

**ARMISTEAD William 1678** Borthwick 58-365 mf 977 MJS

In the name of God Amen I William Armistead of Newhouse in the parrish of Horton in Ribblesdale and County of yorke yeoman being sicke in body but of sound and perfect memory doe make this my last will and Testament in manner Following vizt First I Commend my soule into the disposall of Almighty God my maker assuredly trusting and stedfastly beleeeving that through the merritts of Jesus Christ my onely Redeemer I shall obtaine everlasting salvation; And my body to the grave to be interred att the discretion of my wife, children and other relations. And as for my Temporall estate I doe dispose hereof as Followeth; And First my minde and will is that my wife Alice Armitstead have one third parte of all my goodes and personall estate which of due and right belongeth to her; And that my two children vizt my sonne John Armitstead and my daughter Ellinor Armitstead have another third parte thereof (which of due and right belongeth unto them And that it be equally devided betweene them; And for the other third parte which is called the deads parte out of it my will and minde is that all my debts be paid & funerall expense discharged and what as shall remaine thereof I give and bequeath to my said sonne John Armitstead he paying to Ellinor his sister tenn pound whome I doe hereby make and appointe to be sole Executor of this my last will and Testament; In Wittnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare First above written William Armitstead his marke Sealed and Signed in the presence of us John Taylor Francis Armitstead his mark Anthony Taylor (*Latin text*)

**BAINES Ralph 1678** Borthwick v 58 f 724 mf 978 Transcriber EMS

**In the name of God Amen** I Ralph Baines now of Horton in Ribblesdale in the County of Yorke being of perfect minde and memory doe make this my last will and Testament urevokeable revokeing all former Wills and first I bequeath my soule into the hands of God allmighty hoping through the meritts of Jesus Christ to have everlasting life and my body to be decently buried where it shall best please my wife and friends and for my temporall Estate where with God hath blessed me I dispose of it as followeth, Imprimis I give dispose devise and bequeath unto my sonn John Baynes his heires and assignes for Ever all that my messuages Fermehold and Tennement called Crommock lyeing in the Parish of Clapham and County of Yorke with all the appurten(an)ces thereunto belonging and alsoe two Cottages or beastgates in Sellside Fell Close and six shilling rent per ann(um) issueing out of a Pasture Close called Studrigg and one shilling two pence issueing out of a house and Garden in Austwick and foure pence per ann(um) out of a close called Waller Close and six pence per ann(um) due from Thomas Procter of Kettlesbeck Item I give devise bequeath and dispose unto my s(ai)d son John Baynes and his heires and assignes for ever after the death of my Father Thomas the house Lands grounds or Tennements at Thornes which shall then be left unsold att the time of my death and that house att Gearstones in the possession formerly of Stephen Buttersby and now of Thomas Calvert, together with all ..... Lands grounds ..... Intacks now and formerly farmed with the house by the [ten]nants thereof att the usuall anuall rent of six pounds or six pounds tenn shillings or [the]reabouts he the sd John Baynes payeing to his sister Mary Baynes the summ of fifty ..... of lawfull money and to his brother Ralph Baynes the summ of fiftie of like Lawful money when they shall attaine to the Severall ages one and twenty yeares if my sd Father Thomas Baynes be then dead and that my sonn John hath entred into the premisses att Gearstones and Thornes but if my sd Father be then liveing It is my will and minde that my sd so[nn] Jo[hn] pay one halfe of the portions to his sd brother and sister respectively at one and twenty yeares as abovesd & the other halfe

