

**BENTHAM Thomas (of Fawber) 1601** Borthwick v 28 f 475 mf 941

In the name of god Amen the xxvj<sup>th</sup> daie of July 1601 I Thomas Bentham of Fauber in the parishe of horton and Countye of yorke yeom[an] beinge sicke of bodye but whole and perfecte in remembrance praised be Almighty god doe make and ordaine this my presente Testmt contayninge herein my laste will in manner and forme followinge Viz. First and principallie I comitt my soule to god my Creator and to Jesus Christe my savior and redemer and my bodye to be buried in the parishe Church of horton Itm after my debtes and funerall expences paide and discharged my will is that Gyrcham(?) Bentham my wiefe have all my goodes and Cattells moveable and unmoveable and that she shall beare the rule of the house and tenemt at Fauber soe longe as she kepes her sole and unmarried. And when it shall fortune my daughter becometh(?) to marrie then my will is that my said wiefe shall take and be contente wth suche parte and portion of my said lyvinge as shalbe limited and assigned unto her by the discretion of my executors hereafter to be named And if my wiefe doe marr..... after my deathe, and theise goodes to her assigned be not sufficiente to p..... her then my will is that she have some helpe out of my said lyvinge at the discretion of my said executors hereafter to be named. Itm I doe give my lease and groundes I hould ..... the Claime title and intereste that I have at Fauber unto Genet(?) Bentham my ..... condiconallie that she be guided and governed by my said executor hereafter to be named, but if she will not be guided by my executor then I doe put my executors truste to use the distribucon of my said lyvinge to my Cozen John Procter and ..... he assigne suche parte and porcon of goodes as shalbe thoughte good by the discretion of my said executor unto my said daughter. Lastlie I doe constitute and ordaine my ..... John Tayler of Lytton my sole executor, to whome I doe comitt the rule and oversight of all my goodes and lyvinge by the willinge consente of my said wiefe and daughter who did desire the said John Taylor my said executor to be lefte in truste .....them as a father and guide for them bothe, for there good, In Witnesse whereof I .....have putt to my hand and marke the daie and yeare above written These wittnesse John Knowles Henry Ibottson and Gyrcham(?) Bentham Et .....(*Latin text*)

**HOWSON Anthony (of Studfold) 1602** Borthwick v 28 f 802 mf 942

**Memorandum** that uppon the ix<sup>th</sup> daie of October or thereaboutes anno dni 1602 Anthony Howson of Studfolde wthin the pishe of horton in Ribblesdale 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 iiij<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 wittnesses of the same Thomas Cote senior James Taylor and Thomas Langstrothe Et .....(*Latin text*)

**ELLIS Robert 1603** Borthwick v29 f244 Mic. 943 EMS

Transcribed by Mary Slater

In the name of god Amen: the seaventh day of December in the first yere of the Raigne of our Sovraigne Lord James by the grace of god kinge of Englande, France & Irelande defender of the fayth &c and in the xxxvij<sup>ties</sup> th yere of his ma<sup>ties</sup> Reigne in Scotlande 1603. I Robert Ellis of the towne of Horton in Ribblesdale & in the County of yorke sicke in body but whole and pfecte in mynde & memory, god be thanked for the same, doe make this my laste will & testament in manner & forme as followeth. First & principally I comit my soule into the tuicon of allmightie god, my body to be buried at or in the Church of Horton accordinge to the use of my elders wth (*smudge*) liberalitie to the poore as my exequutors thinkes good to bestowe (*smudge*) Itm I will that all duties be paid for the same as the lawe requireth (*smudge*) I will that my debtes be paid of my whole goodes Itm I will & bequeath unto James Ellis my sonne ten poundes accordinge as I have pro...(*smudge*) to be paid unto him at sainte Martyn day the byshop next after my decease in full satisfaction of his childes porcon of my goods (*smudge*) I will & bequeath unto every one of my Childres Children to whom (*smudge*) grandfather to (*smudge*) fower shillings Itm I will & bequeath unto John (*smudge*) my sonne in lawe that Carte & horse which he hath of mine in his (*smudge*), my debtes paid my funrall expenses and legacies discharged the rest of my (*smudge*) together wth all such groundes houses (*smudge*) comodities whatsoever I have or have title unto I give & bequeath them wholly unto (*smudge*) Ellis my sonne Itm I give & bequeath unto Adam Eglise Anthonie Ellis and John Hessleden the educacon of my sonne Adam & the governance of him (*smudge*) goodes and groundes until my sonne Adam accomlishe the full aige (*smudge*) twenty yeres. And I will that they put the said goodes & Groundes to the (*smudge*) commodity of my sonne Adam discharginge themselves honestly out of (*smudge*) or groundes of any costes or charges that they shalbe put unto (*smudge*) my will & testament or aboute my sonne Adam Ellis (*smudge*) Adam Eglise Anthonie Ellis & John Hessleden afore (*smudge*) .....quutors of this my laste will & testament Itm he did bequ...(*smudge*) Pratte twelve shillings which Francis Proctor of Neth(*smudge*) owe him, To Jane Hessleden one Lambe witnesses hereof (*smudge*) william Howson Francis Feeldhouse Nicholas Twissleton (*smudge*.....)

*Ribblesdale modern spelling*

**HOWSON Alice** 1603 Borthwick v29 f109 mf 942 MJS

In the name of god Amen the .....th day of Aprill 1603 .....  
of.....barre in the pishe of Horton in Ribblesdale 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 thinkes 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 petticoate 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* .....

