

## **Will of Thomas Kidd of Skirethornes, Threshfield 1679**

**Borthwick vol. 58 fol. 538**

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Kid the elder of Skirethornes in the township of Threshfield in the county of York Freemason infirm of body but of perfect mind and memory praised be God for the same do make my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker hoping through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to obtain full pardon and remission of all my sins both original and actual. And my body to Christian burial at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. And for my worldly estate which God of his mercy has sent me I give and bequeath in manner following. And first I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth one third part of all my goods and personal estate as to her of right belongs. Item I give unto my only son John Kydd all my lands and lease in Skirethornes aforesaid with all houses barns buildings stables and all appurtenances thereunto or to any part or parcel thereof belonging or in any wise appertaining. Item my will and mind is that my loving wife aforesaid shall have one half thereof throughout all during her natural life. Item my will and mind is that my said son John shall pay unto my daughter Jane Kidd £20 of lawful English money within 12 months after he shall attain the age of 21 years forth of my lands abovesaid. Item I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Jane two chests one trunk(?) and one feather bed all standing in the far chamber. Item my will and mind is that my wife Elizabeth according to her promise to me shall presently and after my decease convey unto my said son John or to feoffees in trust for his use two beast gates or cattle gates in Threshfield Rite and Wrongill for all the remainder of the term of years then to come and and expired of one lease thereof made to Thomas Kidd my father. Item my debts and funeral expenses discharged I do make and ordain my loving wife Elizabeth whole executrix of this my last will and testament and I do desire Anthony Fountaine of Linton and William Tophan of Hebden yeomen to be supervisors of this my last will and testament and to see it duly executed as my trust is in them for witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the third day of December Anno Regni Regis Caroli secundi Anglie and tricesimo .... Anno Domini 1679 Thomas Kidd sealed signed published and declared this to be the last will and testament of Thomas Kidd the elder in the sight and presence of Anthony Fountain William Tophan John Ellis his mark William Wilson and others

**WILL of Alexander Ratcliffe of Gray's Inn 1615**  
**Borthwick vol. 35 fol. 169v and 170r**

In the name of God Amen the 20th day of July in the year of our Lord God 1615 I Alexander Ratcliffe of Gray's Inn in the county of Middlesex gentleman and youngest son of Charles Ratcliffe of Todmorden in the county of Lancaster Esq being somewhat infirm and weak in body but of whole mind and perfect memory thanks be given to God therefore do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. Imprimis I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that made it and my body to the earth whereof it was made trusting by the only merits of my dear saviour Christ Jesus to receive free remission of all my sins and to live in everlasting felicity with the blessed saints in heaven for ever amen. Item I give to the poor people of Todmorden where I was born £20 of lawful money of England. Item I will that my body be buried decently according to my poor degree and that cloaks of mourning(?) garments be bestowed upon my brother and sister Greenwood and upon Mr Smith sometimes preacher of St Andrew's in Holburne London and upon William Harrison and Margaret his wife and upon Jane Smith and her husband and their daughter Pegge and upon my servant Elizabeth Grant wife unto William Grant and upon my cousin Burghe and his wife and my cousin Jorden and his wife and their daughter. Item I give to my cousin Jorden his wife £10 of lawful money of England. Item I give and bequeath unto my said servant Elizabeth Grant £20 of lawful money of England if she shall be my servant at the time of my decease. Item I give and bequeath to the Dean and chapter of the Cathedral Church of St Paul London £400 of lawful money of England £200 whereof to remain and be employed for a yearly rent for ever for and towards some part of the charges of such gents scholars of Oxford and Cambridge as shall willingly bestow their pains in preaching the gospel of Christ Jesus at St Pauls Croft the other £200 to the use of the gentlemen choristers and ministers of the choir in the said Cathedral Church of St Paul to purchase a small yearly pension for ever and to be bestowed amongst them yearly at the discretion of the Dean and chapter. Item I do ordain constitute and appoint Charles Greenwood my nephew vicar of Thornehill supervisor of this my last will and testament and I do give and bequeath unto him for his pains £20 of lawful money of England. Item all my debts legacies and funeral expenses being fully discharged satisfied and paid and my body brought decently to the ground I give and bequeath all the residue of my goods and chattels and credits and all my lands tenements and hereditaments in all England whatsoever after my death to my cousin Samuel Ratcliffe Doctor of Divinity and principal of Brasenose College in Oxford and to my cousin George Ratcliffe of Gray's Inn in the county of Middlesex gentleman to them and their heirs for ever to be sold or used for the performance of this my last will and testament. And I do ordain and make the said Samuel Ratcliffe and George Ratcliffe my executors of this my last will and testament. And I do utterly renounce and revoke all other wills whatsoever which I have formerly made or published at any time or times before the day of the date above written. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal before those witnesses whose names are hereunder written the day and year first above written.

Alexander Ratcliffe

Signed sealed and published by the above named Alexander Ratcliffe for his last will and testament in the presence of me Fra. Clooburghe (?) Scr Josephe Grendon(?).