within thirteen moneths after my sd Father[s de]cease and that my sd sonn hath entred to the houses and grounds att Gearstones and Thornes as aforesd, Item is my Will and minde and I doe hereby order and appoint that my sd John shall imediatly after the probate of, and before he receive any ..d..itt by this will or enter into any the premisses given by this will unto him give unto the [tr]ustes and supervisors hereafter named or to some two of them sufficient sec..it.. for the payment of the aforesd portions to his aforesd brother and sister in maner aforesd It is my will and minde that my sd sonn John pay all my iust [d]ue[s] and proper debts out of the whole as the Creditors and he can agree but in case ...at my sd John doe not agree with satisfie or pay the Creditors then it is my will and minde that the trustees and supervisors hereafter named or any two of them shall sell and I doe hereby give them power to sell that moyetie of the aforesd close called Crommock which is not of my wifes joynter and to pay all my debts as abovesd rendring to my son John Overpluss of the money raised by such Sale and he my sd son John to allow to trustees and supervisors there .... & due .... er Charges layd out about the Saile and to Confirme to the vendes or vendee such Estate sold by the trustees and supervisors as aforesd to have and to hold to the sd John Baynes his heires and assignes for Ever all and every the aforesd ..... Lands grounds rents and other the premisses and Appurten(an)ces of what ever nature or kinde Soever the same be he my sd sonn John Yeilding & paying such summs and dischargeing all my debts and portions before mentioned in manner aforesd Item it is my will and minde, and I hereby give devise dispose and bequeath unto my sonn Thomas Baynes his heires and assignes (after the death of Thomas Baynes my Father) the house called the Great house at Gearstones wherein my Father now dwells together with all the grounds which one Matthew Millner formerly formerly (*sic*) farmed with the sd house of my sd Father at the annuell rent of Seaventeen pounds per Ann(um) or thereabouts to have and to hold the house called the great house at Gearstones aforesd with the aforesd Grounds which Math Millner farmed as aforesd Unto my sonn Thomas Baynes his heires and assignes forever he the sd Thomas Baynes my sonn ..... delivering and lawfully Executeing for and from him his heires [and assig]nes a good sufficient and generall reales unto him the sd John Baynes [?bro]ther of him the sd Thomas and to the use of the sd John his heires and assignes for Ever of in Unto and out of all and Every the messuages Lands Grounds Tennements rents and other the premisses given devised and hereby granted and bequeathed Unto him the

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**BALME Isaac 1677 Borthwick Ref. V46 f283 mf965**

In the name of God Amen I Isaac Balme younger of Horton being sick in body but perfect in mynde and Memorie doe Make and ordaine this my last will and testament Imprimis I give and bequeath my soule to my Saviour and my body to the grave Item my will and mynde is that all my debts and Funerall Expences shall be discharged out of my whole goods and Chattells Item I give unto Robert Balme my (brother) the summe of Twenty shillings and my best hatt Item I give unto my Aunt Mary Balme the Summe of (Five) shillings Item I give unto my Cosen Mary Balme Daughter to my unckle Isaac Balme the summe of five shillings and one brasse prigg And I doe hereby Make and Appoint Abraham Balme my brother sole Executor And I give unto him all my other goods Moveable & Unmoveable And this I appoint to be my last will and testament And I doe hereby Revoke all Former other wills what soever In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of September Anno Domini 1662 Isaac Balme  
wittness Isaac Balme Senior

*prigg – a small brass or tin pan*

**BATTERSBY John** 1675 Borthwick v 56 f 270 mf 975

**In the name of God Amen** the twentieth day of February in the yeare of our lord 1675 I John Battersby being sicke in body but of good and perfect Remembrance praised be Almighty god doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and Forme as followeth First I give and bequeath my Soule into the hands of Almighty god my maker & redeemer Trusting assuredly through the merits death and possession of my alone Saviour to be made pertaker of the kingdome of heaven and my body to be buried in the parish Church yard of Horton att the discretion of my Frinds Imprimis I give and bequeath to Roger Armetstead and Stephen Armetstead all my whole estate of lands and ... .. in Newbye and I make and appoint them Joynt Executors Item my will and minde is that my Executors shall pay the summe of Fower Shillings to Margarett Battersby of Greene close and other Fower shillings to William Battersbie her brother Item my will and minde is that they pay to John Robinson of Hardacker the summe of Fower shillings Item I give and bequeath ten pounds to the poore of Horton Town to be paid to John Taylor and Mr Anthony Taylor within Fower years and to remaine in there hands to be distribute the Consideration of the sayd summe yearely to be and remaine Item I give and bequeath to John Armetstead the Summe of & Roger Armetstead the summe of Tenn pounds to be paid by my sayd Executors when the land is sould Item my will and minde is that my Executors above named shall discharge and pay all my Debts and Funerall expences whatsoever In Witnesse whereof I have put my hand and Seale the day and yeare above written Revoking all other former wills whatsoever John Battersbie Witnesse hearof Jo: Twisleton Will. Guisley

