

## Nicholas Haygarth 1589

v 24 f 77 mf 936

In Dei no'i'e Amen The first daie of Aprill A'o d'ni 1589 in the xxxj th yere of the Raigne of our Sov'aigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god Quene of Englande France and Irelande defender of the fayth etc I Nicholas Haygarth of Came house in the p'ishing of Horton in Riblisdale in the countie of yorke seke in my bodie yet nevertheles holle & p'fecte in mynde prayed be god for the same doe make and ordaine thys to be my laste will and Testam't in manner and forme as hereafter followeth viz First and principally I com'end and com'itte my soule into the handes of allmightie god my maker and redeem'r and to the merittes of Jesus Christ and my bodie and boanes to be buried at or within my p'ishe church earth of Horton, willinge that all duties funeralls and expences to be paid accordingly at the discrecon of my sup'vis'res as right requireth It'm I geve unto Emotte Haygarth my wiffe her widdowe right of all my te'n'te at came house or elsewhere w'thin the Lordshippe of Newby of the yerely rent of x s ix d be yere and she to have the same duringe her widdoweheade, after and accordinge to the custom of the lordship of Newby It'm I geve unto the saide Emotte my wife half all my goodes moveable and unmoveable It'm yf my wife Emotte Haygarth like not to dwell upon her port'on of my te'n'te or will remove and departe from yt by any mann' of waies ... meanes eyther to lett sett or pledge for longer tyme or shorter Then I will that she shall parte w'th yt to no p'son, nor by any meanes but to my execut'rs And yf they cannot agree I will that my wife take one frende and my execut'rs another And they both to abide and be ordred by them for that they disagree upon, or els she to abide and dwell upon It'm I geve unto Anthony Proctor of Selside in Horton in Riblisdale xx li to be paid unto him forth of my te'n'te or lvyng at what tyme as yt is solde It'm I geve unto Tho Proctor of Selside a cowe It'm I geve unto my broth'r Miles Burton a cowe It'm to George Willan my sisters sonne a cowe It'm I geve unto xpofer Sidgiswick a cowe It'm I geve to Rob'te Wood a cowe It'm I geve to James Haygarth of Crosoulsestalle a cowe It'm I geve unto James proctor of the p'ishing of Lancaster a cowe that ys there at what tyme as she is louse It'm I geve unto James Tenante of yokenthwiate my broth'r in lawe a cowe It'em to Roger Proctor sonne of Edmonde xx s It'm I geve unto Tho Haygarth of chappell in Dent two gymmer hogges It'm I geve unto my maiden Elizabeth Haygarth foure hogges It'm I geve unto Ellen Haygarth my sister iiij ewes It'm I geve unto Leonard Sidgiswicke of Dent a wedder It'm I geve to W'm Burton of Dent a wedder it'm I geve to Stephen Tenante my godbarne a lambe It'm to Anne daughter of John Sidgiswicke a lambe It'm I geve to Elisabeth wife of John Burton two kine It'm I geve unto Stephen Tenante my brother in law two wedders It'm to Brian Proctor sonne of Bartill a lambe It'm I geve and bequeath unto James Burton my brother and to my brother Tho Haygarth children nicholas Haygarth and Margaret Haygarth all my hole goodes and te'n'te unbequeathed both moveable and unmoveable whereof James Burton to have half through all and Nicholas Haygarth and Margaret Haygarth the other half savinge that for nicholas and m'garett half or porcons Nicholas to have two partes of their half and m'garett but one half that ys to saie a third of ther half Any (*sic*) yf there be anie trouble suite or travell cost or charges about anie of these my goodes or te'n'te then I will that James Burton my broth'r shall travell and answeare for them all for all their p'fittes upon the costes and chardges of them all to be borne equallie amongst them ev'y one of them ratably their porcon accordinge to their porcons And yf yt please god to call to hys m'cie eyther of my broth'rs children Nicholas or Margaret before they receive their porcons Then I will that he or she that s'viveth the oth'r have both their porcons and likewise yf James Burton die his heires or assignes to have hys half accordingly And of thys my testam't I make James Burton my brother in law my hole and sole executor And yf my wife and my executors disagree about anie thinge before mentioned then I will that they be ordered by my sup'visors And I make sup'visors of thys my testam't my broth'r Miles Burton Tho Proctor of Selside Leon'de Sidgiswicke of Dent Stephen Tenante and James Te'n'te my brethren in law desiringe them for godes sake to see this my will forthfilled so farr as in them lyeth and to the uttermost of their powers and yf any of my Sup'visors refuse to deale of or about thys my testam't then I referre yt to the rest that will deale of yt And my executors to paie nor deliv'r no legac's unto no p'son before they come unto his handes. Wittnes hereof James Burton xpofer Haygarth of Dent Frannces Proctor of nether Birkwith and W'm Burton Et septimo .....(*Latin*)

## Christopher Hesildayne of Brackencodum 1550 vol 13 fol 614 mf 920

In the name of god amen. The First daye of marche in the fourte yere of the reigne of o<sup>r</sup> sov[er]yn lord king Edward the sext by the grace of god king of england Franncce and Ireland, and in erthe the

Supreme heade of the churche of england and also of Ireland next under god. That I Christofer heseldeyne of Brakencodum within horton in ribbel daile secke of bodie and hooll of mynde make my last will and testament in forme folowing Firste I bequath my soull unto god almyghtie and my bodie to the ground Also I will that alice my Wif shal be my hooll my executrice, of all my goods and farmoldyng duryng her widdoright and after her widdoright, hoollie to Christofer my son with the licence of the lorde therof Also I will that Cristofer my son, shall pay unto william his broder xl s to agrement at suche tymes as they can agree by the counsell of foure frendes. Also my three sones John Brian and William is furod (?friend) unto me, at my Will making, by faith and thoughte to pforme fulfill and kepe my Will, and non of them to clame no barne parte after my d..... (?decease) Also I will that my too daughters Elisabeth and Agnes, shalbe maried of the hooll goods also I will that if it please god that Christofer my son have no sones lawfully begotten that William his broder shall have the tenement agreyng with his daughters, at the sight of frends. Also I will that alice my Wif, shall dispose all the goodes unbequeathed at her departing amongst my childer, as she thinkes best. Wittenes and recorders h[ere]of John Talior Thomas Baddersbie Christofer Baitson and Robert Twiselton

Et xxiiij die .....