Latin text

.....Samueli sacra theologia professori .....



## WILL of Christopher Preston of Leyland 1728

Lancashire Record Office (very difficult handwriting)

In the name of God Amen I Christopher Preston of Leyland in the county of Lancashire and being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory praise be therefore given to Almighty God do hereby make and ordain this my present will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and creator and my body to the earth therein to receive Christian burial at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. And as touching the disposition of all such temporal estates real as personal as it has pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as follows. First I will order and appoint that all my just debts funeral expenses and probate of this my last will and testament shall be first paid and discharged out of the whole. Item I give to my cousin Margaret Ellershawe and her children the sum of £20. Item I give to my cousin Bolland three sons the sum of £20 amongst them. Item I give to my cousin Millison Lawson and her children the sum of £20. Item I give to my cousin Thomas Preston of Casteropp(?) seven pounds 10 shillings and to his brother Matthew two pounds 10 shillings. Item I give to my cousin Myles Preston at London five pounds. And to my brother Robert two daughters five pounds between them these before mentioned sums amounting to the sum of £80 I order them not to be paid until the end of three years after my decease my executors giving surety for payment thereof in the meantime. Item I give to my cousin Henry Lawson three children six pounds each 40 shillings apiece. Item I give to my goddaughter Margaret Fairebanck four pounds. Item I give to my godson Aspinall four pounds. Item I give to my cousin Richard Hardacre the elder one pound sealing to my executors a .....release. And whereas I have sealed a bond to Mr Hollinheade for the payment of five pounds without any interest for my cousin Edward Briers in virginy to be paid for his use at six months end after my decease I desire to be paid. Item I give to Peter ...Roger .... Louerence.... younger daughter and Jane Wilcocke 20 shillings being five shillings apiece. Item I give to Roger Maudesley two daughters and to Annas two children William and Margaret 20 shillings being five shillings apiece. Item I give to Margaret Nowell the sum of five shillings. Item I give to my cousin Peter Aspinall grocer 10 shillings. Item I give to my cousin Croumblehole parson at Tockes(?) 10 shillings. Item I give to all I am Godfather unto the sum of five shillings apiece being in number about 15 (?).....to be paid at .....years end after my decease. Item I give to William Wat... my presse bedstocks which my wife and I gave him 17 years ago. Item I give to my cousin Ellershawe and my cousin Lawson either a pair of flaxen sheets and either a pillow ....with them being in the .....all together three sheets are .... executors..... Item I give £26 for the procuring of six large wheat loaves every sabbath day for ever to be given to the poor of Leyland in the church. And humbly entreat the .....parson curat clerk and churchwarden of the same place. And their successors to take care of the same. And if my executors the Reverend parson Curral Clark churchwarden of the same place will see it placed upon and .... as of rent charge for ever and in the meantime my executors and the heirs of this my estate to pay it of this my estate. And in case my cousin Thomas Preston will not stand as my executor to make good this my will then I order my cousin Ellershawe and cousin Bolland and cousin Lawson to sell all and make good this my will paying to my godson Christopher Preston the sum of £100 and to take the remainder amongst them. And lastly I give to my cousin Thomas Preston of Long Preston to and for the sole use interest and behoof of Christopher Preston his son being my godson all my estate title interest therein to him the said Christopher Preston my godson his heirs and assigns for ever as soon as he attains 21 years of age. And I do hereby revoke disannul and make void all former wills before by me made. In witness whereof I have put my hand and seal this 10th day of November in the year of our Lord God 1728 desiring .... I desire that Annas may have the clock .....another sealed and published and declared in the presence of us

Alex. Nowell .....Modesle Agnes Modsley

(signed) Christopher Preston

**WILL of Edward Weddell of Waddow, Mitton 1709**

**Borthwick vol 66 fol 100**

I Edward Weddell of Waddow Hall do make my last will and testament in manner following that is to say he being of perfect memory and understanding do give and bequeath unto my mother the sum of £300 and to my brother Charles the sum of £200 and to my brother Christopher the sum of £200 and to my cousin Weddell the sum of £20 and to Mr Leven the sum of £20 and I do charge Waddow with the payment of the same. If I survive my aunt Slater I give unto my cousin Isack Jones the sum of seven pounds for a ring. 19 Nov. 1706

Witness Isaack Jones - *verbatim*

**Borthwick volume 76 folio 631**  
**Will of Francis Frankland of Cracoe 1722**

Will made 1717 Yeoman.

To George Frankland my only son his heirs and assigns all my house and lands cattle gates and hereditaments situate within the territories of Cracoe and the precincts thereof together with my deeds and writing belonging to the same with full provisos.

To my daughter Elizabeth Reynard £10 to be paid by my executor 12 months after my decease. To my grandchild Elizabeth Blaykey at her first issue of her body lawfully begotten £10. To my grandchild Isabel Frankland £20 to be paid by my executor out of my lands when she is 24.

