I give and bequeath unto and equally between my two nieces Mary and Betty daughters of the aforesaid Ellen Ducket and in case of the death of either of them without lawful issue then I give and bequeath the same unto the survivor. And lastly hereby revoking all former Will and Wills by me at any time heretofore made I do hereby declare this to be my last Will and Testament and do hereby nominate and appoint Anthony Stackhouse of Stainforth aforesaid, gentleman, and Richard Armistead of the same place Farmer Trustees and Executors thereof And I do hereby declare that my said trustees or the survivor of them his executors or administrators shall not be answerable or accountable for any loss which may happen to arise out of the said trust premises unless the same shall be occasioned by his or their wilful neglect and that neither of them shall be answerable for the acts receipts and defaults of the other of them but each of them for his own acts receipts and defaults only And also that he and they shall and may at all times be at liberty to reimburse himself and themselves all costs and expenses incurred in the execution of the trusts out of any monies that they come into his or their hands In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three

Signed by the said Mary Ducket the Testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of each other hereunto subscribed our names as

Witnesses-----

James Batty Brown
Marmaduke Armistead

The mark of
Mary X Ducket

Will of Richard Armetstead of Knight Stainforth June 3 1612

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yeoman

To be buried in the parish churchyard of Gigeswicke. My wife Anne shall have and enjoy her feoffment according to the true meaning of the writings in that behalfe made and that all my lands and tenements in Stainforth shall remaine, descend and come after my decease according to the uses and lymittacions in the said writings. To Thomas Armetstead my father all my ground and pasturing on Studfold moore and all my interest and title in the same. My wife Anne is to have half my goods and chattels and £11 13s 4d out of the other moitie. To my brother John Armetstead £7 13s 4d. To my brother Richard Armetstead £4 6s 8d. To my brother in law Stephen Peart £6 13s 4d and to his children Christopher, Thomas and Jane Peart £6 13s 4d each to be paid out of £22 2s 10d Stephan oweth me - he is to have governance of the said legacies during their minorities and he is to enter bond to my father Thomas Armetstead and my executrix within a quarter of a year next after my decease for the payment of the said legacies when they are 21 or marry. If one child dies, his or her share to the survivors. To the poore people of Gigeswicke 20s to be distributed at the discretion of Mr Christopher Shute, my father, and my brother-in-law Barnard Browne.

To George Ivesonn and his wife 5s

To Agnes Twiston daughter of Anthonye 5s

To Roger Preston son of Thomas 5s

To Elisabeth Browne daughter of the said Barnard 5s

To the said Anthony Twisleton 10s

To Thomas Preston and John Clapham 2s each

My wife Anne to be sole executrix

Witnesses

Thomas Armetstead Thomas Tailor Barnard Browne George Swainson William Lawsonn

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Will of Richard Armitstead of Stainforth underbargh parish of Giggleswick
yeoman December the 4th 1665

To be buried in the parish church of Giggleswick at the discretion of my wife, children and family.

All debts and funeral expenses to be paid of my whole goods.

To William Armitstead my eldest son two parts of all my houses and grounds lying in the town and township of Stainforth, and the other third part to Agnes my wife during 50 years if she so long live. After my wife's death the third part to my son William.

My son William is to have all my tables, forms, bedstead, chairs, cupboards and arkes and all husbandry gear.

To Agnes my wife five cattle gates in Langcliffe Over Close during 50 years if she so long lives and after her death to my youngest son John Armitstead.

I will the speciality I have allowed John to take in his own name to be made up to £200 out of my personal estate.

To Anne wife of Thomas Hardy of Coniston my daughter five pounds.

Remainder of my personal estate, goods, cattells and chattells to Agnes my wife and John my son -- they executors.

Signed December the 4th 1665

witnesses: -- Anthony Foster, Richard Armitstead

WILL of John Twisleton of Sherrard House 1773

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Tanner. All freehold lands and tenements in Horton in Ribblesdale or elsewhere county York to my friends Richard Redmayne and William Foster both of Stainforth under Bargh yeomen on trust for the uses hereinafter mentioned.

All my leasehold messuage called Sherrard house with all houses and outhouses tanyards closes and cattlegates thereto belonging to Richard Redmayne William Foster and Thomas Dowbiggin on trust. All the rest of my personal estate, my silver tankard excepted, to Richard Redmayne William Foster and Thomas Dowbiggin on trust. My trustees may from rents and profits or by sale of such parts of my freehold and leasehold estate as they need to pay all debts and raise the sum of £240 -5-0. The £240 is to be paid equally between Robert Twisleton and Alice Twisleton son and daughter of my late brother Robert Twisleton. The five shillings to my brother Thomas Twisleton. The rest of my estate unsold is to be held in trust for the use of John Twisleton son of my late brother Robert Twisleton and his heirs. To my nephew John Twisleton my said silver tankard.

Joint executors -- Richard Redmayne William Foster and Thomas Dowbiggin.

Witnesses Edmund Hammond Martin Ridley Christopher Picard junior