In margin: Testm xpofer hesildyne de horton

### **Christopher Hessleden of Brackenbotham 1581 vol 22 fol 186 mf 933**

In die no[m]i[n]e amen 1581 upon the xx<sup>tie</sup> daye of Julie I xpofer hessleden of Brackenbothame seeke in bodie but of good and p[er]fect mynd and memorie praysed be gode makethe this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge Inprimis I bequiethe and give my soule unto the highe (?)powre of god almyghtie my maker and redemer and my bodie to be buried at or w[i]thin my p[ar]ishe churche at horton and all fun[er]all duties to be paid accordnglie. It[e]m yt is my mynde that my debtes be paid of my whole goodes. It[e]m I give and bequiethe to my foure sones Thomas hesselden, xpofer hesselden John & mychaell hesselden all my whole goodes moveable and unmoveable reservinge and kepinge to Agnes hesselden my wyfe her porcon therof that righte is Excepte my Leas and all my husbandrie geare w[i]th cer[t]aine bequiethe as hereafter followethe all w[hi]ch bequiethes I will that they be discharged / It[e]m I give and bequiethe unto Bryan hesselden my sonne and his heires forever my said leas and all my husbandrie geare for and in respect of his childs porcon of my goodes allwayes provided that Agnes Hesselden my wyfe shall have her widdowe righte at and upon the said ten[emen]t and to be the best at my house so longe as she kepeth her unmarried and also shall the said husbandrie geare to do her necessaries w[i]thall duringe the said tyme in consideracon wherof I will that my said Sone Bryan hesselden shall paye to his bretheren Thomas hesselden xpofer, John, and mychaell, xiiij<sup>li</sup> and to be devidid amongst them equalie And I will that my sone Bryan shall to everie of them his equalle porcon therof so soone as theye or anie of them shall come to lawfull yeares And yf anie of my said sonnes Thomas Hesselden John, xpofer, and mychaell hesselden shall dye before he or they have receaved his or ther agrement Then I will that is (*sic*) or ther porcon shall continewe and remaine in the hands of my said sone Bryan It[e]m I give and bequiethe to Agnes hesselden my wyfe one graye horse to do her necessaries w[i]th all duringe her widdowheade and after to remaine unto my said sone Bryane Hesselden yf he lyve so longe. It[e]m I give and bequiethe to Bryane hesselden my sone one Blewe coote and one paire of Stockings / It[e]m I bequiethe unto John Cockson one Jackett and my best hoose. It[e]m I bequiethe unto John hesselden and mychaell hessleden my sones one Jerkine and two paire of hoose It[e]m I bequiethe unto Alice hessleden my daughter one greate arke and the rest of my goods unbequiethed I will that my wyfe shall paye to everie of my foure sonnes Thomas hessleden xpofer, John, and mychieale hesselden ther equall porcones of all my goods as aforesaid as they shall come to lawfull yeares / It[e]m I will that Agnes hesselden my wyfe shall have all my

taken grounde not menconed in my leas duringe her widdowheade to the bringinge up of my thre children anie thinge heare before menconed to the contrarie notw[i]thstandinge And afterwardes to Remaine to my sone Bryane hesselden forever. It[e]m I will that agnes hessleden my wyfe and Bryane hessleden my sone shall kepe my two sones John hesselden and mychaell hessleden at Schole unto such tyme as they can write and Reed and be hable to get to some occupacon. And my wyfe shall paye ther waiges and clothe them It[e]m I will that my said sone Bryane Hessledene shall worke all husbandrie labours rightlie together aswell to his mothers profitt as his owne And I will that my son Brian shalbe a help of his bretheren in ther necessities as a brother ought to be It[e]m I will that my sone Bryan shall not marie before the firste day of maye nexte ensueinge And I make Agnes hesselden my wyfe executrix of this my last Testament And I desyer John Armitstead, John Browne, John Batsone, Anthonie armitsteade and Bryane hessleden my sone to be sup[er]visours hearof And to helpe my wyfe and children where nede is Thes wittnesses. John armitsteade and Bryane Bainbrige

Eod[em] die ann[o] d[omi]ni pred[icti] d[e]c[an]us decan[at]us certificavit se approbasse huiusmodi test[am]entum per testes super no[m]i[n]at[os] iurat[os] etc Com[m]issaque fuit administrac[i]o bonorum eiusdem execut[orum] in eod[em] test[ament]o no[m]i[n]at[is] iurat[is] etc Saluo iure cuiuscumque etc

In margin: T: xpoferi hessledon def

**Thomas Hewson of Harbor Inge 1561**  
**vol. 17 fol. 33**

In the name of god amen the vij th daye of Julij in the yeare of our lord god a thousand fyve hundrethe threscore I Thomas hewson of harbor inge in (the) pishinge of horton in Riblisdale secke in bodye & of holle mynde & memorie thanks be to god almyghtie make my last will & testament in maner & forme followynge First I gyve & bequethe to willm hewson my sone half the rest of my farmhold thre yeares after my decease the holle tytyle of my farmhold according to the custome of the lordshippe paying the same to his thre brethren anthonye hewson Jeffray hewson & frances hewson everye one of them thre pound Itm I will that Jennet hewson my syster shall have a bedde rowme at my house so long as she lyveth Item I will that when my dettes bequethes & funerall expenses is paid the rest of my goodes that leaveth of my p(ar)te my children having their portions shall remane to my two doughters Jennet hewson & Elizabethe hewson Itm I make my holle executors of this my last will and testament willm hewson my sone & Jennet hewson my daughter Thes wytnesses Oswald hewson willm hewson Umfrey hewson & John batson