**BATTERSBY Symon** 1674 Borthwick v 55 f 341 mf 974 Transcriber EMS

Test Simonus Battersby

**In the name of God Amen** the Eleaventh Day of December Anno D(omi)ni One thousand six hundred Seaventy Three. I Symon Battersby of South house within the parish of Horton in Riblesdaile in the County of Yorke yeoman growing Aged and infirme of body but sounde in minde and of perfect memory I thanke God for the same. Doe make this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following. Vizt. First I committ my Soule and Body to God and I will that my said body shalbe buried in the Parish Church of Horton in Riblesdaile as neare where my Ancestors were buried as Conveniently may be, And whereas I have by my Deede Indented beareing Date this same Eleaventh Day of December Anno D(omi)ni 1673; made betweene mee of the one partie and Symon Battersby my sonne of the other partye, Settled upon the said Symon my sonne his Heires and Assignes forever according to the Ancient and lawdable(?) custome of tennant right had used established approved and allowed within the Mannor or Lordshipp of Newby within the said County of Yorke All my Messuages lLnds tenem(en)ts and Hereditam(en)ts with thappurtenances situate at South house aforesaid and Gillgarth within the Parish of Horton in Riblesdale in the said County of Yorke, withall Lands meadows pastures Closes Beastgates Sheepegates Cattlegates and appurtenances thereunto belonging in the whole of the yearely rent of Foure pounds Twelve shillings Five pence halfepenny, being parcells of the said Mannor or Lordshipp of Newby and sometyme parcells of and belonging to the late Desolved Monastrie of Furnisse in the County of Lancaster. And all my full and whole Estate right tittle intrest Clayme of tennant right Custome Customarie Estate use possession remainder reversion clayme and Demand

whatsoever of in and to the said premisses And all my Deeds Writings and Evidences thereunto belonging, reserveing the Estate thereof to my selfe for my Life, and the widow right and tittle of Dower of Anne my now wife out of the premisses excepted; Neverthelesse upon condition that the said Symon Battersby my sonne his Heires & assignes shall well and truly pay after my Death all my Just and Due Debts whatsoever which my personall Estate will not amount to pay at the tyme of my Death after my Funerall Expences and Legacies out of the same be Discharged, and acquitt and Discharge my Executor or Executrix of and from the payment of the same and of and from all Suites troubles and Damages concerning the same, And upon condition that if the said Symon my sonne shall happen to Dye without issue by his body Lawfully begotten before hee accomplish the Age of Twenty and one yeares, That then the heires and Assignes of the said Symon my sonne shall will and truly pay and Satisfye out of the said premisses to my Executor or Executrix his or her Executors, Admi(nistrat)ors or Assignes within one yeare next after the Death of the said Symon my sonne the summe of One hundred pounds of Lawfull English money to bee paid by my Executor or Executrix to such persons and within such tyme and in such sorte manner and forme as I should by my last Will and testament in writing declare Lymmitt or appoint the same to be paid as by the said Deed haveing other conditions therein alsoe Contayned, to which refference bee had may appeare, Now therefore itt is my will and minde, and I doe hereby declare that Anne my wife whome hereafter by this my last will and Testament I appoint my Executrix shall Detayne and keepe in her hands Threescore pounds of the said One Hundred pounds and dispose thereof to her owne use and benefitt if shee bee then living, And I doe hereby also Declare lymmitt and appoint that the said Anne my wife whome hereafter I appoint my Executrix and her Executors Admi(nistrat)ors or assignes shall pay Fourty pounds the remainder of the said One hundred pounds to such persons and in such sorte manner and forme as I shall herein hereafter Declare (that is to say) Tenn pounds thereof to Stephen Moore of Lodge whoe married my wife younger Daughter his Exe(cut)ors Adm(inistrat)ors and assignes and tenn pound more thereof to Margarett Burton my wife Elder Daughter her Exe(cut)ors Adm(inistrat)ors and Assignes, And tenn pounds more thereof to my Cozen Richard Wilkinson of Eshton in the said County of Yorke his Exe(cut)ors Adm(inistrat)ors and Assignes, And tenn pounds the remainder thereof to the poore of the Parish of Horton in Riblesdaile aforesaid to be paid to the Churchwardens for a Stocke for the poore there, that the Interest thereof may be yearely Distributed amongst the poore in the said Parish, And I doe hereby declare lymmitt and appoint, that the said Fourty pounds shall bee paid by my Executrix hereafter named her Exe(cut)ors Adm(inistrat)ors and Assignes within one yeare next after the Death of the said Symon my sonne If he shall happen to Dye without issue by his body Lawfully begotten before hee accomplish the Age of twenty and one yeares as aforesaid. And I doe by this my last will and Testament Confirme the said Deede and every grant. Clause Sentence use Condition & Lymmitation therein contayned, and I Doe by this my last will and testament Devise give and bequeath all my before mentioned Messuages Lands tenements and hereditaments with thappurtenances whatsoever situate at South house and Gill garth aforesaid in the whole of the yearely rent of Foure pounds twelve shillings and five pence halfe penny withall my Evidences thereunto belonging unto the said Symon Battersby my sonne his heires and Assignes for ever, upon payment of the said moneys and performance of the Conditions in the said Deede Indented mentioned & and Declared. And it is my will and minde that after my Debts be paide and funerall expences Discharged my wife have what of right to her belongeth out of my goods, Item I give and bequeath to Jane my Daughter and to Edmond and Jane her Children every one of them Fourty shillings, and to the said Stephen Moore Richard Wilkinson and Margarett Burton every one of them Fourty shillings, Item I give and bequeath to my said sonne Symon my Clocke. my great brasse Pott my Cupboard & my Arkes, Bedstocks and Tables. All the remainder of my goods moveable