**LILLIE Humphrey 1603** Borthwick v29 f111 mf 942 EMS

*(Microfilm illegible in parts)*

In the name of god Amen the .... day of ..... Humphrey  
 Lyllie of the parish of H...on in Ribblesdale and in the C.....  
 but whole and perfecte in mynd & memory god be th.....  
 last will & testament nuncupative in manner and ..... followeth .....  
 commit his soule unto god his body to be buried at or w..... church ..... accord  
 inge to the use of his elders Itm he did will .....  
 goodes Itm he did will & bequeath unto Anne Lyllie his wife .....  
 of his whole tenement untill his sonne Thomas Lyllie .....  
 of xxjtie yeres towards her owne mayntenance and the ..... of  
 his children and when his sonne Thomas .....  
 that the said Thomas should paye unto his sonne ..... agree  
 ment of the said tenement and the said Thomas to have & enter .....  
 inge and reservinge unto his wife Anne the moytie or one halfe .....  
 her widowheade Itm he did will that yf his sonne Thomas did not .....  
 xls at the tyme aforesaid or was not able to pay yt that then he .....  
 that parte that he should enter unto should b..... to paye yt wthall Itm he  
 did will that yf yt pleased god that his wife died or married before his sonne  
 Thomas came to xxjtie yeres of aige then that his tenement should be put the  
 use and commodity of his children at the discretion of his supervisors hereafter named  
 Itm he made his wife Anne Lyllie his executrix of this his last will and  
 testament and he did desire Francis Lyllie and Adam Eglyn to be supervisors  
 to see all things herein performed accordingly. witnesses hereof Francis .....  
 and Adam Eglyn *Et eisdem die et anno* ..... *(Latin text)*

**WARDE Thomas 1603** Borthwick v29 f108 mf 942 MJS

In the name of god Amen the second day of July in the yere of our lord 1602 I Thomas Warde of the towne of Horton in Ribblesdale and in the County of yorke sicke and feeble of bodie but whole and pfecte in minde & memory god be thanked for the same doe make this my last will and testament in maner & forme as followeth First and principally I commit my soule unto the tuition of Allmighty god my body to be buried at or wthin the church of Horton according to the use of my elders with such liberality to the poore as my wife & freindes thinkes good to bestow upon them Itm I will that all duties be paide for the same that is due Itm for my goodes & tenements I will give and dispose them in maner & forme as followeth First I will give and bequeath unto Isabell warde my wife all and singular the use occupacon commodity and profit of both my two tenements wch I ..... in Horton to her and her assignes duringe her widowhead as longe as she keeps her my wife for her owne maintenance and for the helpe and pfermente of my daughters Itm I give & bequeath the said tenements after my wife widowheade unto Miles warde my sonne doeing payinge and discharginge .... agreements and payments as I herein do appoint him first I will that he shall paye unto his brother James warde viij li to every one of my daughters iiij li at such tyme after his enterance unto my tenements as my supvisers thinkes he is or shalbe able and as my sonne and daughters shall stande needed Itm provided that yf my sonne James warde wilbe obedient unto his mother and ..... and use noe unthriftines but apply himselfe in good dealinge then I will that at the discretion of Miles Warde ..... Feildhouse William Walker Curate & Francis Feildhouse or three of them he shall have all my two tenements after my wife widowheade nothinge before given or granted to be to the contrary he doinge payinge & discharginge eight poundes to his brother Miles and to every one of his sisters iiij li in such manner as the above named Miles my sonne should have done Itm for my moveable goodes I will to be devided into three equall ptes whereof one pte is due unto my wife the wch I will that she shall have the second pte to my Children the wch I will to be equally devided amongst them savinge that whether of my sonnes as shall have my tenements shall have no childe porcon of my goodes the third pte commonly called the deads pte I give yt wholly unto my wife & daughters equally amongst them Itm I will that my daughter Agnes shall have maintenance of meate drinke and apparell of her mother & of my sonne wch shall enioye and have my tenementes so longe as she thinkes good to share her childe porcon and the fower poundes in their handes Itm I doe make my wife Isabell warde my whole exequatrix of this my last will and testament and I desire Miles wetherheade Phillipp Feildhouse William Walker Curate and Francis Feildhouse to be my supvisers to see all things herein pformed accordingly Witnesses hereof Miles Wetherheade Phillipp Feildhouse William Walker Curate & John Feildhouse

*Et vicesimo die mensis Julij Anno dni millesimo septimo tertio magr Topham Decanus*

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Borthwick v. 29 fol. 159

Anthony Battersby of Brackenbothom 1603

(Transcribed by H. Sergeant)

This he did \_ull that his debtes should be paid of his whole \_ \_ \_  
\_ \_ \_ give & bequeath \_ \_ Willm. Battersbie his sonne all his whole  
tenement set lyinge & \_ \_ \_ kinbothom aforenamed of the yerely rent of  
xs & all groundes & houses whatsoever he had \_ \_ within the lordshipp of  
Horton payinge doinge & discharginge such things as heerafter \_ \_ \_ .  
First he did will & appointe the said William his sonne to pay unto John  
Battersbie of the said \_ \_ \_ xxli vjs viijd, To his daughter Isabell  
viijli to be paid unto the said \_ \_ \_ at such tyme as the said William  
entereth unto the tenement & groundes Itm he did \_ \_ \_ said William his  
sonne should have noe parte nor porcon. of his moveable goodes, save  
\_ \_ \_ gr \_ \_ \_ ade one large cheist his husbandrie geere & the boardes he had  
within his house \_ \_ \_ of seade otes half a quarter of bigge or barley the  
which he did will the said William to \_ \_ \_ full satisfaction of his  
childes porcon of goodes, and the use of his best bease and m \_ \_ \_ his  
cropp withall the next springe after him the said Anthonie decease. Itm he  
did \_ \_ \_ his sonne John should have a bed roome at his house soe longe as  
he was singleman \_ \_ \_ his did will and bequeath unto his daughter Isabell  
Battersbie all his beddinge and \_ \_ \_ ffe. Itm his debtes paid his  
funall expenses discharged the rest of his \_ \_ \_ he did give and  
bequeath yt wholly unto John Battersbie and Isabell Battersbie \_ \_ \_  
equally to be divided betwixte them, Itm he did constitute and appointe  
William \_ \_ \_ his sonne to be his executor of this his last will &  
testament. Witnesses hereof \_ \_ \_ Hesledon and Laurence Tunstall.