**Agnes Howson (of the Blind Beck) 1597 v 26 f 556 mf 939**

**In the name of god amen** about the viij<sup>th</sup> daie of June in the xxx<sup>th</sup> yeare of the raigne of o[u]r Sovereigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Quene of Englande France and Ireland defender of the Fayth etc one thousand fyve hundreth ninetie three. Agnes Howson late of the blinde becke in the parishe of Horton in Riblesdaile and Countie of yorke widdowe beinge whole and perfect in minde did make this her last will and Testament Nuncupative in manner and forme followinge That is to say: shee did give and bequeath unto the Children of John Bateson her sonne in law Forty shillings to bee equally devided amongst them. And the rest of her goods remayninge shee did give and bequeath unto her sonnes John Hesselden & Michael Hesselden Witnesses hereof Anthonye Armetsteade and John Batesonne and Bryan Hesleden Et ....(*Latin text*)

**Alice Howson 1603 vol 29 fol 109 mf 942**

In the name of god Amen the .....th day of Aprill 1603 .....  
of.....barre in the pische of Horton in Riblesdale and in the County of yorke ....  
but whole and pfecte in minde & memory god be thanked for the same ...  
last will and testment in maner & forme as followeth First & principally I .....  
my soule unto the tuiton of allmightie god my body to be buried at or in the (parish church)  
of Horton accordinge to the use of my elders wth such liberality to the poore.....  
freindes thinke good to bestow upon them Itm I will that all duties be paid for the same that  
law requireth Itm I give & bequeath unto Alice Howson daughter of the  
late deceased Francis Howson one Coverlette one blankette one sheete one gowne(?)  
one petticote and one chiste Itm I give and bequeath unto William Bentham xx s  
to be set forward wth him at the next springe The rest of my goodes remayninge  
my debtes paid and my funerall expenses discharged I give & bequeath yt  
wholly unto Thomas Howson my sonne Itm I do make the same Thomas  
Howson my sonne my whole executor of this my last will & testament Witnesses  
hereof John Nilholson & William Walker Curate *Et Eisdem die et ano* .....  
... *Johem Nilholson* .....

**Anthony Howson 1565 vol 17 fol 463 mf 927**

In dei noie. amen I anthonye howson sicke in bodie but in pfecte remembrance and in good mynd  
makethe this my last will and Testament. The xxj day of aprill anno dni. 1565 in maner and forme  
followinge. Imprimis I gyve and bequithe my soull unto almyghtie god and my bodie to be buried  
in the pische church of horton and all dewties to be done as the lawe requirethe and the costes of my  
buriall to be done at the discrecon of my Executors Item I bequithe to my Sister Elline martn. one  
cove / To willm Richardson one meare, To Robt Richardson one cove/ To Xpofer more two quyes/  
To xpofer tathm. two whies/ To margaret Ellis two whies/ to margaret feildhouse one whie/ to John  
ho \_\_\_\_ of Craw x lambes. Also I will that alice my wyfe be the head of my house duringe hir  
widowhead and that She shall have all the pffitte of my lands leases and Tenements duringe the  
m \_\_\_\_ of my children to bringe my children upp upon in suche sorte as myne Executors shall  
Thinke meite and convenient x \_\_\_\_ always that my wyfe shall neither sett sell nor let to any pson  
or psons no pte nor pcell of my said lands leases and Tenements without the speciell consent and  
assent and licence of myne executors or there assignes at no tyme nor Tymes hereafter And yf the  
said alice do marrye then she to have her porcon in althings according to the lawe/ and so quietlie to  
avoyde of and from the premisss p \_\_\_\_ ss I gyve to my Sone willm. All my lands leases and tithe  
that I am now possessed of to hym and to his heires for evr. / my wyfe right considered/ and he to  
have his bequest in full recompence of this porcon of my goodes and if the said willm. die without  
sones then the holle bequest to come and remayne to my Second Sone/ if it please god that my wyfe  
be with a sone now beyng with childe Further my will is that if my wyfe be delived of a sonne att  
this tyme, and the child lyve till he come to lawfull aige or yeares, then my will is that he shall have  
all my landes that I am now possessed of beside his porcon of my goods for evr./ and if my wyfe be  
not delived of a sone at this tyme then all the premisses to remayne to my elder sone, and yf the  
Said Elder son die without yssue then the said holle bequest to dissend and come to my Second  
sone and yf both my Sones die without yssue Then all the bequest to come to the eldest daughter  
then lyvinge and so from one doughter to an other. And leste what doughter that bequest comethe to  
(yf anye suche be) she to have no other porcon of my goods and yf she have receyved her porcon  
then she to restore it \_\_\_\_ (to the like velue that she haith receyved/ to the rest of hir Systers or to  
thissue of them Item my will is that yf any of my children die before they come to lawfull yeares of  
aige / Then my will is that there porcon of goods shalbe equallie devided amongst the rest of my

children then lyvinge/ Item my will is that where as I have receyved money \_\_\_\_\_ for certayne pcells of Tythe corne of anthonie more Thomas procter mylles thisteltwha \_\_\_\_\_ Bryan Benthm. my will is that the said anthonie more shall have his porcon of corne duringe the yeares of my holle lease payinge the rente and duties \_\_\_\_\_ and the said anthonye to have the tenant right of his Tenament that he haith in occupacon to hym his heaires and assign. for evr. payinge sex yeares rent gressn. at the change of eny tenante with rente and duties accustomed Item my will is that the afore said Thomas mylle and Bryan shall have there porcon of tythe for the terme of xxj yeares accordinge to my grannt maid before Thomas Somerscalles and others and my will is that myne Executors shall se thes my connands and bargans discharged as muche as they maiye do by vertue of this my will and Testament Fynallie I will that my detts bequests and all other funerall expence beyng paid and discharged I make Thomas Somerscalle of Stockedaill house and Willm Richardson of Claphm. to be my True and lawfull Executors of this my last will and Testament/ and the said executors or there assignes to have there costes and charges borne of my holle goods at all tyme and Tymes when neide shall require for the true m \_\_\_\_\_ of this my last will. Witness hereof Thomas ward. Anthonye more. John howsone. John burton