& unmoveable reall and personall whatsoever, my Debts and Funerall Expences being paide and Discharged as aforesaid I give and bequeath to the said Anne my wife And I make and appoint the said Anne my wife sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament, And I appoint the said Richard Wilkinson and Stephen Moore Supervisors of the same. whome I desire to advise my sonne and Executrix Concerning the premisses. And I hereby doe revoke and make voide all former Wills by mee heretofore made, And Doe declare this to bee my last will and Testament In wittnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale. Symon Battersby my marke, Witnesses hereof Arthur Wiglesworth his marke Christopher Hargraves his marke Robt Burgft ./.

*Modern spelling: Ribblesdale*

**BENTHAM Anthony 1678** Ref. Borthwick, York 58 365 Mic. 977 EMS

In the name of God Amen the one and twentieth of December in the yeare of our Lord 1678. I Anthony Bentham of Gilgarth in the parrish of Horton in Ribblesdale and County of yorke being in good and perfect memory and health of body thanckes be to God doe make and ordaine this my will and Testament hereby revoakeing all other wills by me formerly made in manner and forme Followeing (that is to say) First I bequeath my soule into the mercifull handes of Almighty God my heavenly father whoe first made me a liveing Creature in his own Image and by whome of his mercie and onely grace, I hope to be saved and received into eternall rest through the death of Jesus Christ my Saviour; And for my body I Committ it to the earth to be buried with such decency and Ceremony and Charges as my Executor thereafter named shall thincke fitt; And as touching the distribution of my worldly estate which God in mercy hath beene pleased to make me unworthy steward of I dispose of the same in this following manner; Item I give unto my wife Gennet Bentham all my goodes moveable and unmoveable paying all my debts and funerall expences; And if Jennet my wife be with child either with sonne or daughter; I give my reall estate lying at Gilgarth to the child of our bodyes lawfully begotten; And for want of a sonne or daughter, I give my reall estate and Tenement lying at Gilgarth to my father Stephen Bentham and his heires for ever excepting my wife thirds out of it dureing her widdowhood accordeing to the Custome of Newby, All my debts being first paide and my funeralls discharged; I appointe my Executor to see fulfilled in the same manner as I have ordered in this my last will and Testament; Lastly I make and ordaine my wife Jennet Bentham to be my full, whole and onely Executor, of this my last will and Testament, giveing and bequeathing unto her all my personall estate, my debts and funeralls being first satisfied as aforesaid, requireing her in the name of God, to see this my last will and Testament performed accordeing to the express letter thereof, which I declare to be my proper sense and meaneing In Wittnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale this 21th day of December 1678 Anthony Bentham his marke In the presence of John Greene Thomas Knowles William Clapham ..... (*Latin text*)

BENTHAM MATHEW 1675 Ref. Borthwick vol. 57 fol. 311 mic 975

In the name of God Amen I Mathew  
Bentham of Thornes in the parish of Horton in Ribblesdale and in the  
County of yorke Cloather being sicke in body but in good and perfect  
Memory praised be the Lord do make this my Last Will & Testament  
in Manner and forme as Followeth Imprimis I bequeath my Soule  
into the hands of almighty god from Whence it Came and my body to be  
buried in Horton Church yard Item I make my wife Agnes whole  
Executrix of all my goods and Chatteles moveable and Unmovable  
paying my debts Legacies and funerall Expences Item I give my daugh  
ter Sicille Twenty shilling Item I give my daughter Sicille Seaven  
teen pounds wich Richard Lancaster oweth and further I doe  
Nominate and Apoint my trusty and well beloved Brother Robert  
Bentham and Stephen Bentham Feofies in trust for my daughter  
till she accomplish the age of one and Twenty yeares provided my  
daughter Sicille do not Love till she accomplish the age of one and  
Twenty yeares my Will and mind is that her porcion shall be Equally  
divided between my Brother Stephen Bentham and my Sister  
Margret Lancaster or to their Assignes in witness whereof I  
have hereunto put my hand and seale the day and yeare  
above written Mathew Bentham his Marke Stephen  
Bentham his Marke Leonard Battersbie his Marke John  
Moore