(Latin text)

Transcribed by Mike Slater

**In the name of God Amen** the Third day of July one thowsande six hundreth fower I John Howson of the Rawe within the pishe of Horton in Ribblesdale sonne of willm Howson late deceased infirmed and sick in body yet whole and sounde of mynde and of pfect memory Laus deo doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme as followethe First I Commend my soule to him that created it and with a sure faithe and stedfast hope of heavenly health I Comitt the same into the tuition of and preservacon of my sweet Redemer and saviour Christe Jesus; And I yield my mortall body to be buried and Interred wthin the Churchyard of the said Horton in what place my frends shall thinck convenyent And firste of all as my duety bothe towards god and my neighbours

doethe bynde me my will and mynde unfeynedly <sup>is</sup> that all those debts which of right & conscyence I owe to any pson or psons be well and trewly discharged and paid by my executors hereafter named att such dayes and tymes as they growe to be due or otherwise Compounde with the debtors, which debts to the utmost of my memory growe due to thes psons recyted as followeth (vizt) Imprimis to Christofer Burton iiij li saveing iiij s att the feast day of Saint Lawrence next Comeinge. Itm to Alice Lyllly three pounds and six

shillings att the feast <sup>day</sup> of St willm next Itm to John Armitsteade of wigglesworth twenty shillings att the feast day of Sainct Luke next Coming saveing that the said John Armitsteade did pmisse me to rebate some pte of the rents. Itm to Thomas Calvert fyve nobles three shillings and fourpence att the feast day of Snt Martyn the byshopp in winter

next ensueinge and twoe shillings <sup>vij d</sup> furthwith Itm to Georg Grenebank sixtene shillings and eight pence at the feast day of Snt Lawrence the next. Itm to willm Howson my brother Twenty three shillings & a penny(?) Itm to Thomas Howson of the dubcote for one bay(?) foure shillings & vj d Itm to Elizabeth wilkinson Twenty shillings

Alsoe my will and whole mynde is and I give & bequeath unto Mabell Howson <sup>my wife</sup> not onely ~~th~~ all that one halfe of that my messuage and tent which was my said Fathers willm Howsons nowe in my occupation or my assignes of the yearely Rent of three shillings fower pence But alsoe all that other halfe of the said messuage or Tenemt scytuate and lyeinge att the said Rawe nowe in the occupacon of myne unckle Richard Howson or his assignes of the lyke rent of three shillings & iiij d att or ymedyately after the deathe of the said Richard Howson and Alice his wief to and for the nourishmt education & bringing upp of thees my Children Thomas Howson James Howson Richard Howson And Agnes Howson until such tyme as the said Richard Howson my yongest Childe shall accomlishe the full age of Twenty yeares. And then I will that the said Messuage and Tenemt with thappurtennces the one halfe or the whole yf it fall shall discend and Devise to my Eldest sonne Thomas Howson And if the said Thomas Howson doe dy without lawfull yssue that then the said messuage or Tenemt shall discend and Come to my second sonne James Howson And yf they boeth doe Change their lives, without lawfull yssue, then to my yongest sonne Richard Howson And if they all decease without Lawfull yssue of their bodies begotten I will that the said messuage shall remayne to my daughter Agnes Howson And after the expyracon of the said Twenty yeares I will that my saide wief Mabell Howson or her assignes shall have possesse and occupy all the one halfe of the said messuage and Tenemt with thappurtennces dureinge her

widowehead And whereas by Force of Certeine Articles of agrement and Covennts it was Concluded and agreed upon by and betwene the saide Richard Howson myne unckle, and me That my Executors and assignes shall and may ymedyately from and after the liefe naturall and decease of him the sayde Richard and Alice nowe his wiefe have occupy and possesse that aforesayde halfe of the said Messuage and Tenemt nowe in his holdinge and occupation or his assignes for the paymt of the whole and Just some of Twelve Pounds of Currant mony of England To the said Richard Howson his Executors

or assignes It is Therefore my will that James Heyg<sup>ar</sup> th of Dent or his assignes shall discharge and pay the said some unto the said Richard Howson att such tyme or tymes as thereof they can agree. Itm my will is that my said sonne Thomas, or which of those my said Children as shall enter unto the said Tenemt the one halfe or the all att the end and expyration of the said yeares before mentyoned shall not onely discharge and repay the said some of xij li unto the said James Heygarth or to any those my frends which doe assume to pay the same the one halfe the firste yeare And the other halfe the next yeare next after his or theire entry but alsoe shall discharg and pay all and evry such Legacies or portions to the other my Children then living as the said James Heygarth willm Howson my brothr and Nicholas wood shall thinck Convenyent and meete Alsoe of this my last will and testamt I make my said wiefe Mabell my sole executrix and because she is not of discretion to execute this my will accordingly I have intreated Francis Lylly my very frend to Ayde, advise and assiste her in the same where of I alsoe I make supvisors my especyall frends James Heygarth willm Howson my brother and Nicholas Wood in whome I repose noe small Confidence that they will see all things carefully Executed and duely ordered And hereunto as my very will and last will I have sett my hand m(ar)ke the day and yeare first above written

xvj die Martij 1604

In the the presence of theis ~~witnesses~~ my neighbours witnesses hereof utterly as annulling any and evry former grant gifte Legacy bequeath or Executors whatsoever by me given named or made John Burton John Armitstead Francis Lylly John Howson Richard Burton John Nicholson cu(m) alijs et decimo sexto die Martij Anno dm Millesimo Sexcentesimo quarto magister ..... (Latin)