*(Latin text)*

#### **Anthony Howson (of Studfold) 1602 v 28 f 802 mf 942**

**Memorandum** that upon the ix<sup>th</sup> daie of October or thereaboutes anno dni 1602 Anthony Howson of Studfolde wthin the pishe of horton in Riblesdale and in the Countye of yorke singleman beinge sicke in bodye but whole and perfecte in mynde and memory Did make his laste will and testamt nuncupative in manner and forme as followeth First he did comend his soule into the protection and tuicon of Almighty god And his bodye to be buried in the pishe Church of horton accordinge to the use of his elders Itm he did give and bequeath to Elizabeth Thislethwaite and her husband x<sup>li</sup> Itm he did give and bequeath unto Thomas Langestrothe his sisters sonne iiiij<sup>li</sup> The residue of his goodes remayninge his debtes beinge paid and his funerall expences discharged he did give and bequeath it wholye to Thomas Howson his brother Itm he did make the said Thomas Howson his sole and whole executor of this his Laste will and testamt These beinge witnesses of the same Thomas Cote senior James Taylor and Thomas Langstrothe Et .....*(Latin text)*

#### **Grace Howson of Blind Beck 1570 vol 19 fol 436 mf 930**

In dei no[m]i[n]e amen anno d[omi]ni 1570 and upon the xxv day of februarye I Grace Howson secke in bodie but in p[er]fecte mynde and memorie makethe this my last will and Testament as followethe firste I comende my soule unto allmyghtie god and my bodie to be buried in the church of Horton and all dewties to be done as the lawe requirethe It[e]m I constitute and make John Howson of the blynde becke Edmu[n]de feyldhowse the yonger and Thomas Howson my sonne Edmundes sonne the executors of this my last will and Testamente It[e]m I will that the same Thomas Howson my sonne Edmundes sone his heysr executors and assignes have and occupie all the Tennemente w[i]th thappurtenances therunto belonginge w[hi]ch Lawrance Howson my husbände and I had occupied in Horton for and after my deathe accordinge as my said husbände did geve and bequeathe yt by his laste testamente It[e]m I geve to Alice Howson daughter of thafforsaid John one lambe one Smocke and one kerchif It[e]m I geve to Katheryn her Sister my beste hatte It[e]m I geve to her mother my beste clooke and my beste cappe It[e]m I geve to Bryane wardewyffe my beste Smocke and one kerchefe It[e]m I geve to Agnes my daughter one blacke appron one kerchefe my olde sylke hatte and one Rayle It[e]m I geve to Agnes frances Howson one kerchefe and to Elsabethe her daughter my beste Reed petticott It[e]m I geve to John warde wyfe my olde Rounde gowne It[e]m I geve to Jane Howson my daughters daughter an olde

blacke coote It[e]m I geve to willm Howson the sonne of willm Howson of the Rawe an olde coote  
It[e]m I geve to Thomas Howson sone to my Sone Edmunde all other my goodes exceptinge so  
muche as shall serve convenientlie to burye me w[hi]ch I comitte to the discrecion of my executors  
afforsaid Phillip Talior owethe me ijs witnesses hearof Roger Holden curate willm wedderheade  
John warde Bryane warde John and Thomas Howson filius Joh[an]nis

Et predicto die mensis octobris anno domini ut supra dictus decanus certificavit se approbasse  
dictum testamentum per testes iuratos ac commissaque fuit administracio bonorum eiusdem  
Johannis howson et Edmundo feildehowse executorum in eodem testamento nominatis iuratis et c  
saluo iure cuiuscumque Reservata potestate consimilem administracionem committend[i] Thome  
howson filio Edmundi howson coexecutores in eodem testamento nominatis cum venerint eadem in  
forma iuris in se susceptur[e]

Rayle (rail) - a piece of cloth formerly worn about the neck by women or a woman's dress or upper  
garment (Oxford English Dictionary)

In margin: 1572 Octo Testm Gracie howson nup def

#### **Jenet Howson 1593 v 25 f 1293 mf 938**

**In the name of God Amen** the xxiiij<sup>th</sup> daye of februarie in the yeare of our lord god 1592 I Jenet  
howsonn of the pishe of horton in Riblesdayle and in the Countye of yorke weddowe Sicke in  
bodie but yet wholle and pfecte in mynde and memorie god be thanked For the same doe macke this  
my laste will and testament in manner and forme as Followethe First and principallie I committ my  
soule unto the tuicon off Almightye god my bodie to be buried att or in the prishe Church of horton  
accordinge to the use of my Elders wth suche liberalitie to the poore as my frindes thinketh good to  
bestowe upon them Itm I will that all Dewties be paide for the same as the lawe requireth Itm I  
will that my debtes be paide of my wholle goodes Itm I geve and bequeathe unto Jenet Ivesonn my  
Cheste and all suche lennen & all other thinges as ys in the said Cheste to the same Jenet two  
Coverlettes two shettes one blankett all my hempte line(?) and yearn two Cootes one great pann and  
one lytle pann and iijli vjs viijd in moneye Itm to Edwarde Ivesonn xxs Itm to Jenet moses vjs  
viijd Itm to mabell Ivesonn one Coote one smocke one Reale and apron and vjs viijd yf willm  
preston thenke she will do good wth yt and yf she will leave goinge in the countrie Itm to willm  
Howson vjs viijd and to his two Children eyther of them iijs iiijd Itm to John lawsonn and his  
Children vjs viijd and one lytle arke Itm to Richard Kydsonn iijs iiijd Itm to Frannces howsonn iijs  
Itm to Janet howsonn iijs Itm my debtes paide my funerall expenses and legacies discharged The  
reaste of my goodes unbequeathed I geve and I geve and (sic) bequeathe it whollie unto John  
howson my sonne in lawe and I doe maike the same John howson my wholle executor of this my  
laste will and Testament witnesses hereof william preston william Bentham Gregorie howson  
Thomas Bentham and wiliam waller  
4 lines Latin