I make my son George Frankland after debts and funeral expenses paid my sole executor

Witnesses Thomas Topham Margaret Topham John Topham

## **WILL of Henry Varley of Downham 1718**

### **Lancashire Record Office**

In the name of God Amen the 29th day of July in the fourth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George by the grace of God of Great Britain and King defender of the faith and in the year of our Lord God 1718 I Henry Varley of the Spring in the parish of Downham and county of Lancaster Yeoman being infirm and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory praised be God for the same do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following it is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter nominated nothing doubting that at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form viz. Imprimis it is my will and mind that all my just debts and funeral expenses be satisfied and paid out of my whole estate and that all the poor people that attend my funeral shall have each one 3d given them as a dole. Item I give unto Ann Varley daughter of Henry Varley my son the sum of five pounds of current money of Great Britain. Item I give to Henry Varley William Varley Thomas Varley Grace Varley Margaret Varley children of William Varley my son the sum of five pounds of like lawful money for each and every one of them. Item I give unto Elizabeth Pool the sum of one pound and 10 shillings of current British money. Item I give unto Elizabeth Ayrie of Chatburn the sum of five shillings of current money. Item I give unto James Speak son of John Speak of Twiston the sum of five shillings of current money. Item I give unto James Varley son of Thomas Varley of Twiston the sum of five shillings of current money. Item I give to Elizabeth Paul daughter of John Pool of Ravens Holling the sum of five shillings of like lawful money. I give to the children of Stephen Calveley of Chatburn the sum of five shillings of current money to be divided equally amongst them. Item I give unto John Rattcliffe the son of Henry Rattcliffe the sum of five shillings of like lawful money. Item all the rest of my personal estate whatsoever or of what kind soever I give unto Henry Varley and John Varley my sons to be divided equally amongst them both and I do also constitute appoint and ordain my said two sons Henry and John Varley joint executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke and disannul all other wills and testaments whatsoever by me at any time heretofore made and do ratify and confirm this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Sealed signed published pronounced and declared by the said Henry Varley as his last will and testament in the presence of us

(Signed) Henry Varley his mark  
Elizabeth Calverley her mark  
James Hin....  
John Hartley

Obligation (Borthwick)

February the 14th 1728/9

A true perfect inventory of all the goods cattles and chattels of Henry Varley of Downham in the county Palatine of Lancaster Yeoman late deceased appraised by us whose names are subscribed the day and year first above written

Imprimis in purse and apparel	2-0-0
Item his bed and bedding and two chairs	1-0-0
Item upon a promissory note from John and Richard Hayhurst	10-0-0
Item upon ditto note from Richard Altham	10-0-0
Item upon ditto note from Edmund Bowker	4-0-0
Item upon ditto note from Matthew Spencer and Thomas Parkinson	5-0-0
Item upon ditto note from Thomas Sharples	2-0-0
Item upon two notes from Richard Spencer	6-0-0
Item upon note from James Bond	1-0-0
Item upon note from Thomas Brogden	3-0-0
Item upon note from John Jackson	1-0-0
Item upon note from John Moore	2-0-0
Item upon promise from Jane Varley .....	1-0-0
Item all the other huslements	0-5-0
Total	48-5-0

Apprisers Christopher Frankland Richard Broxup his mark John Hartley  
The whole of this inventory is affirmed to belong to William son of Jonas Clapham of Clapham in the county of York and diocese of Chester which said William is only grandchild of the abovenamed Henry Varley deceased.

**WILL of Jennet Ellis widow of Moses Clough, Sawley 1783**

**Borthwick vol 127 fol 198**

All just debts funeral expenses and probate to be discharged. To my son Anthony Ellis 5 pounds -- 10 shillings at the end of the first year, 10 shillings at the end of the second year and so on until 10 years have elapsed and the full five pounds is paid. Residue about my personal estate to my son John Hargreaves in the Manor of Sawley -- he sole executor.

28th of October 1782

her mark

Witnesses John Wigsworth William Baldwin

**Borthwick****Will of John Frankland of Grassington parish of Linton 1724**

Will made July 1723 John Frankland bachelor.

To be buried in the churchyard of Linton. To my nephew George Peart son of William Peart late deceased of Grassington my lands and grassing in Grassington for ever with barns and buildings standing thereupon in as large and ample and manner and form as ever I purchased the same for ever he paying forth to Mary Ibbotson wife of William Ibbotson of Grassington 20 shillings; to George Frankland son of William Frankland late deceased 20 shillings; to Margaret Frankland daughter of William Frankland 20 shillings; and to John Frankland son of William Frankland 20 shillings. Executor George Peart.