*Ribblesdale modern spelling*

*Wigglesworth modern spelling*

*Rowe modern spelling*

*NB 1 noble = 6s 8d*

**HOWSON William 1604** Borthwick v29 f521 Mic. 943

Transcribed by Mary Slater

**The vij day of December** of december (*sic*) or thereabouts in the yeare of our Lord 1599 willm Howson of the Rawe in the pishe of Horton in Ribblesdale and in the County of yorke beinge sick in body but of good and pfect remembrance god be thancked for the

same did make this his last will & testamt Nuncupative in mannre and forme as followeth  
First he did Comitt his soule into the hands of Almightye god his body to be buried att or  
in the Church of Horton accordinge to the use of his Elders. Itm he did will and  
bequeathe the whole tytle and interest of his Tenemt att the Rawe aforenamed unto John  
Howson his sonne payeing unto Richard Howson brother of the said Willm such somes  
of mony as the same Richard had layd and disbursed upon the said Tenement Itm he dyd  
will that yf the said John dyd not nor was not able to low(?)se the said Tenement That  
then the said John howson his sonne shoulde take and receive such somes of mony as the  
said Richard Howson by his assignes was Covennted to pay if the said willm or his  
assignes did not leese the saide Tenemt In consideracon whereof the said willm Howson  
did will & bequeath that that John Howson hys said sonne should pay such debts as the  
said willm did owe and further to be good to his mother. witnesses hereof Willm  
Howson and Thomas Howson et eisdem die et ....(Latin)

*Ribblesdale modern spelling*

*Rowe modern spelling*

**WARDE William 1604** Borthwick v29 f346 Mic. 943 EMS

Transcribed by Mary Slater

**In the name of God Amen** The xxth of Januarie 1603 I Willm Warde of the Rawe in the  
parishe of Horton in Ribblesdayle and in the Countie of yorke sicke in bodie but whole and  
perfitt in minde and memorie god be thanked for the same doe make this my last will and  
testment in manner and forme as followeth / First and principallie I Comitt my soule unto  
the succour of Almightye god my Bodie to be buried at or in the Church of Horton  
accordinge to the use of my elders, wth such liberalitie to the poore as my wife and  
frindes good to bestowe upon them Itm I will that all duties be paide for the same that  
lawe requireth. Itm I will that my debtes be paide of my whole goodes Itm I will and  
bequeath unto John Warde my sonne all my whole tenement and taken growndes  
whatsoever I have wthin the Lordshipp of Horton to enter unto the saide tenement and  
taken growndes when he cometh to the age of xxj<sup>th</sup>, exceptinge and recervinge unto my  
wife Margrett the one halfe of the saide tenement and taken growndes duringe her  
widdowehoode. Itm yf it please god that my sonne John die before he come to the age of  
xxj<sup>ty</sup> yeares. Then I will and bequeath the same tenement and taken growndes unto Alice  
Warde my elder daughter and soe if she die to the younger of my daughters. Itm my  
debts paide my funerall expences discharged. The rest of my goodes I will to be devided  
into three equall partes whereof one is due unto my wife the wch I will that shee shall  
have. The second part I will and bequeath unto my two daughters equallie to be devided  
betweene them. The thirde part comonlie called the deades part I give and bequeath it  
wholie unto my wife and my two daughters equallie to be devided amongst them,  
exceptinge my husbandrie geare wch I will and bequeath unto my sonne John to remaine  
after my wife Margrett her widdowhead And if either of my daughters die before they  
come to lawfull age Then I will that her porcon of goodes shall come and remaine to the



other of my daughters Itm I will and bequeath the use occupa<sup>tie</sup>con and comoditie of my tenement and taken growndes unto Margrett Warde my wife until my sonne John come the age of xxj<sup>tie</sup> yeares towards the honest bringinge up of my Children and their preferment she keepinge her my wife. And if shee marry or die before my sonne come to the age of xxj<sup>tie</sup> yeares. Then I give and bequeath the governance of my Children their goodes and growndes unto Richard warde my brother Willm Bentham and Willm Howson my brethren in lawe. And I will that they shall put my tenement goods and grownds to the most comoditie of my Children discharginge themselves honestlie out of the same of any costs or charges that they shalbe put unto about my Children or this my will and testament. And I doe make Margrett<sup>Ward</sup> my Wife my whole executrix of this my last will and testament. And I desire Richard Warde aforenamed my brother Willm Bentham and Willm Howson my brethren in lawe to be my supervisors to doe or see all thinges herein performed accordinglie. Witnesses hereof John Burton Leonard Burton and Willm Waller Curate. Et ultimo .....(Latin)

*Ribblesdale modern spelling*  
*Rowe modern spelling*

**CLARKE Robert 1605**      Borthwick v29 f576 Mic. 943 EMS

Transcribed by Mary Slater

In the name of god amen The vith day of September in the second yeare of the reigne of our sovraigne lord James by the grace of god king of England France and Ireland defender of the faith &c and in the xxxviij<sup>tie</sup> th yeare of the reigne of his ma<sup>tie</sup> in Scotland 1604 I Robert Clarke of the towne of Horton in Ribblesdale and in the countie of yorke Sicke in bodie but whole and pfect in mynd and memorie god be thanked for the same do make and ordeyne this my last will and testament in mann<sup>r</sup> and forme Following First and principallie I comitt my soule unto the tuition of almightie god my bodie to be buried in the church yard of Horton according to the use of my elders Itm I will that my debts be paid of my whole goods And if my goods will not extend to pay the same I will that what as wants shalbe taken out of my ~~goods~~ tennte and grounds to discharge my said debts and I will that my tennt houses and grounds whatsoever I have wthin the lordshippe of Horton shalbe letten and sould by John Hessleden John Clarke and Adam Eglin And I put them wholie in ??ate and Authoritie by this my will to pass on and assine the said tennt houses and grounds to such pson & psons as will doe reason for the same (and the price or money for the same tennt houses and grounds and of my goods remayning save my debts paidg and my Funrall expences I will and bequeath in mann<sup>r</sup> and forme as Followeth First I will and bequeath my houshold stuffe to my daughters equallie to be devided amongst them The rest I will to be devided into thre equall ptes whereof I will two ptes thereof to be devided equallie amongst all my children and the third pte thereof I

will that John Hessleden John Clarke and Adam Egline shall bestowe and devide the same amongst my children as they thinke good and convenient saving that I will furth of the same xx s to my sonne Willm and further as they thinke good Itm I do make Jenett Clarke my daughter my whole executrix of this my last will and testament And I will and desire John Hessleden John Clarke and Adam Egline to take my children goods to many of them as are under age and put their porcons to their most comoditie untill such tyme as they come to age Witnesses hereof John Howson Willm Bentham Thomas wharffe and Willm Waller curate Et .....*(Latin)*