#### **Lawrence Howson (of Brackenbottom) 1594 v 26 f 10 mf 938**

**In the name of God Amen** The xxj<sup>th</sup> of May in the xxxvj<sup>th</sup> yeare of the reigne of Elizabeth by the  
grace of god Quene of England Franncce and Ireland defender of the faith etc **1594** I Lawrence  
Howson of Brackinbothom in the parish of Horton in Riblesdale, and in the Countie of yorke, sicke

in bodie but whole and pfect in mynde and memorie god be thanked for the same, do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme as followth First and principallie I comytte my soule unto the tuycon of almightie god, my bodie to be hurried at or in ye (*the*) parish Church of Horton according to the use of my elders, wth such liberalitie to the poore, as my Children and frendes thinckes good to bestowe upon them. Itm I will that all dueties be paid for the same as the law requireth. Itm I will that my debtes be paed of my whole goodes. Itm I give and bequeath unto John Howson my sonne if he come into the countrie, the Crophe and Comoditie of my Tente for this yeare in Consideracon of his Childes porcon of goodes. Itm I give unto Jane Howson my daughter one Coverlette and Chist. Itm to Thomas Howson my brother a payre of hose and a Cappe. Itm to George Howson my sonne the rest of my apparrell. Itm I give to Margret Howson daughter of George thre shillinges fower pence to buy a lambe wth it. My debtes paid my funerall expences and legacies discharged the rest of my goodes I give and bequeath it wholly unto Margrett Howson Grace Howson and Jane Howson my daughters equally to be devided amongst them Itm I do make Jane Howson my daughter my whole executrix of this my last will and testament. Witnesses hereof Brian Hessleden, Thomas Foster and Willm Hessleden  
(*Latin text*)

**Margaret Howson (of Harber) 1595 v 26 f 249 mf 939**

**In the name of God Amen:** the xvj<sup>th</sup> day of October Anno Regni Elizabethhe Regine xxxvij<sup>th</sup> 1595 I Margaret Howson of Harbarr in the pish of Horton in Riblesdaile & in the County of Yorke sick in body, but whole and pfect in mynde & memory god be thanked for the same do make this my last will and testament in mann'r and forme as followeth First and principally I Comitt my soule unto the tuicon of almighty god, my body to be buried at or in the pish church of Horton accordinge to the use of my Elders wth such liberality to the pore as my Friends thinks good to bestow upon them Item I will that all dewtyes be paid for the same as the law requireth Item I will that my debts be payed instly by my Executor. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Howson my sonn one Cow one foale, one new pann one Covrlitt two Canves sheets one Linnen sheet and halfe the Cropp of the Corne straw and hey wch I have Item to Isabell yonghusband my daughter one Gowne & one Red Pettycote my linnen close one Arke whether of the less Arks as shee will, and a pann Item to Jenet Howson my best petticote in Recompence of v<sup>s</sup> wch I ow her. Item to the wyfe of Richard Wetherhead a paire of hose a paire of showne and a smock Item my debts paid my funrall expences and legacies discharged, the rest of my whole goods whatsoever remaineth I give and bequeath it wholly unto Bryan Howson my sonn my whole executor of this my last will and testament And I desire Thomas Howson to see all things herin pformed accordingly and to see Thomas Howson my sonn his goods set forward wthin(?) until he be able to guid it himselfe Witnesses herof Roger Proctor Francis Howson and Thomas Howson Et ...(*Latin text*)

**Robert Howson of Dubcoot 1589**

**Borthwick vol. 23 fol. 762 mf 935**

In the name of God Amen. The twelvthe day of februarie Anno dni 1587. I Robert howson lat of Dubcoot in horton and nowe in freer Stainfurthe in the Countie of yorke and p(ar)ishe of Giggleswicke sicke in bodie but of p(er)fect remembrance prayed be god do make this my last will and testament in maner and Forme followinge First I bequie the my soule to Jesus Christ my onelie saviour and redeemer And my bodie to be buried in the Churche yearde at Giggleswicke And for my mortuarie and other Churche duties all that Right will Itm I give and bequie the to Willm Lawkland of freer Stainfurthe my Cosyn and especiall frend All and singuler my goodes chattalls

and dettes moveable and immoveable in whose handes Custodie & kepinge soever the same be or any of them are And all bills bondes and Assurances Touching the same whatsoever To have and to hold the same to the said Willm Lawkland his executors administrators and assignes for ever aswell all those somes .... .. under a certaine letter of authoritye by me made unto the said .... .. Willm ..... whatsoever And I ordeyne and appoynt the said Willm (*and ...*) Lawk.... my sole executors of this my last will and testament And I appoynt Willm .... Armytstead and Christofer Sailbancke supervisors of this my will prayinge them for godes sake to Ayd and assist my executor in the execution of this my will upon ther resonable charges borne Thes witnes the said William Armytstead Christofer Sailbanke and Bryane Bainbrige