Witnesses George Frankland Junior Edward Haslam Ann Haslam

Inventory	£	s	d
purse and apparel	3	10	0
an ark		14	0
a chest a coffer		10	0
old hustlements		3	4
	4	17	4

Appraised by us William Peart John Peart William Hibbertson George Frankland

## **WILL of Nicholas Radcliffe of Thornehill 1599**

**Borthwick vol. 28 fol. 145 v, 146r and v, 147 r**

In the name of god Amen the 26th day of October anno domini 1599 in the 41st year of the reign of our gracious sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland defender of the faith etc. I Nicholas Radcliffe of Thornehill in the county of York gentleman although sick in body yet of perfect memory for the which I yield my humble thanks to Almighty God and I do hereby make ordain pronounce and declare this my last will and testament in writing in manner and form following first and principally I commend and commit my soul to the hands of Almighty God and his son Jesus Christ by whose only passion death and resurrection I hope to receive salvation and everlasting life after death and my body I do will to be buried decently in the church of Thornehill at the discretion of the executors and supervisors of this my last will and testament. Item I do hereby will devise and bequeath all my messuages cottages lands tenements meadows closes pastures and hereditaments with their appurtenances in Thornehill and Hadelsaye and also where within the county of York which are freehold land and held by deeds and charter and not copyhold nor customary lands my son and heir apparent To have and to hold the said messuages lands tenements hereditaments and all other the premises to the said George Radcliffe and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten. And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to Elizabeth Radcliffe my daughter and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten and to be begotten. And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to Robert Radcliffe gentleman my brother for and during the term of his natural life. And after his death the remainder thereof to Samuel Radcliffe son to the said Robert Radcliffe and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten and to be begotten. And for default of such issue the remainder thereof to the right heirs of the said Samuel Radcliffe for ever. Item I do give and bequeath £10 to 10 poor scholars entered or ready to enter into the minister being students within the University of Cambridge to be paid within one year next after my death. And to be distributed at the discretion of doctor And.... and after his death by the vice-chancellor of that university. Item I do also give and bequeath other £10 to 10 poor fellows entered or ready to be entered into ministry being students within the University of Oxford to be paid within one year next after my death and to be distributed at the discretion of Doctor Abbot... and after his death by the vice-chancellor or comessarie of that university. Item I do give and bequeath to the right worshipful Sir George Savile my best gelding well trusting and hoping that he will stand and continue a faithful and friendly master and favourer of my wife and children. Item I do give and bequeath to George Savile Esq. son and heir apparent to the said Sir George Savile knight ten angels to be paid to him at his age of 21 years wherewith to buy him a jewel. Item I give and bequeath all my leases and terms for years and chattels real which I have in Hadelsaye Bothomehall Goulcarr Quarmebe and new miller dam within the county of York to my well beloved wife Margaret Radcliffe and to the said Elizabeth Radcliffe my daughter they the said Margaret and the said Elizabeth my daughter paying yearly during the continuance of the longest of the said leases to Grace Radcliffe wife to my brother Alexander Radcliffe one yearly rent of £20 if the said Grace so long do live in discharge of such rents as I am bound to my said brother Alexander to pay unto the said Grace and also they the said Margaret and Elizabeth paying unto the said George Radcliffe my son the sum of £120 of lawful English money at his age of 21 years out of the said leases and out of

the residue of my goods. Item I do give to Dame Elizabeth Savile wife of Sir George Savile knight two angels to make a ring with. Item I give and bequeath unto Sir John Savile of Howley knight one silver cup called a tankard desiring him that he would have a favourable care over my children. Item I give to Robert Kaye of Woodesome(?) Esq my grey nag called Nobbes and my best cloak. Item I give and bequeath to John Armitage of Kirkles(?) Esq the sum of three pounds five shillings and 8d. Item I give unto my brother Alexander Radcliffe gent 20 shillings in gold. Item I give unto my cousin Edward Kettleton of Thornehillies gent one silver bowl. Item I give to my brother Robert Radcliffe gent one salt and I do give to Deborah Radcliffe his daughter three pounds six shillings 8d. Item I do give and bequeath to Edward Whitacer clerk parson of Thornehill 20 shillings. Item I give to Randall Caterall gent one spur Ryall\*. Item I give to my cousin Henry Savile of Thornehill 13 shillings 4d in gold. Item I give to John Abbott of Woodhouse a double duckett. Item I give to Henry Radcliffe Esq my brother one crossbow and a rack. Item I give to Wylfray Banister gent my brother in law one French crown and to my sister Banister his wife 10 shillings in gold. Item I give to James Grenewood my brother in law one French crown and to his wife my sister one other French crown. Item I give unto the aforesaid Samuel Radcliffe one annuity or yearly rent of 40 shillings issuing..... and to be paid out of the profits of one water cornmill in Wadsworth in the county of York called Hepton bridge mill To have and to hold the same annuity of 40 shillings to the same Samuel Radcliffe from the day of my death for and during all such years as are yet to expend and come in the said mills if he the said Samuel so long do live payable in the feast of Pentecost and St Martin the Bishop in winter by even portions. Item I give and bequeath to my cousin John Grenewood son to the said James Grenewood one annuity or yearly rent of 40 shillings issuing going and to be paid out of the profits of the said water cornmill in Wadsworth called Hepton bridge mill To have and to hold the same annuity of 40 shillings to the same John Grenewood from the day of my death for and during all such years as are yet to expend and come out of the profits of the said water cornmill if he the said John Grenewood so long do live payable in the like feast of Pentecost and St Martin the Bishop in winter by even portions. Item I give and bequeath to Giles Grenewood and other of the sons of the said James Grenewood one other annuity or yearly rent of 40 shillings issuing going and to be paid out of the profits of the said mill called Hepton bridge mill To have and to hold the same annuity of 40 shillings to the said Charles Grenewood immediately from the day of my death for and during all such years as I have yet to expend and come in the same mill if he the said Charles so long do live payable in the said feast of Pentecost and St Martin the Bishop in winter by even portions. Item I give to Mrs Coplay wife to Edward Coplay of Batlaye Esq one Angel of gold. Item I give to my brother in law Thomas Savyle of Hullingage gent one suit of apparel such as I have appointed and to my sister his wife 40 shillings. Item I give to John Berie my servant 20 shillings. Item I give to Richard Sourwyse my servant five shillings. Item I give to John Wade my servant three shillings 4d. Item I give to Stephen..agg three shillings 4d. Item I give to Elizabeth Wilson 10 shillings. And to.... Hobson three shillings and 4d. Item I give to Margaret my wife one gilt solid salt and one dozen of silver spoons which were her former husband's. Item I give to Mary Baylie my wife's daughter one silver beaker. Item I do will pronounce and declare that if the said Mary Baylie do marry herself to such a man as shall to the liking and contentment of the aforesaid Robert Kaye Esq and of the said Margaret my wife her mother that then upon payment had and made by the said Mary Baylie to the executors of this my last will and testament of so much money as I paid and disbursed