*Ribblesdale modern spelling*

**BAITEMAN Agnes 1606** Borthwick v30 f99 Mic. 943 EMS

Transcribed by Mary Slater

**In the name of god amen** The firste daie of Marche or thereabouts / 1605 / Agnes Baiteman of the hie lyes in the pische of horton in Ribblesdale and in the County of yorke widdow beinge sicke in body but of good and pfecte remembrance god be thanked for the same did make and ordaine this her laste will and testamt Nuncupative in manner and forme followinge Firste she did comitt her soule into the hands of Almighty god her body to be buried in the Church<sup>yard</sup> of horton accordinge to the use of her elders Also she did will that her debts shalbe paid of her Whole goods Itm she did give and bequeath to Margaret Lupton vj s viij d one Redd petticote, and graye gowne Itm she did give and bequeath to her sister Issabell vj s viij d Itm she did bequeath and give unto the wief of Thomas Longstrothe xij d to the wife of Thomas Bentham xij d Itm she did give unto Margaret Barrowe ij s to the rest of the children of hewghe Barrowe to everie one of them vj d To John Coteson xxviij d The reste of her goods Remayninge her debts beinge paid her funerall expences and legaces discharged she did give and bequeath it whollye unto John Tomblinson her brother in lawe Itm she did make and Constitute the said John Tomblinson to be her sole executor of this her laste Will and testamt witnesses hereof Bryan hessleden and Willm howson Et ..... *(Latin)*

*Ribblesdale modern spelling*

**TAYLOR Elizabeth 1606** Borthwick v30 f67 Mic. 944 EMS

Transcribed by Mary Slater

**In the name of god amen** The xxviijth daie of Aprill or thereabouts / 1606 / Elizabeth Taylor of Fawber in the parishe of horton in Ribblesdale and in the County of yorke beinge sicke in body but yett whole and pfecte in mynde and memorie god be thanked for

the same doe ordaine and make this her laste will and testamt Nuncupative in manner and forme as followeth Firste and principallie she did Comitt her soule unto Allmighty god her body to be buried at or wthin the pishe Church of horton accordinge to her will and mynde she did give and bequeath unto Edmond Taylor sonne of Tho: Taylor all and singuler suche tenemts grounds and houses as she had and did enioy that was wthin the Lordshipp of horton doinge discharginge and payinge all such Covenants promisses as was Covenanted betwixte Thomas Taylor and her selfe Itm for her moveable goods whatsoever her funerall expences beinge discharged she did give and bequeath the reste remayninge whollie unto Edmond Taylor her brother and Agnes Taylor her sister equallie to be divided betweene them at the discretion of Edmond Taylor of Selgill witnesses hereof Edmond Taylor of Selgill John Taylor and Edmond Taylor Et .... (*Latin*)

*Ribblesdale modern spelling*

**WALLER William 1607** Borthwick v30 f281 Mic. 944 EMS

Transcribed by Mary Slater

**In noie dei** Amen the xvjth day of June and in the yeare of the Reigne of our most gracious sovreigne Lord James (vizt) the fourthe of England France & Ireland and the nyne and thirtieth of Scotlande &c by the grace of god Kinge defender of the faithe &c Anno dni 1606 I willm Waller of the Towne of Horton in Ribblesdale and within the Countye of york Clerke sick in body but whole pfect and sounde in mynde and memory god be thancked for the same doe make this my last will and testament in Manner and forme followeing first & principally I give and Comitt my soule unto the tuition of Thalmightie god my father and Jesus Christe his sonne my onely saviour and redemer and my body to be buried within the <sup>pishe</sup> Churchyard att Horton with such liberality to the poore as my frends thincketh good to bestowe upon them / Itm my will is that all dueties be paid out of my whole goodes Itm I give and bequeathe the whole tytle and interest of all my whole Tenemt wth all assurances which I have for the same sett lyeinge and beinge within the precyncts or territories of Horton aforesaid with one fyre house and all other houses garthes freelidges and Comons belonging the same unto my wiefe Elizabeth Waller and to my twoe daughters Elizabeth Waller and Margaret Waller and soe longe as my wiefe and saide Children doe keepe together my will is that they shall ioynly occupy the same for there best behoofe or otherwise lett and or sett the same for their most pfitt & advantage (yf in case they doe not kepe together, or howsoever they be ordered and the same to be sett downe and govred by the advise discretion and Judgment of the suprvisors hereof whose names ~~are~~ be herewithin written and sett downe / Itm I will that the rest of my goodes and all things discharged, be devyded into three sevrall ptes (as followeth) Itm I will and bequeath unto my wiefe Elizabeth Waller the <sup>whole</sup> third pte of all my goods after things Lawfully Executed as aforesaid. Itm the seconde pte I give and bequeath unto my twoe daughters Elizabeth Waller and Margaret Waller equally to be devyded betwixt them twoe: Itm of the third pt Comonly Called the

deathes pte I give and bequeath unto Edmond wharfe three Lambes and the same to be ~~devyded~~ delyvred att the feaste of St Lawrance next after the date hereof. Itm I give and bequeathe unto evrye one of my god Children fourepence / Itm I will (yf aughte remaine after all thinges herein mentyoned be orderly and honestly discharged as my debts legacies and funrall expenses the same to be equally Devyded betwene my said daughters

and whole  
Itm I doe make Elizabeth Waller my sole Executrix of this my last Will and testament And I desyre to be my suprvisors hereof vizt my brother Thomas Waller my brother Bryan Hesleden John Sigisweke and my brother Michael Hesleden to see all things herein pformed accordnglye theis being witnesses Bryan Hesleden and John Hesleden et eisdem ....(Latin)