*Latin text*

**Thomas Howson of Dubcote 1548 vol 13 fol 427 mf 920**

In the name of god so be it the thirde daie of may in the seconde yere of the reigne of our soveraigne lorde Edwarde the sexte by the grace of god kinge of Englande Franncce and Irelande defender of the faith and in erthe supreme heade of the churche of Englande and also of Irelande That I Thomas Howson of Dubcoite within Horton in Ribbesdale seke of bodie and hooll of remembrance maike this my last will and testament Firste I bequeath my soule unto almightie god our ladie sancte marie and and all the holie companye of heven and my bodie to be buried in the churche of sancte Oswalde at Horton and everie prest that dothe minister that daie vjd and everie clerke that can singe jd and everie other als Also I bequeathe to will[ia]m my sone an oxe and everie childe that he haith a lambe Also I bequeathe to Richarde (?)Gibson a cove and to everie child that he haith a lambe Also to Hewe webster an oxe and to everie childe that he haith a lambe Also I bequeathe to Robert my sone a noxe to Isabell his daughter a lambe and my goods unbequeathed my detts paide I will that it be devyded equally betwixt my too sones willm and Robert Also I will that willm and Robert to be my hooll executores and willm to have my tenement that he dwellith on with the licence of the lorde therof and the lande whiche I have boughte and haith the dedes to show I will that willm and Robert my sones to have and equally devyded betwixt them and aither of them to maike like coste of all thinges Recorders herof James warde John howson myles wedderheade and Oswald Clerke with other moo

Et tertio die mensis Octobris anno dni millimoquingentesimoquadragesimooctano decanus de Craven certificavit se approbasse dictum test[amentu]m virtute com[m]issionis et c per Jacobum warde Johnem howson milonem wedderheade et Oswaldum Clerke testes in eodem testamento nominatis coram eis(?) prins(?) lecto(?) in presentia dominorum Galfridi holme et Johannis Lambert presbiterorum iuratos et c Com[m]issaque fuit administracio bonorum eiusdem willmo et Roberto howson filiis dicti defuncti executorum eiusdem testamento nominat[is] in forma iuris iuratis Saluo iure cuiuscumque et c

In margin: Testm Thome howson nup de horton defuncti

**Thomas Howson of Blind Beck 1549 vol 13 fol 501 mf 920**

In the name of god so be it the tenthe daye of Januarie in the seconde yere of the reigne of oure Sovereigne Lorde kinge Edwarde the sixt by the grace of god kinge of Englande Franncce and Irelande and in Erth the Supreme hede of the churche of Englande and Irelande next under god that I Thomas Howson of the blinde beke within Horton in Ryblesdale seke of bodie and holl of remembrance make my last will and testament in manner followinge First I bequeath my soull unto god almightie and my bodie to be buried in the churche of Sancte Oswalde at Horton Also I will that Katheryne my wif to be my holl executrix of all my goodes and farmholdynge which I am in possession of duringe here widue right and after her widue right I putt my holl right unto Francys

my brother which shulde be myne and he to make Alicia my daughter with here owne goodes xxli also I will that my goodes be devided in thre partes one parte to my wif a nother to my daughter and the thirde parte to Erthe me honestelie And the Rev[er]tion therof to be devided betwixt my wif and my daughter Witnes and recorder herof William Howson John Clarke Myles Wedderhirde Robert prokter with other moo

Et xxvij<sup>o</sup> die mensis marcij anno domini millesimoquingesimo xlix <sup>o</sup> Decanus de Craven certificavit se approbasse dictum testamentum virtute commissionis etc per William howson et Robertus prokter testes in eodem testamento nominat[is] iurat[is] etc commissaque fuit administracio bonorum eiusdem katherine relicte dicti defuncti soli executrici in eodem testamento nominat[e] iurat[e] etc saluo iure etc

In margin: Testm Thome howson de Blynde beke p[ar]och de horton

### **William Howson (of Becrofte) 1593 v 25 f 1471 mf 938**

**In the name of God Amen** The xvij<sup>th</sup> daie of Maie in the xxxv<sup>th</sup> yeare of the Raigne of our sovraigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god queene of England Franncce and Ireland defender of the faithe etc 1593 I willm Howson of Becrofte and in the parishe of Horton in Riblesdaile and in the countie of yorke sicke in bodie but whole and perfitte in minde and memory god be thanked for the same do make this my last will and testamente in manner and forme as followethe First and principallie I committe my soule unto the tuicon of allmightie god my bodie to be buried at or in the parishe churche of Horton accordinge to ye use of my ellders wt suche Liberalitie towards the poore as my wiefe and freindes thinke good g (*sic*) to bestow upon them And I will that all duties be paid for the same as the Law requirethe Item I will that all my debtes be paid of my whole goodes Ite[m] I will that all covenantes and bargaines wch I have made wt anie person or persons shalbe finished and performmed by my executrix as well and fullie as I oughte to doe if god did spare my lief Item I give and bequeathe unto Janet Howson my wiefe the whole commoditie use and profite of all the Rectorie or parsonage of Horton and all appurtenances thereunto belonginge duringe the time of hir naturall lief the said Jennet payinge doinge and discharginge all suche rentes duties and services due and to be donne to churche prince Lord and neighbourhead. Item I give and bequeathe unto marie Procter the daughter of Franncis Procter the whole righte title and intereste of all the said Rectorie and all appurtenances therunto belonginge and all assurances which I have of the said Rectorie to enter unto the said Rectore imediatlie after the deceas of my wiefe Janet she ye said marie payinge doinge and discharginge all suche somme and sommes of money as herein I do appointe her the said marie viz First I will that she shall paie unto Dorothie Procter the daughter of thomas Procter of Overbirkwith the somme of one hundreth poundes of lawfull money of Englande to be paid at thre martinmas daies nexte after that the said marie dothe enter unto the said Rectorie by even porcons Item to the children of Richard Franckland my brother in Lawe one hundreth poundes of lawfull money of England to be paid unto the said children likewise at the daies beforesaid by equalle porcons to be divided amongst the same children as my wiefe Janet Howson thinckes good Item if it please god that the said Marie die before she enter unto the said Rectorie or die wtout issue of hir bodie lawfullie begotten then I give the whole righte and title of the said Rectorie unto Dorothie Procter afornamed and all assurannces that I have for the said Rectory she the said Dorothie payinge unto the brothers and sisters of the said marie and to the children of Richard Franckland to either part..... one hundreth poundes of lawfull money of England at suche daies and time as the said marie should have donne by equall porcons Item I give to the children of Lancelathe Martine xx<sup>li</sup> of Lawfull money of England to be taken of the firste commoditie that commethe of the tiethe wooll and lambe after the lease now letten be ended. Item I give to John Tateham and alice Knowles to either of them one whie stirke or the price of them in money Item I will that Lancelathe Martine and Richard Franckland shall have the custodie and keepinge of all my