for her wardship and livery and the charges of her education and bringing up she the said Mary shall be free and cleared of and from any further benefit of her marriage to be taken of her by my executor. But if she fail and do marry herself without the full consent of the said Robert Kaye and Margaret her mother then my will is that my executors shall take the whole benefit of her marriage any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. Item I give and bequeath to John Armitage of Hotherfield one angel and to Sebill his wife one other angel. Item I give to John Kaye my miller at New milner dam 10 shillings if he be in my service at and in the day of my death. Item I do will demise and bequeath the custody..... and government of George Radcliffe my son and Elizabeth Radcliffe my daughter to the said Margaret my wife for and during her widowhood only and no longer. Provided always that if the said Margaret my wife do marry again after my death that then the said Margaret shall make a full and true account satisfaction and payment to the aforesaid Robert Kaye and Robert Radcliffe and to the survivors of them of all such filial and child's portions gifts grants legacies bequests and sums of money as are or shall be due and payable to the said George Radcliffe my son and Elizabeth Radcliffe my daughter by this my last will and testament and out of my goods and chattels lands tenements and hereditaments or otherwise before the next marriage of the said Margaret my wife or else if she fail therein and do not perform the same then I do will ordain and declare that all and every legacy gift grant and bequest herein heretofore made and granted by me to the said Margaret and all and every benefit which she the said Margaret may have and take by being herein named the one of the executors of this my last will and testament and all and every grant of any commodity herein to her to be made to be void and of none effect and that after that she shall no longer continue or be an executor of this my last will and testament and upon the marriage or death of the said Margaret my wife which shall first happen I do ordain constitute and make the said Robert Kaye and Robert Radcliffe tutors and guardians of the bodies goods and chattels lands and tenements of the said George Radcliffe and Elizabeth Radcliffe my children. Item I give and demise to Alexander Stocke Clerk Parson of Kirkeheaton one book of physic which I bought of him. Item I give to Elizabeth my wife to my cousin John Abbott of Woodhouse one Angel. Item I give 20 shillings to the poor of Thornehill and 20 shillings to the poor of Stockton and 10 shillings to the poor of Netherton and ten shillings to the poor of Whitlaye. All the rest and residue of my goods and chattels not before bequeathed my debts and legacies paid and my funeral expenses discharged I do give and bequeath unto the said Margaret my wife and Elizabeth my daughter under the conditions aforesaid which said Margaret and Elizabeth I do make the executors of this my last will and testament and I do make the said Robert Kaye and Robert Radcliffe supervisors of this my last will and testament. In witness hereof to this my present last will and testament I the said Nicolas Radcliffe have set to my hand and seal the day and year first above written. Witnesses hereof Robert Kaye Esq John Armitage Esq Robert Radcliffe gent. Michael Brake George Hamer.