**BENTHAM Stephen 1680** Borthwick 58-90 mf 976

In the name of God Amen the foureteenth day of May in the yeare of our Lord god one  
thousand six hundred and Eighty And in the two & thirtieth yeare of the Reigne of our  
Sovereigne Lord Charles the second by the Grace of God of England Scotland France &  
Ireland King defender of the faith etc I Stephen Bentham of Gilgarth in the parrish of Horton  
in Ribblesdale & County of yorke yeoman being sicke of body but of good & perfect memory

praised be unto the Lord First I bequeath my soule unto Almighty God my blessed Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ and my body to be buried in Christian order, And also I doe make constitute and devise and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and forme Following Item I give unto my sonne Leonard Bentham five shillings; Item I give to my sonne John Bentham my whole estate in Landes and Tenementes lying att Gilgarth his heires and Assignes for ever being of the yearely rent of Eighteene shillings paying some legacies & allowing some crops as Follows that is to say the yeare in being att my decease; And the next yeare then Following to my Executors hereafter named; Item I give all my goodes and Chattells moveable and unmoveable to my Executors to pay all my debts and legacies and funerall expences; Item it is my will and minde that my sonne John Bentham be sett Tennant the next Court after my decease according to the Custome & Manner of the Lordship of Newby And my Executors shall pay this fine and the remainder of my goodes & Chattells that remaine from paying of my whole legacies and debts & funerall expences I give itt to my Executors for the bringing upp of my two youngest children that is to say my sonne John Bentham and my daughter Agnes Bentham; Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth Bentham three yeares crops of my Landes and tenementes of Gilgarth paying dues & dueties thereunto belonging dureing the time of the said three yeares to comence after the expiration of the said ... yeares ... as limited to my Executors Item I give to my daughter Agnes Bentham three yeares crops of my Landes and tenementes att Gilgarth paying dues and dueties thereunto belonging dureing the time of the said three yeares to comence immediately after the expiration of the said three yeares above limited to Elizabeth Bentham; Item I give to my daughter Margaret Bentham one yeares Cropp of my Landes and tenementes att Gilgarth paying dues and dueties thereunto belonging dureing the time of one yeare to comence after the expiration of the said three yeares limited to Agnes Bentham provided alwayes yett Nevertheless if my sonne Leonard Bentham be satisfied and content with this will of mine and will seale a general release unto my sonne John Bentham of all my Landes & tenementes att Gilgarth aforesaid to him and his heires for ever and also shall and will pay and discharge one bond wherein I stand bound with him the said Leonard to Edward Moore for as whether I my heires Executors nor Administrators nor any of us be troubled charged or any waies damnified aboute the same then my will and minde is that my Executors shall give him tenn poundes within two yeares after my decease, And my sonne John Bentham shall give him twenty poundes within one yeare after he the said John shall accomplish the yeares of one & twenty but if my sonne Leonard be not content with this will of mine but raise some Suites and troubles or trouble me or my Executors or my children with that bond of Edward Moore or aboute the said estate of Gilgarth aforesaid then five shillings shall be his portion And that tenn poundes that my Executors should have given and likewise that twenty poundes which my sonne John Bentham should have given him shall mannage the Law against him; And my Executors whome I ordaine & Choose is Hugh Armistead dwelling att Foropp and daughter Elizabeth to be my whole Executors, Also I doe hereby Authorize & appointe my trusty & welbeloved freindes John Greenbanke of Dent John Greene of Selside John dodshon of Borrans and Anthony Bentham of Nether Lodge to see that my Executors pay all my debts Legacies & childrens portions according to my will; Item it is my will & minde that my sonne John Bentham shall pay to his three sisters every one tenn poundes that is to say Margaret Armistead tenn poundes, And Elizabeth Bentham tenn poundes & Agnes Bentham tenn poundes within one yeare after he accomplish the yeares of one & twenty yeares I acknowledge this to be my last will & Testament unto which I sett my hand and seale the day and yeare above written Stephen Bentham his marke sealed Signed and published in the sight and presence of John Greene Thomas Bentham William Gifferde (*Latin*)

**GREEN Edmund 1677** Ref. Borthwick, York 57 452 Mic 976 EMS

The Fourth day of Febery in the year of our Lord god 1676\* I Edmund Green of Fordaell\*\* husbandman being in parfect Memory praised be god for itt doe make and ordaine this my Last Will and Testament in manner and forme Following First I bequeath my soule to allmighty god my Maker hoping that through the mercy death and passion of Jesus Christ my onely Saviour and Redeemer to Receive full pardon and forgivenese of all my Sinns and as for my body to be buried in the parish Church of Horton at the descretion of my wife and frinds Item I give to Thomas Greene Children of otley Tenn pounds Equelly devided amongst them to be paid in 2: years after my deses Item I give to my Sonne Thomas Boulton Children Tenn pounds Equally devided amongst them to be paid in 2: yeares time after my deses Item I give Josef Green forty shillings to be paid in 2: years time after my deses Item I give to my son Francies all the bought ground and pledgs Except the woddaille that was bought since my Son Edmund died when he Comes to demand it Item I give my grandchild Ann Clarke tenn shillings to be paid in two yeares times (*sic*) after my deses Item I give my Grandchild Edmund Greene tenn shillings to be paid in two time (*sic*) after my deses Item I joyne my wife and my Sone Richard whole Executors together Edmund Greene Witness John Holme Joseph Greene Richard Greene Marke.