*Ribblesdale modern spelling*

**BATEMAN Agnes 1608** Borthwick v30 f549 Mic. 944 EMS

Transcribed by Mary Slater

The last will and testament of Agnes Bateman of the highe Leyes

In the name of god Amen this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1607 I Agnes Bateman of the highe leyes wthin the pish of Horton in Ribblesdale in the County of yorke spinster sicke in body but of good and pfect remembrance thanks be to god for the same Do make this my last will and testment in manner and forme following First I give my soule into the handes of Almightye god hopeing to be saved by the meritts of my saviour Jesus Christ and my body to be buried wthin the churchyard of Horton aforesaid as my freinds shall thinke meet and Convenient Itm I give to Ellen Atkinson a musline & to George Feildhouse his wife ij d Item I give to Elizabeth Howson a musline and to Andrew Armitsteads wife a smocke and a paire of shoos Itm I give to my sister Elizabeth Procter a ~~panne~~<sup>n</sup> wch I had of her Itm I give to my Cosen John Bateman of the highe leyes all my goods and debts moveable and unmoveable unbequeathed Itm Whereas my Cosen John Bateman doth owe unto me xlijs And whereas my sisters sonne Thomas Procter doth owe unto me xlijs And whereas my sister Elizabeth Procter doth owe unto me xxij s as being administrators of the goods & Chattells of Peter Procter all theis somes of money and whatsoevr any pson or psons do owe unto me I give and bequeath unto my foresaid Cosen John Bateman of the highe leyes and all other my goods not here bequeathed I do give unto him And I do make and appoint him to be the whole executor of this my last will and testament And all other wills I make(?) utterly voyd and of none effect Theis being witnesses Thomas Howson and Thomas Foster Eisdem ....(Latin)

*Ribblesdale modern spelling*

**BENTHAM William 1608** Borthwick v30 f550 Mic. 944 EMS

Transcribed by Mary Slater

**Memorandum** that Willm Bentham late of Horton of the Diocs of yorke deceased being in pfect memory did in or About the nynth day of February in the yeare of our lord god 1607 make his last will and testament nuncupative in manner and forme as followeth First he did bequeath his soule to Almightye god and his bodie to be buryed wthin the Churchyard at Horton aforesaid Itm he did give to Mathew Burton x s Itm he did bequeath one tubb and his best Jackett to Leonrd Burton his sonne in lawe upon Condiscon he will take it in good pt and trouble not his sonne Richard Bentham for any thinge other waies his will was the said Leonrd to have nothing of his goods Itm he did give Nicholas Twisleton one old Jackett to Jennett Bentham one old cloake and an old sheete to Willm Atkinson an old Jerkin to Richard Owthwait a doublett And his will was that one arke should remaine in his house as an heire loome. And the rest of all his goods moveable and unmoveable unbequeathed togeather wth his debts he did give and bequeath to Richard Bentham his sonne whome he did make his executor of this his last will and testament theis bearing witnes John Bateson and Thomas Wetherherd Eisdem .... (*Latin*)

**LANGSTROTH Martin 1609** Borthwick v31 f86 Mic. 945 EMS

Transcribed by Mary Slater

**In noie dei amen** The xiith daie of Februarie et anno dni 1608 I Martin Langs(troth) of netherlodge sicke in bodie but whole and pfect in mynd and memorie god be praised for the same do make this my last will and Testament in mannr and Forme Following First and principallie I comitt my soule into thands and tuicon of almighty god and my bodie to be buried wthin the pishe churchyard of Horton wth such liberallitie to the poore as freinds thinketh good to bestowe Itm my will is that all my debts be paid of my whole goods church dues and Funrall expences dyscharged Itm my will is and I do give and bequeath unto Margaret Langstroth my wife the third pte of and throughout all my goods tennement and taken ground whatsoever during her naturall life if she contynew my lawfull wife and her widdowhead And not other wife Itm my will is that my wife Margaret have thuse and occupacon of all my goods tennement and taken grounds ~~whatsoever~~ for the educacon and bringing upp of my children unto my sonne Thomas Langstroth doe accomplish and come to thage of xxiiij yeares And imediatlie after he shall accomplish the said yeares the goods to be sould and they or the value thereof to be devided amongst my wife and said children so farr as the same will extend Itm my will is that my sonne Thomas Langstroth after he do accomplish thage abovesaid or after the marriage or death of Margaret Langstroth my said wife shall have all my tennement and taken ground excepting and reserving one peece or pcell of ground knowne and called by the name of ??? netherfeild taken of Thomas Bentham of the yearlie rent of xv d And if my sonne Thomas like thereof my will is he shall have it paying therefore unto the rest of my said children the some of xij li of lawfull money of England and the same equallie to

be devided Amongst them Itm I do make ordeyne and appoint Margaret Langstroth my wife to be the sole executrix of this my last will and testamt And I do for gods cause desire to be my supvisors hereof Francis Procter Thomas Prockter Christopher Langstroth and John wetherhead to se all things pformed accordnglie thies being witnesses Thomas Procter and Francis Procter Et ..... (*Latin*)