assurances wch I have of the Rectorie of Horton beforsaid to be kepte for the use and commoditie of my wiefe Jenet Howson and the children above named Item I do make Jennet Howson my wiefe my whole executrix of this my last will and testamente witnesss hearof Richard Franckland Thomas Weatherhead and Willm Waller clerke Et ....(*Latin text*)

**William Howson (of Harber) 1591 v 24 f 704 mf 937**

**In the name of god Amen** The sixtenth day of December 1590 I Willm Howson of harba(*u,v,n?*)e in the pish of horton in Riblesdaile and in the countye of yorke sicke in bodye but yet pfect in mynd and memorye, god be thanked for the same, doe make this my last will and Testament in maner and forme as followethe, First I comitt my soule unto the tuicon of almyghtye god my bodye to be buryed at or in the pish church of horton accordinge to the use of my elders wth suche liberalitie towards the poore as my wyfe and frendes thinkes good to bestowe upon them. Itm I will that all duties be paid for the same accordinge as the lawe requirethe. Itm for my tenement and moveable goodes I will to be distributed and had as followethe. First I will and bequethe my tenement at harba(*u,v,n?*)e unto my thre sonnes to enter unto the said Tenement when the youngest of my Children comethe to the aige of Thirtye years yet nevertheles I will that my said sonnes shall then conclude and agree amongst them selves wch of them shall have my said Tenement whole together. And wch of my said sonnes as dothe enioye the said Tenement I will that he shall paye and give unto eyther of his other Brethren sixe poundes thirtene shillings foure pence for their agrementes of the said Tenement for the wch Tenement and agrementes I will that none of my said sonnes shall have no pte nor porcon of my moveable goodes Itm I will that wch of my sonnes as dothe enioye the said Tenement shall not sell and lett the same to no pson nor psons nor any pte therof but onelye to his brother or Brethren unlesse yt be for one yeare, alwayes Provided I will that my wyfe margaret howsone shall have her widowe Right of the same tenement duringe her widdowe head. Itm I will that my daughter Jaine shall have a Bedrowme to come unto the .....(*fier?*) and a Cowe kept at my howse of their Charges that haith my Tenement duringe her life if she stand need therof and beinge unmaryed, Itm for my moveable goodes my dettes beinge paid and funrall expenses discharged the rest remaineing I give yt and bequethe yt wholye unto my wife Margaret and my daughters. And I will that my tenement and goodes shalbe kept together undevided for the terme and space of Tenne years for the better pferment of my daughters porcons and the bringinge up of my youngest children honestlye Itm I doe make Anthony howsone my sonne my whole executor of this my last will and Testament Witnesses hearof John howson, Edmond howsone and Willm Escrambe Et ...(*Latin text*)

**Elizabeth Howsonne (of the Rawe) 1598 v 27 f 365 mf 940**

**In the name of god amen** the iiij<sup>th</sup> day of Februarie or thereabouts 1597 Elizabeth Howsonne of the Rawe in the pish of horton in Riblesdaile and in the Countie of yorke being sicke in bodye but whole and pfect in mynde and memorye god be thancked for the same did make this her last will and testament Nuncupative in manner and forme as followeth First she did Comitt her soule into the tuition of almightie god, her body to be buried at or in the pish Church of horton according to the use of her Elders Itm she did will her debtes to be paid of her whole goodes Itm she did give and bequeath to evrye one of the Children of John Lawson her brother in lawe ƒ tenne shillings Item to Willm howsonne of horton x<sup>s</sup> Itm to Ellin Lawson and Jennet Lawson her sister daughters all her app[ar]ell equally betwixt them, And the rest of her goodes remayning her debtes legacies and funrall expences discharged she did give and bequeath it whollie unto John Lawson her brother in lawe Itm she did make the said John Lawson her whole Executor of this her last will and Testament Theis Witnesses Richard Lawson and Anthony Eglin. / ....(*latin text*)

## John Hughson of Harber 1544

v 12 f 7 mf 919

In the name of god so be it the xvj day of Novembre in the xxxvj yere of the reigne of o(ur) Sovereigne Lorde Kinge henrie theght Kinge of Englande and of Franncce defensor of the fathe of christe next unto god that I John hughson of harber seke of bodie and holl of mynde make my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I bequeath my soull unto god almightie and oure ladie sainte marie and all the holie company of heaven & my bodie to be buried in the churche erthe of sainte oswald at horton Also I will that Elyn my wife and Anthony my sone for to be my holl executors of all my goodes and farmholdynge moveable and unmoveable Also I will that Anthony my sone shall pay unto his Brothers John and Willm iiij li that is to say either of theme xx s for ther barne parte and oder xx s for agreament and that they shall have none excepte they come ...night to fetche it Also I will that Anthony my sone shall have half of my farmeholde and all after his mother also I will my daughter shall have all housholde and insuche after her mother Also I will that my goodes shalbe devided in thre partes my dets paide of the holl one parte to myself an other parte to my childer/ the thirde parte to erth me. And the revercion therof I bequeithe to Agnes my daughter witnes and recorders herof lawrence Burton Leonard Talio<sup>r</sup> and John Burton with others moo