\* 1676/7 i.e. 1677 modern calendar

\*\* *Foredale modern spelling*

**GREENE Edmund 1675** Borthwick v 56 f 15 mf 974 Transcriber EMS

**The fowerteenth day of August** in the yeare of our lord god I Edmund Greene of Foredale husbandman being in perfect memory praissed be god doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme following fizlt (*viz*) I bequeath my soule to Allmighty god my maker hoping that through his mercy death and passion of Jesus Christ my onely saviour and redeemer to receive full pardon & forgiveness of all my sinnes and as for my body to be buried in the parish Church of Horton att the discretion of my wife & friends Item I give and bequeath all my freehold Estate belonging to fordale if it growe due ~ to Edmond my eldest sonne payeing the summe of fifty pound to my son Richard Greene at the age of one and twenty yeares Item that my wife have her due during her life out of the frehold estate Edmond my sonn shall enter at the age of sixteene yeares Item my mynde is that my sonne Edmond & Richard shall be mentained with learning & all other necessaryes till my son Edmond enter one bed and one chest I leave to my sonne Edmond as earelowmes (*heirlooms*) Item that my goods be devided equal betwixt my wife & my sonn Richard paying all funderall expences & legacies whatsoever Item I give Thomas Greene children five shillings apeece Item I give to my sister children Boowten (*?Burton*) one pound for one Coult that which is betwixt John and me I give him my parte Item Edmond Greene Roger Harper which I christened either two shillings six pence I make my wife whole Executor Jer dayon(?) John Greene and Francis Greene & William Jackson and James Jackson my brother to be supervisors desireing that if any contravey (*sic*) shall growe or arise about anything concernig (*sic*) in this will that it shall be ordered at theare discretion In witness whereunto I set my hand Edmund Greene James Jackson John Greene Will Jackson

Exammatm per me hocTestame

George Webster



**HESLEDEN Thomas** 1675 Borthwick v56 f14 mf 974

**In the name of God Amen** the Twenty third day of March in the yeare of our lord god according to the Computation of the Church of England 1673 I Thomas Hesleden of Brackinbothom in the parish of Horton in Ribblesdale being sicke in body but good and perfect memory praised be Allmighty god therefore doe make this my Last will & testament in manner & Forme following first I give and bequeath my soule into the hands of Allmighty god my maker & redeemer trustin assuredly through the merritts of Jesus Christ to be made partaker of Eternall life and likewise I give my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in the parish Church of Horton Item my will and mynd is that my debts payd & funeral expences be paid out of my sayd goods Item my will & mynde is that my sonn William Hesleden I (*sic*) shall have halfe of my land Item my will & mynde is that Jane my wife shall have the other halfe till my sonne Thomas Hesleden be at perfect age Item my will & mynde is that Jane Hesleden my wife shall have the tuition of all my good Item my will & mynde is that my sonne William Hesleden shall pay to my daughter Agnes Hesleden Fifty pounds when she comes to twenty six years of age out of my lands Item my will & minde is that my sonn William Hesleden shall pay to my daughter Ealse (?) fifty pounds when she comes to twenty & six years out of my lands Item my will & mynde is that my son William Hesleden shall have all the beds but one and all the husbandry geare to be used betwixt my wife and my sonne William Hesleden Item my will & mynde is that my sonne William Hesleden have the arkes & tables belonging to me the said Thomas Hesleden and I doe hereby make & apoynt my wife Jane Hesleden executor of this my last will testament Witness hereof John Hesleden marke William Hesleden. /