**BARROW John 1609** Borthwick v35 f158 Mic. 945 EMS

Transcribed by Mary Slater

**In** The name of god amen the eight day of September anno dni 1609 I John Barrow of Studfould sicke in bodie but whole and pfect in mynd and memorie praised be almightie god do ordeyne and make this my last will and testament in mann<sup>r</sup> and Forme Following First and principallie I comend my soule into the mrcifull hands of almightie god wth Full assurance of my salvacon and redemption through the death and passion of Jesus christ my onlie lord and savioure and my bodie to be buried in the pish church of Horton Itm I give and bequeath unto my brother Willm all my messuage and land and tennement lying and being at Studfould wthin the Lordshipp of Horton wth all deeds and evidences

to the same belonging Itm I give and bequeath to my said brother Willm all <sup>my</sup> leases and taken grounds to the yearlie rent of sixpence To have and to hould the same leases and taken grounds to my said brother Willm and his assignes during the take thereof Itm it is my w (*sic*) and it is my Full mynd and intent that my said brother Willm shall pay and discharge to my sister Allice Barrow iiij li viij s wch I have indebted and owing unto her to be at and upon the Feast day of Penticost now next coming and if my brother do make default in paying of the said iij li viiij s (*sic*) to my sister as abovesaid Then I will and bequeath and it is my Full intent and mynd that my sister Allice shall occupie and enioy to the most proffitt and advantage in consideracon of the said some of foure pound eight shillings all my above bequeathed houses lands leases and taken grounds From and after the sd Feast day of Penticost for and duringe the whole terme of yeares then next after and nolonger but after the said yeares be expired my said brother Willm may without any truble of my said sister Allice enter to all my land houses and leases and all taken grounds to him bequeathed as abovesaid Itm I give and bequeath to my said brother Willm ix s wch Roger Procke oweth me Itm I give unto Richard Armitstead the younger of Studfould my pte of all such woods as I myself bought of Thomas Wildman of Blackbank and my will is that the said Richard Armitstead shall pay to my brother Willm xv s for the same and if ~~my~~ Richard refuse to pay my brother the said xv s Then I give and bequeath all my pte of the said Woodd to my said brother Willm and I will that my brother Willm shall pay to my thre sisters Allice Margaret and Isabell to evrie of them xx s apeece at and upon the xth day of August wch shalbe in anno dni 1615 Itm I give to my said brother Willm all the rest of my goods moveable and Imoveable wth all the tooles

belonging to my trade Itm I will that all my debts funrall <sup>mortuarie</sup> expences be paid out of the said goods to my sd brother bequeathed Itm I make my brother Willm sole executor of this my last will and testament and in Witnesse whereof I have sett my hand and marke

the day and yeare wthin written In the psnce of Francis Bankes Richard Armitstead  
thelder John Manne Richard Armitstead Roger Procter Et ..... (*Latin*)

*Studfold modern spelling*

**HESLEDEN Brian 1610** Borthwick v31 f360 Mic. 946 EMS

Transcribed by Mike Slater

**In the name of God amen** The sixt day of May in the yeare of o<sup>ur</sup> lord god 1610 I Brian Hesleden of Bracon bothom wthin the pish of Horton in Ribblesdaile in the County of yorke sicke in bodie, but whole and pfect in mynde and memory god be praised for the same do make this my last will & testamt in mann<sup>r</sup> and forme following First and principallie I Comitt my soule unto the tuicon of almightie god and my bodie to be buried in the pish church yard of Horton aforesaid according to the use of my elders wth such liberalitie to the poore as my wife and freinds thinkes good to bestowe upon them Itm I will that all duties be paid for the same according to lawe Itm I give and bequeath unto my wife Anne Hesleden the third pt of all my tente and taken ground whereof I am now possessed and do hold the same by lease or leases whatsoevr and the benefitt or Comoditie that shall arise and yearly growe thereof so long as shee shall contynue unmarried after my death and no longer in full consideracon of her widdowright of in and to the same Itm my will is that if I dye of this my sicknes wthout issue of Anne my said wife Then my will and mynde is and I give devise and bequeath my said tente taken groundes lease and leases unto ~~Agnes P~~ Francis Procter and Agnes his wife and to the issue of their two bodies lawfully ~~to be~~ begotten or to be begotten, the full third pt thereof reserved to my wife during her Widdowhead as above said But if Anne my said wife be wth childe, if the same be a sonne, then I give devise and bequeath my said tente taken ground lease and leases unto the said sonne And he to enter unto the same when and assoone as he shall accomplish his lawfull age of xxj tie yeares, and in the meane tyme the said Francis Procter and Agnes his wife to have the occupacon, use, Comoditie, and benefitt of my said tente taken grounds lease and leases yeilding and paying out of the same the some of iiij li towards the mayntenance educacon and bringing upp of my said sonne during his nonage But if Anne my wife be wth childe, and the same be a daughter, then my will and mynde is That he to whome my tente and other the pmisses doth or shall discend and come by force and vertue of this my said will and testament shall satisfie and pay unto my said daughter the some of xx li when and assoone as my said daughter shall accomplish her lawfull age And also yearly the some of xl s during her nonage towards her mayntenance educacon and bringing upp And also her full Childs pt and filiall porcon of all my goods But if my wife be not wth childe, then my will and mynde is that the said Francis Procter by force of this my will and according to my Covennt, pmisses, and agrement before his mariage wth Agnes my daughter now his wife shall come have and enioy my said tente and pmisses, and therefore shall satisfie and pay unto Alice my daughter x li wthin one half yeare next after her lawfull mariage and the like some of other x li wthin one half yeare next after the birth of her first childe lawfully of her body