The last day of October in the 41st year of the reign of our gracious sovereign Lady Elizabeth etc. anno domini 1599

**Memorandum** that whereas I have heretofore by will and testament given and bequeathed certain legacies to certain several persons therein nominated as may in the said will more plainly appear now this my writing shall further witness that I now more fully and advisably considering of my own estate which the tender age of my two children and great pains of my well beloved wife now this my mind and will is

that whereas I have given in the said will these legacies following viz. To Sir George Savile knight my best gelding Item to Sir John Savile knight one silver cup called a tankard Item to John Armitage of Kirkelesse the sum of three pounds five shillings and eight pence in money Item to my cousin John Greenwood student in the law one annuity or yearly rent of 40 shillings by year for the term and space of 10 years (if he the said John Greenwood so long do live) Item to my cousin Giles Greenwood one other annuity or yearly rent of 40 shillings by year for the term and space of 10 years (if he the said Charles so long do live) I do now by these presents utterly recall frustrate and make void and of none effect all these legacies above mentioned and instead thereof I do now give and bequeath to Sir George Savile knight one spurr Ryall\* in gold Item to Sir John Savile knight one other spurriall\* in gold Item to John Armitage Esq one other spurriall\* in gold. In witness hereof that this now my mind and will is I do hereunto unto this my writing I have subscribed my hand and put to my seal the day and year above written. Witnesses hereof Robert Radcliffe Edward Whitaker George Hamer. And further my will is that Margaret my wife shall have my house at Ownerthorpe(?) with all the ground and profits thereunto belonging for and during her widowhood and so long as she continue my wife. Witnesses hereof Robert Radcliffe Edward Whitaker.

About the seventh day of November anno predict.

Furthermore the said Nicolas Radcliffe gent in his lifetime after the making of this last will and testament above written has altered the gift of £20 that he had given and bequeathed to be bestowed in the University of Cambridge and Oxford and the said sum of £20 he has ordained and appointed to be distributed and given either in the universities or in the contrary to some such good and necessary uses as shall be thought good hereafter by the judgment and discretion of the aforesaid Robert Kaye Esq and Robert Radcliffe brother to the said Nicholas aforesaid gent and Mr Whitaker the parson of Thornehill. And further whereas the said Nicholas Radcliffe has appointed the said Robert Kaye Esq and Robert Radcliffe gent to be tutors and guardians under certain conditions in the will and testament before expressed to and for the said two children George Radcliffe and Elizabeth Radcliffe he the said Nicholas has now since that time ordained and appointed John Lockewood of Lynthwaite in the county of York yeoman to be also with them a tutor and guardian for his said two children. And likewise Richard Horsefall of Storres Hall to be also tutor and guardian with them if he do marry with Marie Baylie daughter to Margaret Radcliffe his wife and not otherwise. Witnesses hereof Edward Whytaker Robert Radcliffe John Lockewood.

Latin text

\* The Ryal was a new gold coin issued by Edward IV in 1465. It had a value of 10s. The Angel was issued at the same time worth 6s 4d replacing the old noble. The centre of the Ryal is decorated with what looks like a rowel of a spur. The gold spur-royal was reissued by James I in 1619.

OED spur-rowel - a spiked wheel forming part of a spur (as shown on the coin)  
spur-royal - a gold coin worth 15s (?) chiefly struck in the reign of James I and VI with a design resembling a spur-rowel.

**Borthwick volume 70 Folio 286**  
**Will of Richard Frankland of Coniston 1715**

Will made August 1714 Richard Frankland husbandman  
To Margaret Raw wife of William Raw £10. To Isabel Staveley wife of Francis  
Staveley £10. To Jane Blakey wife of Robert Blakey £10. To Isabel Carr wife of  
David Carr £10. To Ellen daughter of Catherine Rundale or otherwise £10. To John  
Stephenson £10. Further to Isabel Carr wife of David Carr all my household goods  
and household instruments. Sole executor Thomas Stevenson. Legacies to become  
due on the 11th of November 1715 and if one dies his or her share between the  
survivors unless the dying person leaves lawful issue  
Witnesses Richard Constantine John Bolland Thomas Wigglesworth Henry Calvert

**WILL of Robert Battersby of Moses Clough, Sawley 1734**

**Borthwick vol 83 fol 416**

Within monastery of Sawley.

My debts and funeral expenses shall be discharged within convenient time after my decease. To Jennet my beloved wife the yearly annuity of three pounds to be paid at the rate of 30 shillings half yearly so long as she remains my widow and no longer.

All the rest of my effects either real or personal I give to my daughter Ellen the interest thereof to be employed in her education and bringing up. If Ellen dies before the age of 21 I give to my wife £60 to be disposed of as she thinks best. My brothers John Battersby and Edward Battersby to be joint executors.