Et xij du mensis decembris anno dn mil .....[*Latin text*]

## William Hughson of Bigcroft (Becroft) 1544 vol 12 fol. 3 mf 919

In the name of god so be it the xv<sup>th</sup> day of octobre in the yere of oure Lorde god a m<sup>l</sup> v<sup>c</sup> xliiij in the xxxvj yere of the raine of oure sov[er]aigne Lorde kinge henrie the eight kinge of Englande Franncce and ureland defender of the fathe and in earth supreme hede of the church next Imediatelic under god I William hughson of Bigcrofte seke in bodie and of holl mynde makes this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge First I bequeith my soull to god almightie and to oure ladie sancte marie and to all the celestially company of heaven and my bodie to be buried in the churche of sancte oswalde(?) at horton in Ribblesdale and I will that divyne service of almightie god to be done for thelth of my soull and that every prest shall have xij d and every clerke j d Also I bequeath to the ..... of the bodie of horton church xl s and to every house within horton p[ar]ishe viij d Also I do constitute and make margaret my wif and Anthony my sone my holl executors to whome I putt all my farmholde leaces and tak(?) which I stande in possession of at my departinge with all other goodes moveable and unmoveable duringe the widuehede of the saide margaret and after here widuehede I putt all as is above mentioned holl to Anthony my sone and his assignes Also I will that my brother Edmunde have an honest lyvinge at the house aslonge as he and my wif and my sone canne agre to gether and when he cannot agre with theme then he to have yerlie xl s that is to say xx s of the tithe lambes at midsomer and other xxs of the whitt(?) rente of horton Also I bequeathe to John hughson of haybere a maire and a chamlett dublett and to towre of his eldest daughters to either of theme a calf Also I bequeath to John my brother a cowe and iiij stone of woole and my best marble coite And best lethe dublett Also I bequeath to towre of Richard Facett daughters towre quyes of iiij yeres olde and to Thomas Facett and marmaduke to either of theme a stirke Also I bequeath to William Richardson a stott of iiij yeres olde and to Elisabeth Richardson a cowe and to every sone of John Richardson a shepe Also I bequeath to John hughson of the lone towre stone of woole and all that he owes me beside Also I bequeathe to michaell metcalf my best horse saveinge one and to Edmunde his sone a nother horse I bequeath to Sir Geffray holme x s and a yonge horse of iij yeres olde Also I bequeath to Oswalde hughson a marble coite and a pare of hoise Also to Ranalde hughson a calf Also I will that James prokter of Astwike shall be in myne

auctorite and take the holl chardge that I was putt in for the children of Thomas prokter of Astwike hall Also I give to Robert Redman every yere a stone of wole witnesses and recorders herof John Richardson Richarde Facett michaell metcalf James prokter Sir Geffray holme and John hughson with other moo to se that this my last will and testament be fulfilled as my trust is in theme

Et xv<sup>o</sup> die mensis Novembris anno d[omi]ni predict decanus de Craven certificavit de approbacone dicti test[amenti] com[m]issa fuit administracio bonor[um] eiusdem margarete relicte dicti defuncti et Anthonio filio eiusdem execut[or] in eod[e]m testamento no[m]i[n]at[e] iurat[e] etc.

In margin: Testm willm hughson de Bigcrofte defuncti

{Henry VIII came to the throne in 1508, plus 36 years equals 1544}

### **John Hulson 1511 v.8 f.69 mf. 917**

**In dei noie amen** the vij<sup>th</sup> day of Aprile Ao dni Mi<sup>mo</sup> quigen<sup>mo</sup> undecio I John Hulson hoole of mynde make my testamet in this manr First I wit my soule to god Almyghtie or lady sanct mary and all the Cpany of Heaven my body to be buried in the whire of Horton church and I wit for my mortuary my best beast Also I bequeth to alison doghter of my sonne Thomas xx<sup>ti</sup> mrkes which he left me to kepe Itm I gif to every firehous in my pish v<sup>d</sup> Also I will that Edmund my sonne Thomas sonne have the bargayn that I have undr my lady and convent of clemethorp that is to say horton church bigcroft wt all comodities belonging therto Also I bequeth to Willm and John bredr to the said Edmund all my goodes not bequethed costes about my buriall and odr costes necessary except Also I make the forsaid Edmnd Willm and John myn executrs Also I will that Robt pctor my son in law Edmnd Hulson Thoms Hulson my brodr and Thoms batersby have the governyng of my sonne Thoms childer wt their goodes and all bargayns that I received in my liff unto such tyme the said childer ar to the aige of xj yers and they to have for their labor as right will And they neir to hurt nor hyndr the said childr at no bargayn as they will answer unto almyghtie god In witnes wherof I have put to my seale thes witnes Sr Richard lupton pish prst Sr Willm Wildeman myles Thaller wt many mo (*Latin text*)

### **Thomas Hulson 1522 v 9 f 237 mf 917**

**In dei nomine amen** I Thomas hulson hoole my mynd secke in body make my testament ..... maner and forme folowyng First I bequeath my soull to almyghtie god and to o[u]r lady and to all the saynctes in hevyn my body to be buriede in the kirke of sayncte oswalde in horton I bequeath for my mortuary that as ryght will Also I bequeath iij parte of my goodes to my wife also I bequeath other thirde pte to pay my dettes and to Ottewell my sone also I bequeath the last thirde of my goodes to Edmunde and to Cuthbert and martyn also I bequeath xijd to sir John Doe(?) Also stevyn weddrihird Owe me ix(?)s ix(?)d one way and iijs iiijd an other way also I make my wif and lawrence my son my full executors witnes herof Sir John Doe(?) Richard fawsett william hulson and other moo Et ...(*Latin text*)

[*Latin text includes date 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1522*]