then begotten But if my daughter Alice dye before her mariage, my will and mynd is that the said Francis Procter shall satisfie and pay unto Thomas Hesleden my brother the some of x li wthin one whole yeare next after her decease And likewise x li unto Michaell Hesleden my brother wthin two yeares next after her decease as aforesaid Itm furthermore I do acknowledge and Confesse that I am indebted and do owe unto Alice my said daughter the some of Lx li wch I will shalbe as well and trulie paid unto her as the rest of my debts I owe shalbe paid to them, to whome I am indebted out of my whole goods Itm my will is (my said debts and funrall expences paid and discharged as is aforesaid) that all the rest of my goods unbequeathed shalbe devided into three equall pts, One third pt thereof I will that my wife shall have in full satisfaccon of her Widdowright in and to my said goods And another third pt thereof I give and bequeath unto Alice my said daughter, and o.. of another third pt called the deads pt I give to Anne my said wife vj li if shee truly keepe and pforme my will Itm I give also to Thomas my brother x li wthin one whole yeare next after my death, and to Michaell Hesleden my brother xl s Itm I give and bequeath unto Francis Procter three daughters unto whome I am grandfather three lambes, to Chrofer Bateson one lambe, to Elizabeth Bentham my servant one lambe, Elizabeth Grave one lambe Itm I give and bequeath to Jane & Margrett Bentham two lambes. Itm I give to Anne my wife her thirds of my husbandrie geare to do her need wthall during her widdowhead and afterwards the same to remaine to my house Itm I give and bequeath to my sonne in lawe Francis Procter one great arke Itm I give to the said Francis one meat table (if my wife be contented) if not to pay her for her thirds Itm I give to Thomas Hesleden one paire of greene breeches and ~~one gray Jerkin and one paire of white wollen stockings~~ a Jerkin of hesaine(?), to Francis Procter my best fustian dublett and one paire of gray breeches and one gray Jerkin, and one paire of white wol... stockings Itm I give to Richard Greene one paire of gray britches and one white dublett Itm I give to Anne my Wife one blew Cloake to be her a safeguard The rest of all my p... of goodes unbequeathed I give and bequeath to the said Francis Procter and Alice Hesleden my daughter equally betwene them Itm my will is that Willm Bentham (if he do, as his fathers will appoints him) for whome I was putt in trust shall have a... use three yeares nowe next coming for his porcon: But if he do not the same, my will is that it shalbe devided amongst his sisters. Itm I do ordeyne Francis Procter to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament And I do desire John Twisleton  
Michaell
John Batson, my brother ~~Willia~~ Hesleden and my nephew John Clerke to be supervisors hereof and to see all things pformed accordinglie Witnesses hereof John Bateson Michaell Hesleden and Lyonell ~~Bat~~ Ellison. Eisdem .... (*Latin*)

*Brackenbottom modern spelling*  
*Ribblesdale modern spelling*

**SIGSWICK John of Selside 1610 Borthwick Ref. V31 f424 mf946**  
*(some faded & damaged parts on document)*

In the name of god Amen the xx<sup>th</sup> day of November in the seaventh yeares of the Reigne of our moste gracious sovereigne Lord James by the grace of god of England France and Ireland Kinge defender of the faith etc. and of Scotland the xliij<sup>th</sup> 1609 I John Sigswick of



Selsyde in the parishe of horton and County of yorke yoman sick in body but perfect in mynde and memory god be praised for the same doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followeing First and principally I Comend my soule into the \mercifull/ handes of Almightye god my maker and redemer Jesus Christ And my body to be buried in the parishe Church of horton with such liberalitie to the poore as my wife and frend shall think good to bestowe Item I will and bequeath unto Richard my sonne the one halfe of my Tenemt. untill such time as it please god he marry or be married And the other halfe of my Tenemt I give and bequeath unto Alyce my wief soe long as my said sonne shall kepe him unmarried Item I give unto my said sonne Richard att such tyme as he shall marry twoe parts of my said Tenemt reserveinge onely the third parte thereof unto my said wief after the marriage of my said sonne Item I give to Alice my wief and my twoe doughters Elizabeth and Anne six kyne and three heifers equally to be devyded betwene them Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my said doughter twoe young heffers Item I give and bequeath unto my said doughters Elizabeth & Anne foure Calves and one whyte gray mare Item I give to my said doughters tenne Ewes and tenne gymmer hoggs or younger sheepe Item I give to Richard my said twoe Mares and all the rest of my sheep Item I give to my said sonne Richard twoe great Arks one Amery or Cupbord one great Chist and all bordes & bedstocks with the rest of all my husbandry geare And I will that my sonne doe kepe them up standinge that my said wief may have of them as her nede shall require Item I give and bequeath to my said wief And twoe doughters all the rest of my household stuffe and beddinge except onelie one fether bed and boulster which I give to my said sonne Richard Item I will that after such tyme as my said sonne Richard doe fortune to marry that he shall mainteyne kepe with sufficient meat drink Clothinge and lodginge with other necessities nedfull william my sonne if the said william doe kepe himsele unmarried And if my said sonne william doe (d)islyke and be not Contented with my sonne Richard keping then my will and mynde is that my said sonne Richard shall paye unto my said sonne william x<sup>li</sup> of lawfull Englishe money in Consideracion of his Childes parte and porcion of my goodes Item I will that all (perishable) ..... fleshe butter Cheese wool and yarne shall remaine to the house kepeing or ..... of my said wief and Children Item I will that Richard my said sonne shall have and receive all such debts as is att the day of my departure due oweinge unto me of any person or persons And alsoe my will is that my said sonne shall likewise pay and discharge all such debts as I owe to any person or persons Item I doe make my said sonne Richard my whole executor of this my last will & testamt. I doe make Thomas Howson of Blindbeck Gilberh Hodgson Thomas heygarth & Myles Burton of dent Supervisors hereof And if it happen any suyte or disagreement doe fall betwene my said wief and Children for or Concerning any Clause or sentence in this my last will and testament then I will that the said Supervisors or some of them shall us their discretion determyned and sett downe the same if (may) happen to be theis bearing witnes Thomas Bentham Peter Atkinson and Marmaduke Burton

*2 lines Latin*