His mark

witnesses Robert Briggs James Ellis

## **WILL of Thomas Wilson of Carlisle 1778**

### **Cumbria Record Office Carlisle**

I Thomas Wilson Doctor in Divinity Dean of Carlisle do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. First I give and devise unto my son Thomas Wilson all those my messuages lands tenements and hereditaments situated in the parish of Horton in Ribblesdale in the county of York as well freehold as leasehold with their and every of their appurtenances together with the patronage or nomination to the perpetual curacy of Horton aforesaid to have and to hold such of the said messuages lands tenements and hereditaments as are freehold together with the patronage of or nomination to the perpetual curacy to him my said son Thomas his heirs and assigns for ever and to have and to hold such of the said messuages lands tenements with their respective appurtenances as are leasehold to him my said son Thomas his executors administrators and assigns the whole estate subject to and chargeable with £1000 to my daughters Elizabeth and Barbara in equal portions that is to each £500 to be paid to them within 12 months after my decease. Also I give and bequeath to my said son Thomas all the rents of the said several estates herein before devised to him which shall be in arrear at the time of my death. Also I give and devise to Josias Morley of Giggleswick in the said county of York Esq and Mr William Hodgson collector of the customs of Carlisle all my messuages lands tithes rents tenements and hereditaments wheresoever together with the moitie of the Manor and Miln of Rathmell situate within the parish of Giggleswick in the county of York aforesaid with their and every of their appurtenances. Also I give and devise to the said Josias Morley and William Hodgson my freehold estate in the parish of Kirkby Kendal in the county of Westmorland called Birkmoss as also my freehold lands on Cummersdale in the parish of St Marie Carlisle together with the lease held under the church of Carlisle granted to Mr William Hodgson in trust for me of the yearly rent of seven shillings and four pence with their and every of their appurtenances to have and to hold the same to them the said Josias Morley and William Hodgson their heirs and assigns for ever. And I do hereby declare that the said devise of my estates in the parishes of Giggleswick Kirkby Kendal and St Marie Carlisle is so made by me in trust to and for the several uses and purposes herein after mentioned that is to say that they the said Josias Morley and William Hodgson or the survivors of them or the heirs of such survivors shall after my decease collect and receive the profits and rents of my estates within the parish of Giggleswick aforesaid and pay the same to my dear wife Margaret during her life in recompense of her dower and after her death shall and do as soon as to them may seem expedient make absolute sale of the said estates to them devised for the best price that can be obtained and the moneys arriving from such sale to be divided equally amongst my two daughters Elizabeth and Barbara and my son George or to the child or children on right of representation of such of them as shall be then dead leaving issue after payments made of £1000 to my son in law Robert Walters Esq for which I have given my bond being the remaining half part of my daughter Margaret's marriage portion. And likewise that the said Josias Morley and William Hodgson or the survivor of them or the heirs of such survivor shall and do as soon after my decease as to them may seem expedient make absolute sale of my said estates in the parishes of Kirkby Kendal and St Marie Carlisle at the best prices that can be obtained except my wife chooses to have the sale of the last mentioned estate in the parish of St Marie Carlisle deferred till after her death and cause the moneys arising from the sale thereof as soon as conveniently may be after the same shall be received to be placed out in government or other securities in the name or names and at the discretion of the said Josias Morley and William Hodgson or the survivor of them or the executors or administrators of such survivor and pay the interest thereof to my said wife during her life and after her decease to divide the principal equally amongst my two daughters Elizabeth and Barbara and my son George or to the child or children in right of representation of such of them as shall be dead leaving issue. I give and bequeath to my two daughters Elizabeth and Barbara and my son George each £500 the interest of which to commence immediately after my death. I give my books to all my children those excepted which my wife chooses to have to be divided

amongst them as she shall judge proper. What remains of my mortgages and bonds after my debts legacies and funeral expenses are discharged I give and bequeath the interest thereof to my said wife during her life and after her decease I give the said mortgages and bonds to my two daughters Elizabeth and Barbara and to my son George equally to be divided amongst them or to the child or children in right of representation of such of them as shall be then dead leaving issue. All the rest residue of my goods and chattels furniture and personal effects whatsoever and wheresoever I give and bequeath unto my said wife Margaret whom I constitute and appoint sole executrix of this my will and testament. And whereas by certain articles bearing date on or about the 16th day August in the year of our Lord 1744 and executed previous to my marriage with my said wife it was agreed that the several sums of £1300 and £600 were to be placed out in the purchase of a freehold estate and that such estate when purchased should be conveyed to and vested in certain trustees to the use of me and my wife during our respective lives and my said wife's estate therein to be in lieu and bar of her dower and after our deaths to the use of our issue share and share alike. In which said articles of agreement is also contained a proviso that on my paying or securing the sum of £1900 for such uses as are herein before recited the same estate if purchased should be conveyed to me in fee and whereas the said several sums of £1300 and £600 have not been laid out in the purchase of any estate pursuant to the said articles now I do hereby declare my mind to be and do direct that the several provisions made for my wife and all my children by this my will, except my daughter Margaret herein after named, being more ample and beneficial to every one of them than they would otherwise have been entitled to shall be received by them and every of them in lieu of and full satisfaction for all such estate and interest as they could or might respectively claim under a strict execution of the said articles of agreement. And whereas I have already paid or secured to be paid to Robert Wallers Esq as a marriage portion with my said daughter Margaret his wife the sum of £2000 now I do hereby declare that I so paid or secured the same to be paid as and that the same shall be considered and taken to be a full satisfaction to my said daughter Margaret not only for what she would otherwise have been entitled to under the said articles of agreement which I entered into upon my marriage but also of all other the child's part and portion of my said daughter Margaret out of all my real and personal estates whatsoever. And lastly I do declare this only to be my last will revoking every other will at any time heretofore by me made preserving to myself notwithstanding the power to make such additions or alterations in the same by any codicil or codicils annexed to this my will and signed by my own hand as to me shall seem necessary and fit which codicil or codicils I order and will shall be deemed part of my will. In witness whereof I the said Thomas Wilson have hereunto set my hand and seal all written by me this 17th day of August in the year of our Lord 1778.