**HOWSON William 1680** Ref. Borthwick, York 58 31 Mic. 976 EMS

In the name of God Amen the thirteenth day of November in the one & thirtieth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King defender of the faith &c Annoq(uibus) d(omi)ni 1679 I William Howson of the Raw\* in the parrish of Horton in Ribblesdale and County of Yorke yeoman being sicke in body but of good and perfect memory thanckes be to God Almighty and remembring the uncertainty of this transitory life and that all flesh must yeild unto death when itt shall please God to call; doe make constitute ordaine and declare this my last will and Testament in manner & forme Followeing revoakeing and by these presents Annulling all and every Testament and Testaments will and wills whatsoever heretofore by me made & declared either by word or writeing; And this onely to be my last will and Testament; And noe other; And First being penitent and sorry from the bottom of my heart for my sinns past humbly desireing forgiveness for the same; I give and Committ my soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator; Assuredly beleeveing that I shall receive full pardon and remission of all my sinnes; And be saved by ..... and merritts of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ; And my body I Comitt to the Earth from whence it came; And to be buried in such decent and Christian manner as to my Executors hereafter named shall be thought most meete and convenient; And as for my worldly estate wherewith the Lord in mercy hath blest and lent me my will and minde is the same shall be ymployed as hereafter by this my will is expressed; And First I give devise and bequeath grant and confirme all my Customary estate whatsoever with the appurtenances lying and being att Thornes in the said Parrish of Horton in Ribblesdale unto Thomas Howson the younger of the Colt Parke and John Howson brother to the said Thomas equally betwixt them and to their heires and Assignes for ever; Item I give and devise grant and confirme all that Close of Land meadow

or pasture there comonly called Littledale lying and being att Newhouses within the said parrish of Horton with the appurtenances And soe much herbage and pasturing throughout a pasture Close called Low Moore(?) as of right doth belong to two shillings Rent unto George Burton of the Raw aforesaid and to his heires and Assignes for ever; Item I further give and devise grant and confirme all that my Close of land meadow or pasture there comonly called Harber field within the said parrish of Horton unto Anthony Howson of Colt Parke; And to his heires and Assignes for ever he paying thereout unto my sister Annas Burton the summe of thirty poundes of currant English money within one yeare next after my decease And unto Annas Burton daughter of Leonard Burton deceased the summe of tenn poundes of currant English money when she accomplishes the age of one and twenty yeares; Item my will and minde is; And I doe hereby further devise and bequeath out of my personall estate all those legacies and bequests hereafter mentioned; And First I give and bequeath unto the said Anthony Howson all those sume and sumes of money whatsoever which in right or conscience he now owes me either by bill bond or otherwise; Item I give & bequeath unto Alice Howson of Colt Parke and Elizabeth Burton of the Raw the summe of tenn poundes a peece to be paide by my Executors within one yeare next after my decease; Item I give and bequeath unto John Howson aforesaid the summe of tenn poundes of currant English money within one yeare after my decease Item I alsoe give and bequeath unto Annas Burton daughter of George Burton the sume of tenn poundes lawfull English money to be paide her when she Accomplishes the age of one and twenty yeares; Item I alsoe give unto Alice the wife of Isaac Wood the sume of five shillings; Item I alsoe give and bequeath unto every one unto whome I am Godfather the sume of two shillings six pence a peece; And doe hereby nominate and appointe the said Thomas Howson and George Burton sole Executors; of this my last will and Testament In Wittness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare First written; William Howson marke Sealed, Signed published and declared in the presence of John Greene Chr: Wetherhead; Et tertio die mensis Maij Anno 1689 .....

*(Latin text)*

*\*Modern spelling Rowe*

**METCALFE George 1672** Borthwick v 53 f 94 mf 972 Transcriber EMS

**In the name of God Amen** I George Metcalfe of olding within the parish of Horton and County of Yorke being sick in body but perfect in memory doe make this my last will and Testam(en)t in maner and forme as followeth First I give and bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God whoe gave itt, and my body to be buried att the discretion of my Executors, and for my temporall Estate I give as followeth, Inpr(im)is I give unto my sonne Richard Metcalfe, tenn pounds Item I give, to my sonne Thomas Metcalfe, tenn pounds which hee oweth mee Item I give to my sonne Martinn Metcalfe tenn pounds which he oweth mee Item I give to my sonne Richards Children three pounds apeice within a yeare after my decease, Item I give to my sonne Martine sonne six pound, and the said six pound to remaine in my Execut(ors) to be disposed as they think fitt, Item I give to my granddaughter Agie(?) Litton three pounds Item I give to my grandson James Metcalfe sonne of Christopher Metcalfe tenn pounds, and to Xpofer and Anne Brother, and Sister to the said James to Either of the(m) three pounds, Item I give to my grandsonne George Metcalfe of Buske, tenn pounds which hee oweth mee and a Cowe I Lent him, Item I give to my grandsonne Thomas Metcalfe of Malham five Catlegates, of Haltongill moore, Item I give to my sonne John Metcalfe Children foure pounds apeice, Item I give to Mary Metcalfe twenty shillings, Item I give to my Cozen Jennett Metcalfe six shillings Eight pence, And Lastly I

make my sonne Christopher and my sonne, John Metcalfe my sole Executors of this my Last will and Testament payeing all my debts and funerall expences, and all former Wills I utterly make void, And I have hereunto putt my hand and Seale, the Eleventh day of March one thousand six hundred seventy and one George Metcalfe his marke Wittnesse hereof Francis Proctor Anthony Proctor John Sidgewicke, Et quinto die mens Julij ..... (*Latin text*)