Signed sealed published and delivered by the within named Thomas Wilson as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto  
signed Thomas Wilson

Philip Barnes John Langcake John Hodgson

I Thomas Wilson Doctor in Divinity Dean of Carlisle do annex this as a codicil to my will which I order and direct shall be received and accepted and taken to be part and parcel thereof. I give to Sir James Lowther Bt my coins and medals contained in a red Japanned box as an acknowledgement of the obligations I am under to him. I give to my worthy friend Charles Allix Esq five guineas for a ring. I give to my faithful servant George Boustead £20 and all my woollen clothes. I give to the charity in the city of Carlisle £10 and to the poor within the liberties thereof £10 and to the poor of the parish of Torpenhow £10 to be distributed at the discretion of the several curates thereof. In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand is 18th day of August 1778  
Thomas Wilson

## **WILL of Margaret Radcliffe 1618**

### **Borthwick**

In the name of God Amen the 22nd of July Anno Domini 1618 I Margaret Radcliffe of Thorpe in Thornehill within the county of York widow do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God O heavenly Father assuredly believing that by his ..... in Jesus Christ oh most blessed dear Redeemer he will receive the same into everlasting salvation. And my body I leave to be buried in the chancel of the church of Thornhill near to the body of Mr Nicholas Radcliffe my late loving husband. And for my worldly estate which god has blessed me withall I have formerly by Act executed given and granted and to my son George Radcliffe to his own use all my goods chattels and rights whatsoever. In consideration whereof he owes unto me £100 to be disposed of by this my last will. And he has also undertaken the payment of £700 unto my daughter Elizabeth Radcliffe in consideration of all her portion of the goods which were her father's or mine and which were or shall be due unto her by or after the death or by the last will of her said father or by or after my decease, as also in satisfaction of all debts due from me unto her and of all accounts between us for the payment of which said sums of £100 and of £700 he the said George stands bound by obligation so that there remains only the said debt of £100 for me to dispose of. Therefore concerning the same my will is as follows. Imprimis I do give and bequeath unto Mr Thomas Rushton (?) of Thornhill .... my son in law a piece of 20 shillings in gold. Item I give unto my daughter Mary Rushton his wife a piece of 20 shillings in gold. Item I give unto every one of the said children of the said Mary my daughter (except Robert Rushton her son) which children are now living and so shall be at the day of my death five pounds apiece. Item I give unto my foresaid daughter Elizabeth Radcliffe a piece of 30 shillings in gold in for discharge and satisfaction of her .... filial portion of my goods which ..... may anyway claim by me. Item my desire is that so much of those which were my goods as shall amount to the value of £20 may be sold unto the said Elizabeth my daughter after a reasonable rate at the discretion of ..... and appointment of Mr Charles Greenwood parson of Thornhill of my brother in law John Lockwood of Linth.... item I give and to every one of my .... sisters viz. Anne Lockwood Elizabeth Hobson Edith Leadbeater 10 shillings. Item I give unto my aforesaid brother in law John Lockwood a piece of 20 shillings in gold as a final token of my thankfulness for his love and great pains taken for me. Item I give unto my niece Margaret his daughter a piece of 20 shillings in gold. Item I give and to each of the children of my brother in law Richard Hobson five shillings apiece. Item I give to my brother Leadbeater's two children either of them ten shillings apiece. Item I give unto the rest of the children of my sister Leadbeater by her former husband each of them five shillings apiece. Item I give unto each of my brother and sister Carre five shillings apiece. Item I give unto ..... Sir George Savile knight and Baronet a piece of 20 shillings in gold and to the ..... Elizabeth his wife and 20 shillings piece in gold. Item I give unto Mrs ..... water ..... 20 shillings in gold. To Theodore ..... 10 shillings. Item I give unto my cousin Elizabeth ..... wife of Leonard Gill 10 shillings. Item I give unto William ..... of ..... and Margaret his wife each of them 20 shillings. Item I give to Grace daughter of Mr Lister of Milnthorpe 20 shillings. Item I give to Margaret daughter of Mr Ratcliffe of Wakefield 10 shillings. And to Sarah daughter of William Pollard of Wakefield 20 shillings. Item I give to each of my god children which I have not given legacies unto

12d apiece if they shall demand it. Item I give unto my servant William Tompson 40 shillings. Item to my servant John Verge 40 shillings and to my servant John Hall 20 shillings and to every one of my other old servants which shall dwell with me at my death 10 shillings apiece. Item I do make George Radcliffe my son aforesaid sole executor of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above said in the presence of

Her mark Margaret Ratcliffe

Charles Greenwood John Lockwood

Further codicil of June 1628 very difficult to read every word