**MOORE Stephen 1672** Borthwick v 53 f137 mf 972  
*Transcribed by David Johnson*

March the 30<sup>th</sup> 1672

In the name of God Amen I Stephen Moore of Ingman Lodge within the Parish of Horton and in the County of Yorke husbandman, am Sicke of body but perfect in memory praised be the Lord; First of all I bequeath my Soule to the Lord Jesus whence itt came Alsoe I make my wife Ellen whole Executrix of this my last will and Testament as followeth. Imprimis I give my Sonn John one Bedd and a Table that stands in the Parlour and a Table and a Dishboard that is in the bodystead, and a meale Arke in consideracon of his Childs porcon bee itt more or less, Also I give to my Daughter Margarett three Children the Summe of tenn pounds, Also I give to my daughter Katherine One and Fourty pounds and eight shillings, Also I have Twenty pounds on three Catle gates in the new Close, Therefore it is my will and minde that my wife Ellen should have the benefitt of them and the money when it is paid in. In wittnesse whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand the Day and yeare above written Stephen Moore, Stephen Procter, Thomas Warinn marke Matthew Wildman George Greenbancke

**PROCTER John 1672** Borthwick v 53 f 136 mf 972 Transcriber EMS

Test Joh(an)is Procter

**Memorandum** that upon or about the Twenty Nyneth Day of December Annoq(ue) D(omi)ni One thousand six hundred Seaventy One. John Procter of Horton in Riblesd(ale) in the diocess of Yorke being sicke of the sicknesse whereof hee dyed butt of perfect minde and memory, And having a full Intention to make his Last will and Testament, Did by word of mouth publish and declare the same in these words following, Inprimis his minde and will was that his Debts should be fully Satisfied and paid. Item his minde and will was that his sonne Francis should have all his houses Lands and Tenements at Horton in Ribblesdale aforesaid. And that his said sonne Francis should pay out of the said houses Lands and Tenements to his two Daughters Agnes and Alice each of them Tenn pounds when and as sonne (*sic*) as they attaine their respective Ages of Twenty one yeares and to be Educated and brought upp by the Executrix, together with their said said (*sic*) brother Francis out of his said houses Lands & tenem(en)ts Item his minde and will was, that Elizabeth his then wife should have the overplus (if any were) over and above what his goods and Chattells did amount to in value besides the sole payment of his Debts and to be sole Executrix of his last will and Testament. dureing all which time the said Testator was in perfect minde and memory then and their being present John Armistead John Sidgewicke

*Modern spelling: Ribblesdale*

**PROCTER Matthew 1671** Borthwick v 52 f 288 mf 971 Transcriber EMS

Test Mathej Proctor Apr Et Majj Prs 1671

**Memorandum** That upon or about the sixteenth day of Aprill Anno d(omi)ni One thousand six hundred Seaventy One, Matthew Proctor of Studfold of the Parish of Horton in Ribblesdale of the Dioces of Yorke, Beinge sicke of the Sicknesse whereof hee died but of perfect minde and memory, And haveinge a full intention to make his last Will and Testament did by word of mouth publish & declare the same in these or the like words in effect, Vizt I give unto my Sonne Robert all my Corne in the house and standinge upon the ground, and all the Tables Bedsteads and Arkes in the house and all my husbandry geere, and I doe forgive my sonne John Seaven pounds tenn shillings which hee owes me And all the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable I doe give unto my Daughter Anne and I appoint my sonne Robert to pay unto my daughter Anne tenn pounds out of my Lands duringe all which tyme the said Testator was of perfect minde and memory, then and their beinge present John Hesleden Thomas Hesleden and Anthony Proctor./.

*Modern spelling: Ribblesdale*

**TUNSTALL Lawrence 1678** Ref. Borthwick, York 58 612 Mic. 977 EMS

May the 9<sup>th</sup> 1676:

In the Name of God Amen I Lawence (*sic*) Tunstall of Dubcoot in the parish of Horton in Ribblesdale being sicke of body yet in perfect rememberance make this my will and Testament first I bequeath my soule to Amightie (*sic*) God my maker and Redeemer and my body to be buried in the Church or Church yard of Oorton (*sic*) First that my funeralles Expences and my debts payed out of my whole goods it (*sic*) they will Extend, It then I give and be granted to my daughter grace proctor twenty pounds It then I give and be granted To my daughter Ann Ashboore Twenty pounds And my other Two daughters Susanna and Elizabeth Eather of them Twelve pence Witnes Lawrence Wharfe